

Saintly Notes

Great-Martyr Euphemia the All-Praised (July 11)

Saint Euphemia is commemorated on September 16, the day on which she was martyred. On this day, however, is commemorated the miracle surrounding her honorable relics, which was manifested at the time of the Fourth Ecumenical Council in Chalcedon.

This Council was convened during the reign of Emperor Marcian and the Empress Pulcheria in the year 451 A.D., after the death of Emperor Theodosius the Younger. The reason for summoning this Council was the heresy of Dioscorus, the Patriarch of Alexandria and Eutyches, an Archimandrite from Constantinople, who spread the false teaching that in Christ the Lord there were not two natures, divine and human, but only one, a divine nature.

At this Council Anatolius, Patriarch of Constantinople, and Juvenal, Patriarch of Jerusalem, played the most prominent roles. Because a conclusion could not be reached through debates and testimonies from either side, Patriarch Anatolius motioned that the Orthodox and the heretics write down their confessions of faith and then place them in the sarcophagus where the relics of St. Euphemia reposed. They all agreed to this. Therefore, the two confessions of faith were written and placed on the bosom of the great female martyr. The sarcophagus was closed, sealed with the emperor's seal and military guards were appointed. All of them spent three days in prayer and fasting. When they opened the sarcophagus on the fourth day, they saw the Orthodox confession of faith in the right hand of the saint and the heretical confession of faith under her feet. Thus the dispute, through the power of God, was decided in favor of Orthodoxy.

During the reign of Emperor Heraclius, the relics of St. Euphemia were translated from Chalcedon to Constantinople to the church dedicated to her near the Hippodrome. The iconoclastic Emperor Leo the Isaurian ordered that these relics be tossed into the sea but, in a miraculous manner, the sarcophagus was translated to the island of Lemnos and placed in the church of the great female martyr Glyceria. Then, during the reign of the Empress Irene, the sarcophagus with the relics of St. Euphemia was again returned to Constantinople to its former place. Blood flowed from these relics from time to time which helped those who were ill or in misery.

(The Prologue from Ochrid)

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The Saints Whom We Remember

Olga (Helen), princess of Kiev

This Week's Schedule

Today: 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy
Monday: Church Office Closed
Tuesday: 7:00p Parish Council
Wednesday: 9:15a 3rd Hour Prayers; 6:30p Daily Vespers
Saturday: 9:00a Women's Bible Study; 1:00p Wedding Blessing; 5:30p Great Vespers
Sunday: 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy

First Antiphon

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

Second Antiphon

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Third Antiphon

Troparion of the Resurrection
(Tone 6)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art

risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Little Entrance

† *Entrance Hymn:* "Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ . . . Alleluia."

† *Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 6):* See above.

† *Troparion for St. Euphemia the All-Praised (Tone 3)*
O Euphemia, Christ's comely virgin, thou didst fill the Orthodox with gladness and didst cover with shame all the heretics; for at the holy Fourth Council in Chalcedon, thou didst confirm what the Fathers decreed aright. O all-glorious Great Martyr, do thou entreat Christ God that His Great Mercy may be granted unto us.

† *Troparion for All Saints (Tone 4):*
As with fine porphyry and royal purple Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyr's blood shed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God, send down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

† *Kontakion for Ordinary Sundays (Tone 2):* O Protection of Christians that is not put to shame, unchanging Mediation before the Creator, despise not the voice of the sinners' prayer, but in that thou art good, come quickly to help us who call upon thee in faith. Make speed to intercede and make haste to supplicate, O Theotokos, who dost ever protect those that honor thee.

The Trisagion

"Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy . . ."

Scripture

for today and next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: Titus 3:8-15
Gospel: Matt. 5:14-19

Alegalynarion (Tone 8)

It is truly meet and right to bless thee. . .

Communion Hymn Tone 8

Praise the Lord . . . Alleluia.

Post-Communion Hymn

We have seen the true light . . .

Parish Notes

Altar Servers Today

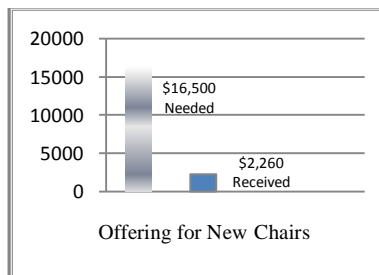
Matthew Wynne, Del Dillard, Noah Keim, Micah Keim, Roger Jones.

Special Attention

- **Building Project Update:** This past week some painting was done in the education wing. Wiring continues for audio, security, fire alarm, and electrical. The interior central dome was delivered and, hopefully, will be in place this week. Also anticipated is the beginning of the dry wall installation in the nave.
- **Ladies, Save These Dates:** We will have our annual summer Brunch and Bible Study sessions on these dates: July 17, August 14. We'll meet from 9-11:30 am on those dates. More details will be coming soon.

Rh. Barbara

- **New Chairs for Our New Temple.** Soon (in approximately 73 days) we will be worshipping in our new Temple. We need to purchase new chairs for the nave and to do this we are asking all of our members to participate in a project explained by the insert in your bulletin this morning. Please read it carefully and then prayerfully make a decision about your level of participation. Our goal is to have 300 new chairs in place for our first Divine Liturgy in our new temple. Counting today there are only 3 Sundays left before we must order the chairs. If you are able, please write your check for chairs today. To date we will be able to purchase 41 chairs.



Today's Epistle and Gospel Readings

Prokeimenon:

God is wondrous in His saints, the God of Israel.

Bless God in the congregations.

†**Epistle: 2 Cor. 6:1–10 (RSV)**

Brethren, working together with Him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For He says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making

many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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