



Messages of Spiritual Awakening

Words of Love, Hope, and Prayer in Times of Crisis



Response to a Disquieted Spiritual Daughter “Be Ye Ready...”

To: T.A.

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† St. Gregory the Dialogist, Pope of Rome

Beloved Sister and Daughter in Christ T,

May the peace of the Divine Comforter be ever present in your heart. Amen!

I thank you for the lengthy article that you had the thoughtfulness to send me. I immediately read through it carefully!

I do not see in this text, which is indeed serious in content, anything “**disquieting**” for those who have been vouchsafed to know and worship **Christ our Lord, the tender Shepherd of His sheep.**

Similar articles are incessantly being written, and while they have some value in and of themselves, they ultimately **tell us nothing “new” and nothing more “disquieting”** than what the **Revelatory Word of our Holy Orthodox Church** tells us, namely: “**Be ye ready!**”

We must never neglect **watchfulness, to which our Lord exhorts us:**

● “**Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh**” (St. Matthew 24: 44).

Those who by God's mercy bear the **Seal of the Lamb** have other “codes” by which to decipher history.

In these difficult times, it is a snare of the enemy of our souls to spend time delving into diverse theories that engender unhealthy fears and strange preoccupations, thereby disorienting us from our “**readiness,**” in the prophetic, evangelic, apostolic, and patristic sense of the word.

It is surely not necessary for me to describe what such **readiness** entails, the heart of which is **repentance,** and the center of which is **Christ our Bridegroom.**

Please, apart from what is absolutely necessary for our own protection and that of our fellow humans, **do not occupy yourself with or study texts** that are circulating uncontrollably and disseminating a sense of insecurity, and which turn our attention not to **readiness** for our **encounter with Christ,** but rather in other directions.

The Communiqué of our Holy Synod, “Concerning the Present Situation” (Athens, March 11/24, 2020), is very good and edifying.

Study that and follow its sober exhortations.

I embrace you with a holy kiss, asking for your prayers.

“Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!” (Revelation 22:20)

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