

GREATMARTYR EUPHEMIA THE ALL-PRAISED

The Holy Greatmartyr Euphemia was the daughter of Christians, the senator Philophronos and Theodosia, and she lived in Chalcedon, on the banks of the Bosphorus opposite Constantinople.

The governor Priscus ordered all inhabitants to appear at a pagan festival for Ares, threatening grave torments for those who did not come and offer sacrifice. During this festival, 49 Christians hid in one house, attending services to the True God. Euphemia was among those praying there. The Christians were discovered and brought before Priscus. For 19 days they were tortured, but none wavered in their faith. The governor was enraged and sent them for trial to the emperor Diocletian; but he kept the youngest, the virgin Euphemia, hoping she would not remain strong if she were all alone.

St. Euphemia prayed to the Lord, that He strengthen her in her impending ordeal. She refused to worship the idol, so Priscus gave orders to torture her. She was tied to a wheel with sharp knives, which cut her body. The saint prayed aloud, and the wheel stopped by itself and would not move. An angel removed her from the wheel and healed her wounds. Not perceiving that a miracle had occurred, the torturer ordered the soldiers Victor and Sosthenes to take the saint to a red-hot oven. But the soldiers, seeing two fearsome angels in the midst of the flames, refused and became believers themselves in God. Boldly proclaiming their Christianity, they were sent to be eaten by wild beasts. They cried out for mercy to God, asking to be received into the Heavenly Kingdom. A Voice answered their cries, and they entered into eternal life; yet the beasts did not touch their bodies.

St. Euphemia, cast into the fire by other soldiers, remained unharmed. With the help of God, she emerged unharmed after many other tortures. The governor ascribed all of this as sorcery. Finally, he sentenced her to be devoured by wild beasts at the circus. The saint began to implore the Lord that He deem her worthy to die a violent death. But none of the beasts would touch her. At last one of the she-bears gave her a small wound on the leg, from which came blood, and immediately the Greatmartyr Euphemia died. There was an earthquake, and all pagans ran in terror; so that the parents of the saint were able to take up her body and reverently bury it.

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SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross

Greatmartyr Euphemia the All-Praised;

Repose of St. Kiprián, Metropolitan of Moscow and All Russia;

St. Sebastiana, disciple of St. Paul the Apostle, martyred at Heraclea;

Martyr Melitina of Marcianopolis; Martyrs Victor and Sosthenes at Chalcedon;

Ven. Dorotheus, Hermit, of Egypt;

Martyr Ludmila, grandmother of St. Wenceslaus, Prince of the Czechs;

New Martyrs Isaac and Joseph of Georgia

“O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance. Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries. And by virtue of Your Cross, preserve Your habitation.”

Troparion, Tone I

“So wonderfully did you preserve yourself from every stain, O illustrious Euphemia, that in death there came forth from you the fragrance of healing, a gift you received from Christ Himself. Because of your intercessions for us, He bestows on us His great mercy.”

Troparion, Tone III

TODAY'S EPISTLE: GALATIANS 2:16-20
II CORINTHIANS 6:1-10

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MARK 8:34-9:1
MATTHEW 25:14-30

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, September 16 10:45 a.m. 40th Day Memorial Service for Alice Reta
Saturday, September 22 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, September 17	Ephesians 1:22-2:3	Luke 3:19-22
Tuesday, September 18	Ephesians 2:19-3:7	Luke 3:23-4:1
Wednesday, September 19	Ephesians 3:8-21	Luke 4:1-15
Thursday, September 20	Ephesians 4:14-19	Luke 4:16-22
Friday, September 21	Ephesians 4:17-25	Luke 4:22-30
Saturday, September 22	I Corinthians 14:20-25	Luke 4:31-36
	Ephesians 4:25-32	Luke 4:37-44

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER:

21, Friday 1:00 p.m. Golf Scramble Benefit for St. Vladimir Camp

OCTOBER:

8, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle

14, Sunday Second Sunday Food Sale

15, Monday 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting

28, Sunday HTOC Parish Meeting

PLEASE NOTE:

Fr. Alexander is on vacation. He will be back on Sept. 28. In his absence, Fr. Yves Babich and Fr. John Adamcio will be conducting liturgical services. If a pastoral emergency arises, call Fr. John Memorich (office: 440-526-5192; rectory: 216-524-9795) or Fr. Yves Babich (216-524-6832).

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR SEMINARIAN:

Our parishioner Aaron Rutz has returned to St. Vladimir's Seminary for his second year of studies. We are again conducting a special collection to help him offset the costs. All of the monies that we collect will be sent to the Seminary, which will match our contribution, dollar for dollar. A basket for this will be at the rear of the church. If you are writing a check, please make it out to "Holy Trinity Orthodox Church."

ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:

The Book Circle will meet Monday, October 8, at 12:30. We will complete reading Chapters 6-7 of Exodus. Further information will be announced on our new book in the week or two before our meeting.

"TIMELESS CHRISTIANITY"

Sister Vassa Larin, PhD., author and scholar of Byzantine liturgy and host of an online catechetical program, will speak at Notre Dame College on Sunday October 21, 3:00-5:00. The topic is "Timeless Christianity in Today's Changing World," and the presentation is free and open to the public. See details in the Fellowship Hall.

CHURCH SCHOOL:

Parents of Church School students are asked to register their children. Registration forms and the schedule of classes and events for the coming school year are available from Coordinator Nellie Wislocki. Forms are also available in the Fellowship Hall.

FOOD SALE:

On October 14 our Second Sunday Food Sales will start up again. Please support this fundraiser with your food and bakery donations as well as purchases.

ST. HERMAN'S FUNDRAISER:

We are having our annual Meatloaf Luncheon on Sunday, November 4, to raise funds for the monthly meals we serve at St. Herman's House. See Jewelann for tickets; sales begin on Sept. 30.

The Basket Auction is again included. If you have an interest to contribute, please contact Dianna Kall, 216-741-2888. Gift cards are very popular. All items are due by Oct. 14. Auction tickets are sold at our Parish Meeting (Oct. 28) and at the Luncheon.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Helen Kling in memory of her husband Ed and her son Edward.

FLOWERS:

The flowers last week were offered by Diane Hastings.

The wreath of flowers adorning the cross this week are offered by Pat and Harvey Schwartz.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, SEPTEMBER 9	\$ 3263.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	45.00
BUILDING FUND	305.00
MORTGAGE FUND	205.00
CANDLES	119.00
SEMINARIAN	125.00

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SELECTIONS FROM ST. MAXIMUS THE CONFESSOR - VII

1. The mind is first of all in wonder when it reflects on God's universal infinity, which is the inaccessible and greatly desired ocean. Next, it is amazed at how from nothing He has brought into existence everything that is. But just as "of His greatness there is no end," so is His wisdom unsearchable.

5. Seek the reason why God created, for this is knowledge. But do not seek how and why He only recently created, for this question does not fall under your mind; since while some divine things are comprehensible by men, others are not. As one of the saints has said, "Unbridled speculation can push you over the precipice."

7. God, along with divine realities, is in one sense knowable and in another sense unknowable: knowable in ideas about Him, unknowable in Himself.

16. When in time of temptation one does not bear up under incidental annoyances but cuts himself off from the love of his spiritual friends, he does not yet have perfect love nor the sense of divine Providence in its depths.

17. The purpose of divine Providence is to unify by an upright faith and spiritual love those who have been separated in diverse ways by vice. Indeed it was because of this that the Savior suffered, "to gather together into one the children of God who were dispersed." Therefore, the one who does not endure disturbances or bear up under distress or undergo hardships walks outside divine love and the purpose of Providence.

18. If "love is patient and kind," how can the person who is fainthearted in the troubles that befall him and who consequently deals wickedly with those who offend him, cutting himself away from love for them, help but fall away from the purpose of divine Providence.

34. Do not recall in times of peace what someone said to you in times of hurt, even though the offensive things were said to your face, or were said to another about you and you heard them afterward. For in retaining grudges, you revert to pernicious hatred for the other.

42. When you neither say nor do anything intentionally shameful, nor bear grudges against anyone who has harmed you or spoken ill of you, and when in times of prayer you always keep your mind free of matter and form, then know that you have reached the full measure of detachment and of perfect love.

47. The Christian is wise in three things: in the commandments, in instruction, and in faith. The commandments separate the mind from the passions, instruction introduces it to the knowledge of beings, and faith brings it to the contemplation of the Holy Trinity.

From The Fourth Century on Love by St. Maximus the Confessor