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Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross / St. Eumenius, Bishop of Gortyna

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Troparion – Tone 5

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion – Tone 1

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 – Tone 4

We have thee as a friend and helper, gracious advocate Eumenius: for compassion flowed from thee and thou pourest forth healings on the Church.// Protect those who honor thee.

Kontakion – Tone 5

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man,// and we cry to Thee: “O Lord, save us!”

Kontakion – Tone 2

Radiant with divine light, O blessed one, illumine us who lovingly praise thy precious and glorious passing; O Hierarch Father Eumenius// unceasingly intercede for us all.

Kontakion – Tone 4

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!

Prokeimenon – Tone 7

Extol the Lord our God: / worship at His footstool for He is holy!

V. The Lord reigns, let the people tremble!

Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross

From September 15 until the Leavetaking, we sing "O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O son of God crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia" at weekday Liturgies following the Little Entrance.

St. Eumenius, Bishop of Gortyna

Saint Eumenius from the time of his youth was noted for his virtuous life. He strove to serve the One God and therefore he shunned worldly temptations. Concerned for the salvation of his soul, he distributed all his substance to the poor.

By the blessing of God Saint Eumenius was chosen as Bishop of Gortyna on the island of Crete. The saint, like a compassionate father, comforted his flock in their sorrows, and cared for the orphaned and indigent. His prayers were so strong before God that once, during a drought, he called forth abundant rain upon the earth.

Saint Eumenius wisely and zealously defended the Orthodox Faith against the Monophysite heresy. For his opposition to the heresy the saint was banished to the Thebaid, where he died in the seventh century. His body was then transferred and buried in Gortyna.

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make 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 lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand. But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.'" But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand

and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Service Schedule for the week of September 18

Sunday September 118– 9:45 AM Hours; 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed Coffee Hour in Daria Hall. Starting today, Sunday School children should be escorted to Daria Hall after Communion for class.

Saturday September 24 – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

Sunday September 25 – 9:45 AM Hours; 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by the Parish Picnic at the church picnic grounds.

Holy Day Service Schedule for 2022

November 21 – ENTRY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN THE TEMPLE 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

December – to be announced

Weekly Giving

September 11 – 54 adults, 12 youth, \$3,565

Parish Announcements

Sunday School begins today. Children should be escorted to Daria Hall after Communion for class.

There will be a FOCA meeting today during Coffee Hour.

There will be a Parish Council meeting on Tuesday September 20 at 7:00 PM in the church basement.

The Ladies Altar Society will be holding a Rummage Sale in Daria Hall on Saturday November 5 for the public and Sunday November 6 for our parish. Please bring items to Daria Hall and put them on the stage no later than October 30.

Photos from Fr. Paul's Centennial Celebration: With gratitude to Nancy Mitsos, our talented Parish website manager, and Nina Shafran, who combed through hundreds of photos from various sources, the slideshow of photos taken in church and Daria Hall on July 2nd is complete! If you haven't already done so, go to the Parish webpage (saintvladimir.org) and scroll down to see view the slideshow. All who attended the luncheon will find themselves in at least one photo, and others might find themselves in photos taken in church. A PDF of the beautiful Program Booklet is also available at the webpage, plus links to the OCA and Seminary write-ups. As a bonus, the "Retrospective" slideshow that was presented during the luncheon is there as well. It includes older photographs of various events in the life of Fr. Paul and his ministry to the Church, including some with founders and other stalwarts of the parish from years ago. **Photo credits:** Irakli and Marina Chikhladze, Nancy Mitsos, Vera Pschenyczny, Nina Schmidt, and Nina Shafran. Many thanks, especially Irakli and Marina who worked tirelessly to capture special moments throughout the day.

St. Tikhon Seminary has asked parishes to have a special collection for the next few weeks to collect funds to help offset the cost of the newly constructed addition to the Monastery building for the monks. We will collect all donations and send one check to St. Tikhon's, so if you will be donating by check please make it payable to St Vladimir Orthodox Church. Thank you for your generosity.

The Annual Parish Picnic will be held at the parish picnic grounds next Sunday September 25 after Divine Liturgy. As usual, the church will provide the meats (roasted pig, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs) and we ask those attending to bring other needed items. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the church – please sign up to let us know what you can bring. **Cleaning and set up will take place on Saturday September 24 starting 9:30 AM.** Thank you!

Last week we announced the beginning of on-line giving! The announcement is at the end of the Bulletin again this week. Please remember this is an easy way to consistently make your donations to the church! If you have questions please see a member of the Parish Council.

The annual Turkey Social (Bingo) will be held in Daria Hall on Sunday November 13 after Divine Liturgy. Sheets will soon be available on the tables in Daria Hall indicating what donations will be needed. As usual, we will need volunteers – please let Nina or Darice know if you can help!

Youth and adults of the parish are invited to Bible Study classes during Coffee Hour. The classes are taught by Alan Berck.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Have a blessed birthday and may God grant you many years!

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE – Coffee Hour Preparation Instructions are available in the Daria Hall kitchen

Sept. 18 Ekaterina & Stanislav Uritsky, Nancy Mitsos
Sept. 25 ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC – no Coffee Hour
Oct. 2 Gebrekvistas Amleset, Alla Strauss
Oct. 9 Bill & Margie DiCicco, Chris Kasmer, Nina Laushell
Oct. 16 Ramazi Shubitidze, Herman Meyer, Francine Brady
Oct. 23 Alex Godun, Awet Tesfa
Oct. 30 Phyllis Eck, Darice Keyes
Nov. 6 Paula & Ludwig Koerte, Awet Tesfa
Nov. 13 TURKEY SOCIAL – no Coffee Hour
Nov. 20 **FAST DAY** Alex & Brittani Brasowski, Darice Keyes
Nov. 27 **FAST DAY** Germain & Tahara Ortiz, Nina Laushell
Dec. 4 **FAST DAY** Paul Denko, Francine Brady, Herman Meyer
Dec. 11 **FAST DAY** Olga & James Bates, Alla Strauss
Dec. 18 **FAST DAY** Father Volodymyr & Matushka Oksana, Darice Keyes
Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS – no Coffee Hour
Jan. 1 Matthew & Kris Bohush, Awet Tesfa

ON-LINE GIVING

We have exciting news! St. Vladimir Orthodox Church is now offering our parishioners and friends of the parish online giving services through our website!

We are providing this option in addition to the traditional envelope, cash, or check donations. Of course, you may still donate to the church through these traditional methods, but now you also have the option to set up recurring or one-time donations online with a credit/debit card or electronic check. This program is beneficial so that you do not need to worry about remembering your donation envelope or donation every Sunday!

To give on-line through our new platform, visit our website: saintvladimir.org. Scroll down the home page and in the Donation section there are two blue buttons. The LEARN HOW button takes you to a tutorial about the online giving process. The PLEASE DONATE! button gives you the "Give Now" or "Sign In" selection at the top of the page under the heading.

"Give Now" is for a one-time donation.

"Sign In" is where you set up your account, and the system takes care of donating for you with the recurring donation option. To set up your account, scroll towards the bottom of the screen and click on the blue "Create One" – this is where you enter your information. You do not need to re-enter your information if you need to change anything in your account. If you need to make a change after your account is set up, you simply log in to your account by entering your email address and the password you previously created.

The ParishSoft system will credit your account with every online donation you make! Year-end financial statements will still be available regardless of how you choose to donate to the church.

We are very pleased that our new ParishSoft Accounting System has made this electronic option available to our parish! Members of the Parish Council are available to answer any of your questions.