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### SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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*TONE 7—Greatmartyr Euphemia the All-praised (304). St. Sebastiana, disciple of St. Paul the Apostle, martyred at Heraclea (1st c.). Martyr Melitina of Marcianopolis (2nd c.). Martyrs Victor and Sosthenes at Chalcedon (ca. 304). Ven. Dorotheus, Hermit, of Egypt (4th c.). Martyr Ludmila, grandmother of St. Wenceslaus (Viachesláv), Prince of the Czechs (927). New Martyrs Isaac and Joseph of Georgia (808).*

#### FIRST ANTIPHON

*My God, my God, look upon me; why hast Thou forsaken me? The words of my transgressions are far from my salvation. (R.):* Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us! *My God, I cry in the daytime, but Thou hearest not. But Thou, the praise of Israel, dwellest in the sanctuary. (R.):* Glory... Now... (R.):

#### SECOND ANTIPHON

*O God, why hast Thou cast us off forever? Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast purchased of old. (R.):* Save us, O Son of God, WHO WAST CRUCIFIED IN THE FLESH, as we chant to Thee, "Alleluia"! *God is our King before the ages: working salvation in the midst of the earth. (R.):* Glory... Now ... (Only begotten)

#### THIRD ANTIPHON

TROPARION OF THE CROSS, preceded by the following Psalm verses:

- The Lord is King, let the people rage; He is seated upon the cherubim, let the earth be moved.
- The Lord is great in Zion; He is high above all the people.
- Let them give thanks to Thy great Name, for it is holy.

#### LITTLE ENTRANCE

*Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool; for He is holy!  
Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, as we chant to Thee: "Alleluia"!*

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION (Tone 7): 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 great mercy.

TROPARION OF THE CROSS (Tone 1): O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, grant victory to the Orthodox people over their adversaries; and by the power of Thy Cross preserve Thy habitation.

TROPARION OF ST. EUPHEMIA (Tone 4): O Lord Jesus, Thy lamb cries to Thee with a great voice: O my Bridegroom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee I now contest; and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. I suffer for Thy sake that I may reign with Thee; for Thy sake I die, that I may live in Thee: accept me as a spotless sacrifice offered out of longing to Thee. Lord, save our souls through her intercessions, since Thou art great in mercy.

TROPARION OF SAINT ANTHONY THE GREAT (Tone 4, Russian): Like the zealous Elijah thou didst become, and followed John the Baptist in his upright ways. A dweller in the wilderness, thou didst steady the world by prayer. O Father Anthony, intercede with Christ our God for our souls' salvation.

KONTAKION FOR THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (Tone 4): Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will was 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.

## THIS SUNDAY'S READING

Prokeimenon: *O Lord, how manifold are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

***From Saint Paul's Epistle to the Galatians*** (Gal 2:16-20) 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.

***From the Holy Gospel according to Mark*** (Mk 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 lose his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? 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."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TODAY: Sunday School resumes!
- Next Sunday (9/ 23), 10 AM: Pan-Orthodox Liturgy & Picnic (McDaniel Pavilion, Moraine N. Shore).

*Remember in your prayers*

LIVING: grieving Serbanescu family; Ileana (recovery from her surgery); Karen (Jane Best's daughter); Elisabeth, Chris and Jillian; Sula; Stella & Dimitrios; Ion, Marius & Katherine; Norma; Christine (Abraham); Daniel (Sipos); Venetia (Chrissi's mom); Barbara (Dollie's daughter); Maura; Ann; Ed, Peter, John, Jonathan and Joanna; Andrei; John, Janet, Christy (relatives of Jean); Stelian (Cezar's father); Edith (Humphrey).

DEPARTED: Silviu; Ross (Chrissi's friend); Richard Johns; Viorica; Bishop Antoun; Vito (DiPento); Miltiades; Jim and Marion (Raimondi); Stephanie (Yazge); Job; George (Georgiades); Abie (Abraham).