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TODAY'S SAINTS

Afterfeast of Elevation of the Holy Cross. Great-martyr Eustathius Placidus of Rome, with his wife and children; St. Eustathius, Archbishop of Thessalonica; Virgin-martyr Candida of Carthage; St. Glycerius the Confessor, Archbishop of Milan; St. Agapetus I, Pope of Rome; St. Vincent Madelgarius (husband of St. Waltrude); Martyrs Michael the Confessor, Prince of Chernigov, and Theodore, Wonderworker of Chernigov; St. Oleg, Prince of Briansk; Nun-Martyr Eusebia of Marseille; Abbess of Saint-Cyr Abbey, and 40 nun-martyrs with her

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE SIX

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.

FESTAL TROPARION IN TONE ONE

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.

TROPARION OF GREAT-MARTYR EUSTATHIUS IN TONE FOUR

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

- *Now sing the troparion of Ss. Peter and Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*

FESTAL KONTAKION OF IN TONE SEVEN

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!

- *Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION IN TONE SIX

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.

PROKEIMENON IN TONE SEVEN

Extol the Lord our God: / worship at His footstool for He is holy!
v. The Lord reigns, let the people tremble!

THE EPISTLE

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

Brethren, yet who 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.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (4:6-15)

Brethren, for it is the God who said, "Let light 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 Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

ALLELUIA IN TONE ONE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast gotten of old!

v. God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth.

THE GOSPEL

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

And he called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, "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 life? For what can a man give in return for his life? 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 that the kingdom of God has come with power."

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (22:35-46)

And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, "What do you think of the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, till I put thy enemies under thy feet'? If

David thus calls him Lord, how is he his son?" And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

FESTAL MEGALYNARION

Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord!

Thou art a mystical Paradise, O Theotokos, who, though untilled, hast brought forth Christ; through Him the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth. Now at its Exaltation, as we bow in worship before it, we magnify thee.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! The light of Thy countenance has been signed upon us, O Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Altar Vigils offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Mary Grudinoff (anniversary of birth). **Sanctuary Lamp** offered by Fr. Sophrony Royer in memory of Anastasia Sahonchik (anniversary of repose). **Sacramental Bread** offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Mary Grudinoff (anniversary of repose).

BOYCOTT PRODUCTS OF TURKEY

Our parishioners and friends are asked to continue boycotting products of Turkey. This may be a small act of protest that probably won't be felt, but at least it offers us a way of doing something in protest to the recent conversion of the Hagia Sophia and the Chora Church into mosques, and a way of showing our solidarity with the suffering Christians of the Middle East.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:20 AM (Sunday) – Third Hour

9:30 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

"This is the "folly" of the cross: a folly capable of changing our sufferings into a declaration of love for God and mercy for our neighbor."

– Pope Benedict XVI