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Sunday, September 20, 2020

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Afterfeast of the Exaltation of the Cross

**Greatmartyr Eustathius (Eustace) Placidus, his wife,
Martyr Theopistes, and their children**



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Troparion and Kontakion

Tone 6 Troparion *(Resurrection)*

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, // glory to Thee.

Tone 1 Troparion *(Exaltation)*

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 *(Greatmartyr Eustathius)*

Thy holy martyr Eustáthius and his wife and sons, O Lord, through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from Thee, our God. For having Thy strength, they laid low their adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. // Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Tone 6 Kontakion *(Resurrection)*

When Christ God the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Tone 2 Kontakion *(for Greatmartyr Eustathius)*

Having openly imitated the Passion of Christ, and having eagerly drunk of His cup, O Eustáthius, thou becamest a partaker and fellow-heir of His glory, // receiving divine forgiveness from on high from the God of all.

Tone 4 Kontakion

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 power, granting them victories over their adversaries// by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace!

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 (Sunday After)

Brethren, ¹⁶ knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. ¹⁷ “But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸ For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. ¹⁹ For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

2nd Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 (Resurrection)

Brethren, ⁶ For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷ But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. ⁸ We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed — ¹⁰ always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. ¹¹ For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus’ sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹² So then death is working in us, but life in you. ¹³ And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed and therefore I spoke,” we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴ knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with

you. ¹⁵ For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1 (Sunday After)

³⁴ When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ³⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? ³⁷ Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." ⁹ And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

2nd Gospel: Matthew 22:35-46 (Resurrection)

³⁵ Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" ³⁷ Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." ⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David." ⁴³ He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: ⁴⁴ 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"' ? ⁴⁵ If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" ⁴⁶ And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

Many Years

Birthdays

20 Larysa Moore

25 Jerome Gratigny

Anniversaries

25 Bryan & Juliana Gordy

Announcements for Sunday, September 20, 2020:

- This past week we sent out a Church School email with links to OCA program.
- Wednesday @ 6 pm Daily Vespers
 - 7:30 pm Book Club Meeting via Zoom
- September Charity - Middle Georgia Community Food Bank
 - We will be collecting food donations through September.
 - Food donations don't always have to be canned food, but MGCFB does not accept food that is expired or damaged. MGCFB would prefer food that has at least 30-60 days before expiration.
 - Only non-perishable food will be accepted.
 - MGCFB would prefer food donations that are nutritionally dense or whole meals such as, peanut butter, canned tuna, canned beans, soups and stews, pastas, or low sugar cereals.
 - They also welcome monetary donations which we will process through the parish.