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Saturday Vespers, 7:00pm • Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy, 8:30am

Sunday after the Elevation of the Cross



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Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 5): Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Troparion for the Holy Cross (Tone 1): O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians, over their adversaries, and by the virtue of Thy cross, preserve Thy habitation.

Kontakion for the Holy Cross (Tone 4): As You were voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Your name, O Christ God. Make all Orthodox Christians glad by Your power, granting them victories over their adversaries, by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Your weapon of peace.

Troparion of All Saints (Tone 4): Adorned in the blood of Thy martyrs, throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people! Grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

THE EPISTLE

For the Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross

How magnified are Thy works, O Lord. In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (2:16-20)

Brethren, knowing that a person is not justified by the works of the Law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the Law; for by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified. But if, while we sought to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also were found sinners, is Christ then a minister of sin? God forbid! For if I build up again those things which I destroyed, 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, nevertheless I live, yet not

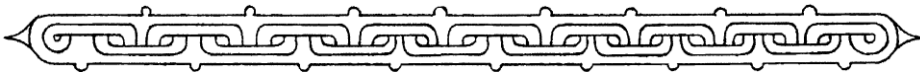
I, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself up for me.

THE GOSPEL

For the Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark (8:34-9:1)

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.”



:: GREAT-MARTYR EUSTÁTHIOS WITH HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN ::

Commemorated Sept. 20 • Adapted from www.oca.org

Before his Baptism, Eustáthios was named Plakidas, a Roman General in the reigns of Emperors Titus (79-81) and Trajan (98-117). Even before he came to know Christ, Plakidas devoted himself to charity, helping the poor and destitute. Therefore, the Lord did not allow this virtuous pagan to continue in the darkness of idolatry.

One day, while hunting in a forest, he saw a remarkable stag which stopped now and then to stare at him. Plakidas pursued it on horseback, but could not catch up. The stag jumped over a chasm and stood on the other side facing him. Suddenly, Plakidas saw a radiant Cross between its antlers. The General was astonished to hear a voice coming from the Cross saying, “Why do you pursue me, Plakidas?”

“Who are You, Master?” asked Plakidas. The voice replied, “I am Jesus Christ, Whom you do not know, but by your good deeds, you honor me. I have appeared here on this creature for your sake, to draw you into the net of my love for mankind. It is not fitting

that one as righteous as you should worship idols and remain ignorant of the truth. It was to save mankind that I came into the world.”



Plakidas cried out, “Lord, I believe that You are the God of Heaven and earth, the Creator of all things. Master, teach me what I should do.” Again the Lord replied, “Go to the bishop of your country and receive Baptism from him, and he will instruct you.”

Plakidas returned home and joyfully recounted everything to his wife Tatiana. She in turn told him of a strange dream she had the evening before, in which she had been told, “Tomorrow you, your husband and your sons shall come to me and know that I am the true God.” The couple then proceeded to do as they had been told.

They hastened to the Christian bishop, who baptized all their family, and then communed them with the Holy Mysteries. Plakidas was renamed Eustáthios, his wife was called Theopistē, and their children, Agapios and Theopistos.

Soon Saint Eustáthios was afflicted with misfortune: all of his servants died of the plague, and his cattle perished. They went to Egypt to board a ship bound for Jerusalem. Captivated by Theopistē's beauty, the ship owner cruelly set Eustáthios and his children ashore, keeping the wife for himself.

With great sadness the Saint continued on his way, and new calamity befell him. Coming to a tempestuous river, he went to carry his two sons across in turn. When he brought the first one across, the other was seized by a lion and was carried off into the wilderness. As he turned back to shore, a wolf dragged the other child into the forest.

In the village of Badessos he found work and spent five years in ceaseless toil. Saint Eustáthios did not know at the time that by God's mercy, shepherds and farmers had rescued his sons, and they were living near him. He was also unaware that the impudent

shipowner had been struck down with a terrible disease and died, leaving Saint Theopistē untouched. She lived in peace and freedom at the place where the ship landed.

During this time it had become difficult for Emperor Trajan to raise an army for Rome to deal with a rebellion, for the soldiers refused to go into battle without Plakidas. Saint Eustáthios then returned to Rome and was restored to his former rank. He did not know that two of the young soldiers who served him, and whom he loved for their skill and daring, were actually his own sons!

One night, the brothers were talking in their tent. The elder spoke about his life, how he had lost his mother and brother, and how he had been parted from his father. The younger brother then realized that the other man was his own brother, and revealed how he had been rescued from the wolf.

A woman overheard their conversation, since their tent was pitched right next to her house, and she realized that these were her sons. Without identifying herself to them, but not wishing to be separated from them, she went to their general, Saint Eustáthios, and asked that he take her to Rome with him. She said she had been a prisoner, and wanted to go home. Then she came to recognize the general as her husband, and with tears she told him about herself, and about the two soldiers who were their sons. Thus, through God's great mercy, the entire family was reunited.

Soon thereafter, Emperor Hadrian (117-138) wanted to celebrate their victory with a solemn sacrifice to their gods. To everyone's amazement, Eustáthios did not go to the temple. The Emperor ordered them to find him and bring him to the temple.

“Why don’t you want to worship the gods?” the Emperor inquired. Eustáthios replied: “I am a Christian and I glorify and give thanks to Christ, and I offer sacrifice to Him. I owe my life to Him. I do not know or believe in any other God.”

The cruel Emperor ordered that they be thrown alive into a red-hot brass bull, and Saint Eustáthios, his wife Theopistē, and their sons Agapios and Theopistos suffered martyrdom.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services at All Saints, see our website www.allsaintsorthodox.org

Today:

- **Church School** for children, teens, and adults, after coffee hour
- **Ladies group meeting**, briefly after Church school

This week at All Saints:

- **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday:** Morning prayers, 9am.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 21:** Vespers, 7pm.
- **Saturday, Sept. 24:** Fellowship dinner and movie, 4pm; Vespers at 7pm.
- **Next Sunday, Sept. 25:** Orthros & Liturgy, 8:30am; coffee hour and Church School.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL AND MOVIE: Join us **Saturday, Sept. 24** for our next church-wide fellowship meal! We will meet at 4:00pm to break bread together and watch the movie “Man of God,” about the life of St. Nektarios of Aegina. Vespers will follow.

ALL-CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING: Looking ahead, our annual membership meeting will take place **Sunday, Oct. 2**, after Divine Liturgy. At this meeting we will hear updates from the priest and ministry leaders of our church, vote on the upcoming year’s budget and approve new parish council members. Any questions may be directed to Fr. Andrew or Jeneson.

TOUCHSTONE FALL CONFERENCE: *Something Wicked this Way Comes: Diabolical Fantasies and the Mystery of the Real.* This will be held Oct. 13-15 at Trinity International University in Deerfield. Speakers this year include Rod Dreher, Carl Trueman, Allan Carson, Hans Boersma, and Jack Phillips of the Masterpiece Cakeshop, whose refusal to craft a wedding cake for two men ended with a victory at the U.S. Supreme Court. Register online at www.touchstonemag.com; please see Fr. Andrew if you desire any financial assistance.

ALL SAINTS EVE: Mark your calendars for **Monday, October 31!** And as is our custom, we are currently taking nominations for Saint of the Year. Please submit the names of your favorite saints to Richard C. for possible inclusion in our annual booklet and festivities!

Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prosphora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Sun Sept 18	Sdn Joseph	Cristina P	Domitille	Domitille	R-Z
Sun Sept 25	Richard C	Domitille	Nancy L	Zach C	A-F
Sun Oct 2	Doug J	Dn Walid	Sandy A	Lydia A	G-K
Sun Oct 9	Jim K	Sandy A	Azizeh C	Domitille	L-P
Sun Oct 16	Paul K	Debbie K	Domitille	Alina S	R-Z
Sun Oct 23	Jason L	Domitille	Nancy L	Zach C	A-F
Sun Oct 30	Joseph L	Cristina P	Sandy A	Lydia A	G-K

For Sunday coffee hour, the church has been divided into four parts alphabetically (A-F, G-K, L-P, and R-Z). On your assigned week, please bring something simple to share with everyone for coffee hour.

If you have children, please monitor them as they go through the coffee hour line, and help them clean up after themselves.

Weekly clean-up will be the responsibility of those providing coffee hour. And of course, things go faster when we can all pitch in and help.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SEPTEMBER 18-24, 2022

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Sunday, September 18: Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Mark 16:9-20 / Galatians 2:16-20 / Mark 8:34-9:1

Monday, Sept. 19: Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury

1 Samuel 13 / Galatians 2:11-21 / Luke 3:1-14

Tuesday, Sept. 20: Eustathius the Great Martyr, his wife and two children

1 Samuel 14 / Galatians 3:1-14 / Luke 3:15-22

Wednesday, Sept. 21: Jonah the Prophet

1 Samuel 15 / Galatians 3:15-29 / Luke 3:23-38

Thursday, Sept. 22: Phocas the Martyr, Bishop of Sinope

1 Samuel 16 / Galatians 4:1-16 / Luke 4:1-13

Friday, Sept. 23: Conception of St. John the Baptist

1 Samuel 17 / Galatians 4:17-31 / Luke 4:14-30

For the Conception of St. John: Luke 1:1-25

Saturday, Sept. 24: Martyr Thekla, Equal-to-the-Apostles

Galatians 5:1-10 / Luke 4:31-37

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