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Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross / Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius, and Dorymedon of Synnada September 19, 2021

Troparion – Tone 4

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen,// granting the world great mercy!”

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 8

God praised in Trinity has glorified a trinity of Martyrs: Trophímus, Sabbátius, and Dorýmedon. By their faith, they overthrew the adversary.// Through their prayers, O Christ our God, have mercy on us!

Kontakion – Tone 4

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master,// He has risen on the third day!

Kontakion – Tone 8

As the foundation of athletes and the confirmation of piety, the Church honors and glorifies thy brilliant suffering, wise and glorious Trophímus, ever-praised and blessed athlete.// Together with thy fellow sufferers, ask cleansing for those who hymn thee, for thou art invincible.

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!

Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius, and Dorymedon of Synnada

The Holy Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius and Dorymedon suffered for Christ during the reign of the Roman emperor Probus (276-282). A pagan festival was being celebrated in the city of Antioch. Sacrificial offerings were brought, the wine was poured, and vile acts were performed. The Christians Trophimus and Sabbatius arrived in the city just as the festival was taking place, and were saddened by this loud and indecent spectacle. They prayed that the Lord would guide the errant on the way of salvation. As they said this, the idolaters noticed their presence. Seeing that the strangers did not worship the idols, they arrested them and took them to the governor.

At their interrogation, the saints firmly confessed their faith. When they were told to renounce Christ, they resolutely refused to do so. Saint Sabbatius died under the fierce torment. Saint Trophimus was sent to the city of Synnada in Phrygia for even more terrible tortures.

For three days Saint Trophimus walked shod in iron sandals with sharp nails, driven on by a cavalry guard. The governor of Frigius, Dionysius, infamous as a torturer and executioner, used all manner of tortures to break the will of the brave Christian. Saint Trophimus merely repeated the words of Scripture: “many afflictions has the righteous one, but from them all will the Lord deliver him” (Ps 33/34:20).

The senator Dorymedon, a secret Christian, visited Saint Trophimus in prison, washing and binding his wounds. When the pagans learned that the senator would not participate in the festival of Castor and Pollux, they asked the reason for his refusal. He said that he was a Christian, and would not attend a festival in honor of the demons. He and Saint Trophimus were thrown to the wild beasts to be eaten by them, but the martyrs remained unharmed. Then they were beheaded with the sword.

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: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love. I urge you, brethren – you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints – that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men. The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. The salutation with my own hand – Paul’s. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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 21:33-42

Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one,

and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?" They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

Service Schedule for the week of September 12

Today – 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by the annual Parish Picnic at the church picnic grounds.

Saturday September 25 – 5:00 PM Vespers followed by Confession

Sunday September 26 – 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

Weekly Giving

September 12 – 58 adults, 15 youth, \$3,926

Parish Announcements

There is no Coffee Hour today. Please join us after Divine Liturgy for the annual Parish Picnic at the church picnic grounds. 945 Rt. 33, Hamilton, NJ (between Brothers Pizza and the Nissan dealership).

There will be a FOCA Club meeting next Sunday, Sept. 26, in Daria Hall during Coffee Hour.

Sunday School for upper level students (ages 9+) will begin next Sunday September 26. Mrs. Mihaela Milosav will be instructing this class. Students will go to Daria Hall directly after Holy Communion, then join their parents at Coffee Hour when class is over. There is NO primary class at this time – more information about the primary class in the future.

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

Sept. 19 ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC – NO COFFEE HOUR

Sept. 26 Father & Matushka

Oct. 3 Olga & James Bates

Oct. 10 Bill & Margie DiCicco

Oct. 17 Alex Godun

Oct. 24 Chris Kasmer

Oct. 31 Paula Koerte

Nov. 7 Alex & Brittani Brasowski

Nov. 14 TURKEY SOCIAL – NO COFFEE HOUR

Nov. 21 **FAST DAY** Germain & Tahara Ortiz

Nov. 28 **FAST DAY** Darice Keyes

Dec. 5 **FAST DAY** Lynne Sheedy

Dec. 12 **FAST DAY** Blake & Jessica Kilgore

Dec. 19 **FAST DAY** Sunday School Children

Dec. 26 Phyllis Eck

Jan. 2 Sophie Dumas (*moved from Dec. 19*)

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.