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**TONE 7**

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2018**

**EOTHINON 5**

## **SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

*GREAT-MARTYR EUPHEMIA THE ALL-PRAISED  
MARTYRS VICTOR AND SOSTHENES OF CHALCEDON  
MARTYR MELITINA OF MARCIANOPOLIS*



Last October, our Pilgrimage group was blessed to be able to venerate the actual Holy Cross on which our Lord hung. It had been found in this cavern, below the Church of the Resurrection, in Jerusalem. After being found, it was taken up, elevated by St. Makarios, Bishop of Jerusalem, and the people spontaneously fell prostrate and cried out, repeatedly, "Lord, have mercy!"

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# LITURGY VARIATIONS

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## 1<sup>ST</sup> ANTIPHON (PSALM 21.2-4 LXX)

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My God, my God, look upon me; why hast Thou forsaken me?

**Refrain:** Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

The words of my transgressions are far from my salvation. *Refrain*

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but Thou hearest not. *Refrain*

But Thou, the Praise of Israel, dwellest in the sanctuary. *Refrain*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. *Refrain*

### Schedule of Regular Weekly Services

<b>Sundays:</b>	<b>Matins, 8:50 AM</b>	<b>Confession:</b>	<b>After Saturday Vespers</b>
	<b>Divine Liturgy, 10 AM</b>		<b>During Sunday Matins</b>
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	<b>Vespers, 6:30 PM</b>		<b>Or by Appointment</b>
<b>Saturdays:</b>	<b>Great Vespers, 5 PM</b>		

*See Calendar for Feast Days and Other Weekday Services Scheduled*

### Order for Holy Communion

Members of the Orthodox Church age seven and above must prepare for Holy Communion with a recent confession, prayer, fasting from all food and drink from midnight (unless medical condition preclude it), being in church *before* the Epistle and Gospel readings, and being at peace with everyone.

**CHILDREN** going to church school and their teachers should come down the center aisle first. (Small children may need to be assisted by their parents.)

**ALL OTHERS** should wait until an usher dismisses your row from the center aisle. Then return to your place by a side aisle for the prayers of thanksgiving and the final blessing and dismissal. Please let choir members pass when they come down for Communion.



*Remember to turn  
cell phones off!*

### A Warm Welcome to Our Guests

We are glad you are worshipping with us. Please note that participation in **Holy Communion is limited to members of the Orthodox Church** in good standing, who have prepared through prayer, fasting and confession.

For all others: though we cannot share Communion with you—since it is an expression of membership and full unity in faith—you are welcome to come forward after the dismissal, receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread (from the large bowls). Please also sign our guest book, and introduce yourself to Fr. Nabil during the coffee hour. You may inquire with him how you can become a member.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANTIPHON (PSALM 73.1, 2, 12 LXX)

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O God, why hast Thou cast us off forever?

**Refrain:** O Son of God, Who *wast crucified in the flesh*, save us, who sing unto Thee: Alleluia.

Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast purchased of old. *Refrain*

This is Mount Zion wherein Thou hast dwelt. *Refrain*

God is our King of before the ages: working salvation in the midst of the earth. *Refrain*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O only-begotten Son and Word of God....

## 3<sup>RD</sup> ANTIPHON: APOLYTIKION OF THE FEAST AS REFRAIN (PSALM 98.1-3 LXX; TONE 1)

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The Lord reigneth, let the people rage; He sitteth upon the cherubim, let the earth be moved.

**Refrain:** O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all adversaries, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thine Estate.

The Lord is great in Zion; and He is high above all the people. *Refrain*

Let them give thanks to Thy great Name, for it is holy. *Refrain*

## ENTRANCE HYMN (TONE 2)

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Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who *art risen from the dead*, who sing unto Thee: Alleluia.

## APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

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### Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 7)

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Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross; Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy and didst bid Thine Apostles

proclaim a warning that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

### Troparion of the Cross (Tone 1)

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O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory

over all adversaries, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thine Estate.

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### **Troparion of St. Euphemia (Tone 4)**

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Your lamb Euphemia calls out to You, O Jesus, in a loud voice: "I love You, my Bridegroom, and in seeking You I endure suffering. In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in You, and I died so that I might

live with You. Accept me as a pure sacrifice, for I have offered myself in love." Through her prayers save our souls, since You are merciful!

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### **Troparion St. George (Tone 4, Russian)**

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As Deliverer of captives and Defender of the poor, Healer of the infirm, Champion of kings, victorious Great-Martyr George,

intercede with Christ, our God, for our souls' salvation.

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### **Kontakion for the Cross (Tone 4)**

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Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will wast lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name; make glad in

Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

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## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

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### **Prokeimenon (Tone 7; Psalm 98.5, 1 LXX)**

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How magnified are Thy works, O LORD! In Wisdom hast Thou made them all.  
*Verse:* Bless the LORD, O my soul!

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### **Epistle of Saint Paul to the Galatians (2.16-20; Sunday after the Elevation of the Cross)**

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BRETHREN, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly

not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

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## Gospel According to St. Mark (8.34-9.1; Sunday after the Elevation of the Cross)

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THE LORD SAID, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My

words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

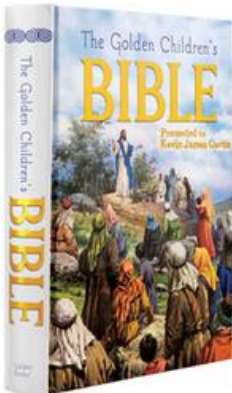
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## HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

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- By Thelma Hoover, for the health of Heather and newborn Wyatt Albert, the Harper, Albert, Fox and Edward families.
- By Norma Johns, for the health of Edward Edge, and in memory of Leila Baboul.

*A sign-up sheet for baking and offering the prosphora (altar bread) is posted on the bulletin board, next to the elevator. You can also contact Thelma Hoover at (317) 782-1633.*



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## TODAY'S STUDY TOPIC: LESSON III.12A THE JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

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All church school classes from age 5 up will learn today about:

- **The Ten Lepers**  
(Luke 17.11-17, p. 420 in *The Golden Children's Bible*)
- **A Parable of Prayer (The Pharisee and the Publican)**  
(Luke 18.9-14, pp. 420 in *The Golden Children's Bible*)
- **Jesus Prepares His Disciples**  
(Mark 10.32-45, pp. 420-21 in *The Golden Children's Bible*)
- **Zacchaeus**  
(Luke 19.1-10, pp. 422 in *The Golden Children's Bible*)

*As each of these Gospel passages is read on a Sunday and preached on each year, we will not have a separate adult lesson on them today.*

## READINGS FROM THE SYNAXARION

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On September 16 in the Holy Orthodox Church we continue to celebrate the Elevation of the Holy Cross. We commemorate holy and glorious Great-martyr Euphemia the All-praised, along with the Martyrs Victor and Sosthenes of Chalcedon, executioners who believed in Christ through her.

### *Verses*

*Thou who wast slain by a bear's jaw for God thy Maker,  
Art to be crowned, O Euphemia, with laudations.  
On the sixteenth a bear Euphemia slew.*

Euphemia was a beautiful virgin in body and in soul. When the Proconsul Priscus held a feast and offered sacrifices to Ares in Chalcedon, 49 Christians avoided this foul sacrificial offering and hid themselves. However, they were discovered and brought before Priscus, including Euphemia. When the arrogant Priscus asked them why they defied the imperial decree, they replied that they would defy any command given by him or the emperor contrary to the God of Heaven. For 19 consecutive days, Priscus imposed various tortures on them. On the twentieth day he separated Euphemia from the others and began to flatter her for her beauty, attempting to win her over to idolatry. As his flattery was in vain, he ordered that the virgin be tortured again, yet she was preserved by the power of God. Upon seeing this, two soldiers—Victor and Sosthenes—came to believe in Christ, for which they were thrown to the wild beasts, and thus gloriously ended their earthly lives. Euphemia was finally thrown to the wild beasts and, with a prayer of thanksgiving to God, gave up her spirit in the year 304.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Melitina of Marcianopolis in Thrace. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

## FALL ADULT STUDY STARTS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

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After the Festival, we will begin our Fall Adult Study program on Wednesdays.

- 6:30 pm – We start with a short Vespers (Evening Prayer) service
- Dinner will be provided – you can take a turn preparing, or help those preparing
- 7:15 – Class Offerings
  - **Basics of Orthodox Christianity – the Bible, Faith and Practice**
  - **Where in the World?: A Journey to the Locations of the Bible and Christianity**
- Children are welcome to do homework or play



**Hurricane Florence set a direct course for the Carolinas** and is causing torrential rain, dangerous flooding, and storm surge across the region.

IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) is mobilized for **immediate action** and has begun work:

- Staff, team leaders, and volunteers are preparing to conduct rapid needs assessments and muck outs, clearing water-damaged homes of sludge and debris.
- IOCC Frontliners, professionals specially trained to offer emotional and spiritual care amid disaster and trauma, are standing by for deployment.

A gift to IOCC's **Hurricane Response Fund** helps address **immediate needs** following a hurricane and supports **long-term recovery** efforts once the storm has passed.

### **Please Join Us for Fellowship after the Liturgy**

**The ushers will hand you the announcements bulletin as you exit via the north (side) doors of the nave, following the dismissal and verbal announcements.**



## PARISH PRAYER LIST

*Please include in your daily prayers the following—those struggling with acute illness and those newly departed this life—from our parishioners and those for whom they have requested our prayers. (Names are kept for 40 days, the date indicated after the name, and may be renewed upon request.)*

### LIVING

**Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John**

**Bishop Alexander** of Ottawa

**Fr. Stephen Rhudy**, 10/4

Infant **Sebastian** Albany, to undergo surgery, 10/24

**Mark** Poulos, 10/11

C. **Edward** Edge, 10/7

**Fouad** Fred Musleh, Copper Trace Rehab., 9/26

**Liana** Fedor and **Christine** Cataldo, Liza Nahas' sister and aunt, 10/7

**Alexandru**, friend of Jeff Beck, 10/3

**Alan** Shideler, step-father of Edin Topcagic, 9/29

**Boomer** Minch and **Carter** Crutchfield, students of Kathy Tingwald, 9/21

**Ihab** Saleh, Marcèle's son, 9/18

**Neil** and **Themia** Sandven, cousins of Kh. Elaine Hanna, 9/18

**Trenton** Wesley, deployed in Afghanistan

**Those displaced by Hurricane Florence and by fires in Massachusetts**

**All those suffering from illness, violence or war** throughout the world

### DEPARTED

**Kh. Ann** Charlotte Smith, 10/9

**William** Bischoff, cousin of George Freije and Elaine Eckhart, 10/24

**Leila** Baboul, mother of Haya Bannourah and Anwar Baboul, 10/4

**James** Ward, John's uncle, 10/4

**Frances** Koers, Patrick's aunt, 10/2

**Michael** Huser, friend of John Ward, 9/30

**Anna** Mercho, friend of Wanda and Tony Nasser, 9/24

**Olga** Illyn, friend of Natalie Ashanin, 9/18

**The victims of violence** throughout the world

## ST. GEORGE PARISH CALENDAR

### September 2018

<b>Sun. 16</b>	<b>Matins</b> , 8:50 am <b>Choir practice</b> , 9 am <b>Divine Liturgy</b> , 10 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Church School</b> classes</li> <li>• <b>Charity</b> ministry meeting</li> <li>• <b>Festival</b> Dance practice</li> </ul>
<b>Tue. 18</b>	<b>Festival workday</b> – grape leaves, 1 pm <b>Parish Council</b> , 7 pm
<b>Wed. 19</b>	<b>Festival Setup</b> , 9 am <b>Festival workday</b> – grape leaves, 1 pm <b>Vespers</b> , 6:30 pm <b>Festival Training</b> , 7 pm
<b>Thu. 20</b>	<b>Festival Setup</b> , 9 am <b>Festival workday</b> – grape leaves, 1 pm <b>Festival Training</b> , 7 pm
<b>Fri. 21</b>	<b>Festival Setup</b> , 9 am <b>Festival Open to Public</b> , 5-10 pm
<b>Sat. 22</b>	<b>Festival Open to Public</b> , 1-10 pm <b>Great Vespers</b> , 5 pm
<b>Sun. 23</b>	<b>Matins</b> , 8:50 am <b>Choir practice</b> , 9 am <b>Divine Liturgy</b> , 10 am <b>Festival Open to Public</b> , 1-5 pm <b>Festival teardown</b> , 5 pm
<b>Wed. 26</b>	<b>Vespers</b> , 6:30 pm
<b>Thu. 27</b>	<b>BSU OCF</b> , Christian Campus House
<b>Sat. 29</b>	<b>Great Vespers</b> , 5 pm <b>Confessions</b> heard afterwards

See the full calendar and the latest additions and updates at [www.stgindy.org/calendar](http://www.stgindy.org/calendar)