



From daily life
to that which abides forever...



Towards Bethlehem,
with the holy monastic Fathers as our guides

In a spirit of
joyful sorrow...



...and bittersweet
self-reproach

Always battle bravely the spirit of
despair and discouragement.

14 December

† Holy Martyrs Thýrsos, Lévkios *et al.*

St. Maximos the Confessor

“**F**or the sensible man, taking into account the healing power of God’s judgments, gratefully bears the misfortunes that come upon him thereby, not reckoning anything other than his own sins to be the cause thereof. When the foolish man, ignorant of the most wise Providence of God, sins and is chastised for it, he consider either God or men to be the cause of his own woes.”

