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### Afterfeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord / St. Emilian the Confessor, Bishop of Cyzikus August 8, 2021

#### **Troparion – Tone 6**

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.

#### **Troparion – Tone 7**

Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, O Christ God, revealing Thy glory to Thy Disciples as far as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting Light also shine upon us sinners, through the prayers of the Theotokos! // O Giver of Light, glory to Thee!

#### **Troparion – Tone 3**

In confessing the Faith, thou didst proclaim Orthodox doctrine and wast unjustly exiled for rebuking the wicked king. Righteous and glorious Emilian, the boast of Cyzicus, // entreat Christ God to grant us His great mercy.

#### **Kontakion – Tone 6**

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.

#### **Kontakion – Tone 3**

The Church for which thou didst suffer glorifies thee in hymns, O Emilian; thou wast a valiant champion of the Trinity, therefore we honor thy memory. // Deliver thy servants from all assaults of the Enemy!

#### **Kontakion – Tone 7**

On the mountain Thou wast transfigured, O Christ God, and Thy Disciples beheld Thy glory as far as they could see it; so that when they would behold Thee crucified, they would understand that Thy suffering was voluntary, and would proclaim to the world // that Thou art truly the Radiance of the Father.

#### **Prokeimenon – Tone 6**

O Lord, save Thy people, / and bless Thine inheritance!

*V. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!*

#### **Prokeimenon – Tone 4**

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; / in wisdom hast Thou made them all.

### **Afterfeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord**

The hymns at Vespers today speak of the sun appearing dim compared to the divine light of the Transfiguration. In His compassion for humanity, Christ took on mortal flesh, yet Peter, James and John saw the radiance of His glory. The incarnate Lord “made Adam’s darkened image to shine again” when He appeared on earth “arrayed in the original beauty of the Image” (Genesis 1:26).

### **St. Emilian the Confessor, Bishop of Cyzikus**

Saint Emilian, Bishop of Cyzikus, lived during the reign of the Iconoclast emperor Leo the Armenian (813-820). He was summoned together with other bishops to the court of the emperor, who insistently urged the bishops to refrain from the veneration of holy icons. Saint Emilian was the first to tell the emperor firmly that the question of the veneration of holy icons ought to be discussed and decided only within the Church by its spiritual leaders, and not at the imperial court. In the year 815 he was sent to prison for the Orthodox Faith, where he died as a confessor.

### **Epistle: Romans 15:1-7**

We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me.” For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

### **Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35**

When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, “Son of David, have mercy on us!” And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be to you.” And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, “See that no one knows it.” But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, “It was never seen like this in Israel!” But the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons.” Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

### **Service Schedule for the week of August 8**

**Today** – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

**NOTE: The Dormition Fast continues through August 14.**

**Saturday August 14 – DORMITION** 5:00 PM Vespers with Litya and blessing of flowers, followed by Confession

**Sunday August 15 – DORMITION** 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy and blessing of flowers followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall. The pre-ordered bundt cakes will be available for pick up during Coffee Hour.

### **Weekly Giving**

August 1 – 48 adults, 18 youth, \$2,346

### **Parish Announcements**

There will be a Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday, August 10 at 7:00 PM.

Great News! Sunday School classes will re-open mid-late September. The exact start date will be announced. Children must be 7 years or older to attend. Classes will be held in the Daria Hall downstairs classrooms on Sundays after Communion and will last approx. 45 minutes. After class, the children will join their parents at Coffee Hour. If your child/ren will attend, please sign-up on the sheet in the back of the church.

**Help Needed for Coffee Hour:** Melody is looking for help setting up and cleaning up Coffee Hour on Sundays when no one has signed up to host. This may be a last minute request for help. If you are available to help when needed, please see Melody or sign up on the sheet in the back of the church. If you have not yet volunteered to host Coffee Hour, please sign up in Daria Hall (see Melody). Remember, when you are the host of Coffee Hour it means you are responsible for bringing food/goodies, setting up in the morning before Divine Liturgy, and cleaning up after Coffee Hour. Melody will reach out to the host regarding what supplies might be needed (milk, butter, etc.) and what needs to be done. Thank you all for participating in this weekly parish event!

**CHARITABLE OUTREACH PROGRAM:** The Project will be distribution (four times a year) of boxes of non-perishable food, and baby items separately, to the local Trenton community to help those in need. Boxes will be packed (we hope to involve the parish children in this part of the Project), the pick-up date will be advertised, and the boxes will be distributed outside in front of Daria Hall. We will be appealing to our parishioners and parish friends for donations. At this time, please do not make any contributions or purchase any products until more details are provided. Thank you.

**MOSAIC ICON: We have not yet reached our fundraising goal – any donation amount will be appreciated! Donation envelopes for the mosaic icon are available at the candle desk. Please write “Mosaic Icon” in the memo portion of your check and turn in your donation envelope at the candle desk, or you may send a check directly to Father Volodymyr at the rectory. If you have any questions please see Father Volodymyr or a member of the Parish Council. Thank you for your continued involvement in the beautification of our church!**

Please see a member of the FOCA Club if you are interested in purchasing a mural block (Daria Hall); funds will be used for Daria Hall improvements. Donors will have a brass nameplate added to the commemoration boards on the sides of the mural – either “Donated By” or “In Memory Of”, with the names inscribed as designated by the donor.