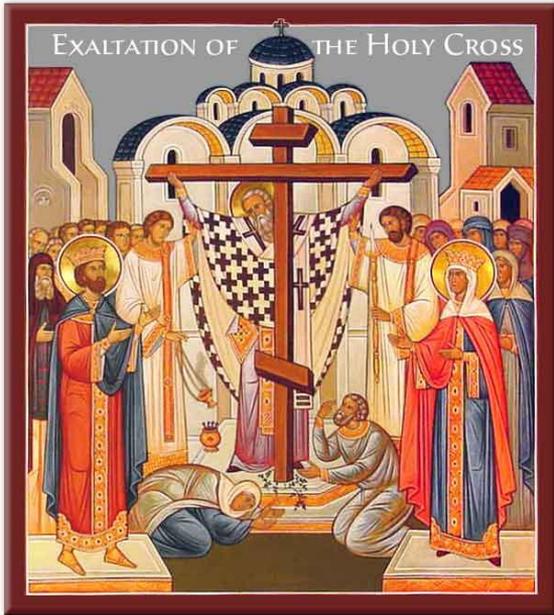




SAINT INNOCENT ORTHODOX CHURCH

September 16, 2018
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross
Greatmartyr Euphemia the All-praised



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Troparion and Kontakion

Tone 7 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen,// granting the world great mercy.

Tone 1 Troparion (*Elevation of the Cross*)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance! Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Thy Cross,// preserve Thy habitation!

Tone 4 Troparion (*Great Martyr Euphemia*)

Thy lamb Euphemia calls out to Thee, O Jesus, in a loud voice: "I love Thee, my Bridegroom and in seeking Thee, I endure suffering. In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in Thee, and I died so that I might live with Thee. Accept me as a pure sacrifice, for I have offered myself in love!" Through her prayers save our souls, since Thou art merciful!

Tone 7 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith;// enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

Tone 4 Kontakion (*Great Martyr Euphemia*)

Thou didst complete thy struggle well, all-praised Euphemia; even after death, thou pourest out healing on us for our sanctification. We stand beside thy venerable relics to honor thy holy falling asleep, that in faith we may be delivered from the weaknesses of our nature and obtain the grace of thy miracles.

Tone 4 Kontakion (*Elevation of the Cross*)

As Thou wast voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Thy Name, O Christ God; make all Orthodox Christians glad by thy pow'r, granting them victories over their adversaries// by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace!

Epistle and Gospel Readings

Epistle: Galatians 2:16:20 (Sunday after the Elevation)

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

¹We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. ⁴But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, ⁵in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; ⁶by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, ⁷by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, ⁸by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1 (Sunday after the Elevation)

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

³⁵"For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. ¹⁵And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. ¹⁶Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. ¹⁷And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. ¹⁸But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. ¹⁹After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰"So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' ²¹His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' ²²He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' ²³His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' ²⁴"Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground.

Look, there you have what is yours.’ 26 “But his lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.’ 27 So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. 29 ‘For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Many Years!

Anniversaries	16	Mark & Diane Dorogy
Birthdays	16	Elena Codreanu
	17	Pres. Elena Buck
	19	Allen Almquist
	20	Larysa Moore

Announcements for Sunday, September 16, 2018:

- The Parish Council will meet on Thursday, September 20 at 7pm in the Parish Hall.
- We will have a Marriage Retreat on Saturday, September 22 from 3 - 5:30pm, with guest speakers Drs. David & Mary Ford. We will take up a free will offering. Books authored by the Fords will be for sale. Childcare will be provided.
- Next Sunday, September 23 at 9:30 am., Christopher Mareska will be Chrismated into the Orthodox Church.
- Christopher Mareska and Elena Duran will be united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, September 29 at 2:00 pm at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church.

We welcome all visitors to our Divine Liturgy this morning.

There are green service booklets in the entrance area of our Church that will help you follow along with the service if you like. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving the Holy Bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

Please join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall!