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Venerable Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis

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Troparion – Tone 8

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!// O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

Troparion – Tone 3

Thou didst illumine the earth by thy deeds, O radiant light of the Church. Thou didst heal those who drew near to thee in faith and so glorified God. Therefore, O holy Father Innocent, we beseech thee: “Encompass this land with thy prayers,// and protect us from all harm and misdeed!”

Kontakion – Tone 8

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

Kontakion – Tone 4

O faithful, let us all praise with love the pastor whose very name means innocence, the preacher of the faith in Mongolia, the glory and adornment of the flock of Irkutsk,// for he is the protector of this land and an intercessor for our souls!

Prokeimenon – Tone 8

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!

v: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Prokeimenon – Tone 1

My mouth shall speak wisdom, the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. *(Ps 48/49:3)*

Venerable Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis

Saint Alypius the Stylite was born in the city of Adrianopolis in Paphlagonia. His mother, a Christian, was widowed early, and she sent her son to be educated by Bishop Theodore. She distributed her substance to the poor, then began to live an ascetic life near the church as a deaconess.

Saint Alypius, from his early years, wanted to devote his life to God and yearned for the solitary life, although Bishop Theodore would not give him permission to do so. Once, when Saint Alypius was accompanying his bishop to Constantinople, the holy Martyr Euphemia (September 16) appeared to him in a vision, summoning Saint Alypius to return to Adrianopolis and found a church in her name.

With contributions offered by believers in Adrianopolis, Saint Alypius did build a church in the name of the holy Martyr Euphemia, on the site of a dilapidated pagan temple infested by legions of devils. Beside the church, under

the open sky, the saint erected a pillar over a pagan tomb. For fifty-three years Saint Alypius struggled upon the pillar, praying to God and teaching those who came to him.

The demons which infested the pagan cemetery fell upon the ascetic by night and pelted him with stones. Saint Alypius, wanted nothing to stand in the way of the attacks of the spirits of darkness, then even took down the boards that served him as a roof, protecting him from the rain and wind. In the face of the saint's conquering steadfastness, the demons fled the place forever, which had been sanctified by his deed of voluntary martyrdom.

Fourteen years before his death, Saint Alypius was no longer able to stand. He was compelled to lie on his side because of the weakness of his legs, and endured grievous sufferings with humble gratitude. Around the saint's pillar two monasteries sprang up: a men's monastery on the one side, and a women's monastery on the other. Saint Alypius introduced strict monastic rules for both monasteries and he directed both monasteries until his death. Saint Alypius reposed in the year 640, at age 118. The body of the venerable stylite was buried in the church he founded in honor of the holy Martyr Euphemia. The relics of the saint of God healed many of those who came in faith.

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

Service Schedule for the week of November 26

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

Saturday December 2 – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

Sunday December 3 – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Weekly Giving

November 19 – 52 adults, 9 youth, \$4,960

Parish Announcements

Remember to partake in the Sacraments of Confession and Communion prior to the Nativity. If you need to schedule a particular time for Confession please contact Father Volodymyr. There is a sheet on the table across from the candle desk about preparation for Holy Confession.

The Senior R Club is sponsoring a Seminarian family from St. Herman's Seminary in Alaska for the St. Nicholas Christmas Gift Project. Instead of gift tags we will collect money to purchase Walmart and Amazon gift cards, which are easier to transport to Alaska. ***Please support the Club with your donation. As you know, Seminarian families struggle to make ends meet while attending Seminary; the families we have supported in the past truly appreciate receiving Christmas gifts from our parish. A collection plate is in the back of the church; the last collection date is today. Thank you!***

The Sunday School children will decorate the Christmas tree in Daria Hall during coffee hour next Sunday December 3, and the Christmas Yolka will be held on Sunday December 10 during coffee hour.

Don't forget our next upcoming event is the Bake Sale on Saturday December 16. We need baked goods, especially cookies, dropped off in Daria Hall no later than 1 PM on Friday December 15 so cookie trays can be assembled. You may bring your cookies early and put them in the Daria Hall Coat Room freezer – please mark the contents, especially if there are nuts in the baked goods. Any questions contact Nina Laushell or Darice Keyes.

We will have a Christmas Eve Supper once again this year on Sunday, December 24 at 5:00 PM in Daria Hall. *Due to the Supper, we will not have Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy.* There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. Please bring a Lenten dish to share (estimate 20-25 people). The Supper will be followed by Great Compline services in the church at 7:00 PM.