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The Holy Great Female Martyr Euphemia

St. Euphemia is commemorated on Sept. 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 4th 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.

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July 11, 2021
The Great-martyr Euphemia the All-Praised
The 3rd Sunday of Matthew

Welcome!

To Our Guests:

While we are not yet in formal inter-communion with other faith traditions, we have much respect for their rites of worship and sanctuaries of prayer. In our tradition, **Holy Communion is open only to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession.** Please do not be offended by this if you are not an Orthodox Christian or in good standing with the Church. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

In our tradition... *we stand as long as the Holy Eucharist is in the nave; we are in the presence of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ. We remain standing as communicants come forward to receive the Holy Gifts. Of course, if you have a physical disability or are unable to stand due to pain, please do sit as necessary. Otherwise, we should always stand at this time.*

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians: 6:1-10

Gospel Reading: St. Matthew 6:22-33

Saints of the Day

Great-martyr Euphemia the all-praised; Olga (Helen) princess of Kiev.

July Financial Status Report

Dear Parishioners,

As we enter the summer months, weekly giving generally slows down and expenses sometimes exceed income. Right after we paid nearly \$15,000 for the last phase of the air conditioning repairs, we learned that our property insurance premium of \$12,500 would be more than doubled. Our insurance carrier is now charging an additional \$16,000 for a year of wind and hail coverage. We are having to pay that in monthly instalments. If you are behind in your financial commitment to the Parish, we would really appreciate it if you could catch up and maintain your weekly support.

Thank you for your cooperation.

—Rob Booms, Chairman of the Parish Council

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 10th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, July 11th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Saturday, July 17th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, July 18th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Tuesday, July 20th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, July 24th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, July 25th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.
Tuesday, July 27th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.
Saturday, July 31st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, Aug. 1st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



In the tradition of the Orthodox Church, my possum parents baptized me with the name Theodore” (the Martyr, September 5) or Theo for short. Orthodox people are blessed in that they may celebrate both a birthday and a “Name Day.” Every saint has a designated day on the Liturgical calendar. On our Name Day, we honor the Saint for whom we were named at Baptism or Chrismation. We venerate the saint’s icon and pray the saint’s troparion and kontakion if there is one. After the Liturgy, Fr. Peter asks persons with a Name Day to come forward and receive a blessing. We then greet the person with “May your name be healthy and well.” The relationship with our Name Saint is especially important for our spiritual health and should be fostered by faithful observance of the Name Day. If the church does not have your saint’s icon on the walls, please consider purchasing a small one so that we can add it to the “great cloud of witnesses” who surround us every Sunday. God bless all — Theo

Spiritual Counsels...

“The arrogant heart is abhorrent to the Lord; be sure it will not go unpunished.” – Proverbs 16:5

Today’s Ushers: Michael Zelesnik. **Next Week:** Tania / Sevin Russell.

Today’s coffee hour: Team 2. **Next Sunday:** Team 3.



The Bookstore Bee

This month in St. Basil's bookstore, we hope you notice the wide variety of books we have in our bookcases, from learning more about the Orthodox faith and books for our new catechumens to learning more on the Divine Liturgy or lives of the saints. The bookstore has also donated quite a few books to our parish library. **Charles** and **Yazmin Incaprera** have graciously taken the time to revamp the library and put it back in order. If you have any questions on ordering books from the bookstore or checking out books from the library, please see **April Pituch**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar candle, holy bread and holy oblation are sponsored today by **Greg** and **Jane Shamitko** for the health of **Rob Blum** (many years), and for the repose of **Carol Daniels, Fr. George Livanos, Rose Marie Daniels**, and **Pete Petronka** (memory eternal).

The **Ladies Guild** are scheduled to hold their July meeting today after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

We fast Wednesday and Friday this week.

The **Parish Council** are scheduled to hold their July meeting next Sunday after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

God willing, on Tuesday, July 20, we shall celebrate the **feast of the holy Prophet Elias** with Orthros and Divine Liturgy. Please see the "Worship Schedule" for times.

God willing, on Tuesday, June 27, we shall celebrate the **feast of the Great-martyr Panteleimon** with Orthros and Divine Liturgy. Please see the "Worship Schedule" for times.

As of July 9, 2021, 35 pledges were received for 2021 totaling \$78,874. The donations for June 2021 totaled \$17,090.50. The expenses were \$18,990.47 for an end-of-month balance of \$20,058.56. Thank you.