

**VENERABLE EUTHYMIUS THE NEW  
OF THESSALONICA, AND MONK OF MT. ATHOS  
October 15**

St. Euthymius in the world was named Nicetas, and he was a native of Ancyra in Galatia. His parents, Epiphanius and Anna, led virtuous Christian lives, and from childhood their son was meek, pious and obedient. At age 7 he was left fatherless, and he soon became the sole support of his mother in all matters. Having entered military service, Nicetas married, on the insistence of his mother. After the birth of a daughter, he secretly left home in order to enter a monastery. For fifteen years the venerable Euthymius lived the ascetic life on Mount Olympus, where he learned monastic deeds from the Elders.

The monk went to resettle on Mount Athos. On the way he learned that his mother and wife were in good health. He informed them that he had become a monk, and he sent them a cross, calling on them to follow his example. On Mt. Athos he was tonsured into the Great Schema and lived for three years in a cave in total silence, struggling with temptations. St. Euthymius also lived for a long time as a stylite, not far from Thessalonica, instructing those coming to him for advice and healing the sick.

The monk cleansed his mind and heart to such an extent that he was granted divine visions and revelations. At the command of the Lord, St. Euthymius founded two monasteries in 863 on Mount Peristeros, not far from Thessalonica, which he guided for 14 years, with the rank of deacon. In one of these his wife and mother received monastic tonsure. Before his death he settled on Hiera, an island of Mt. Athos, where he reposed in 898. His relics were transferred to Thessalonica. St. Euthymius is called “the New” to distinguish him from St. Euthymius the Great (January 20).

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## ***NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

***Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council***

***Ven. Euthymius the New, of Thessalonica, Monk of Mt. Athos;***

***Martyr Lucian, Presbyter of Antioch; St. John, Bishop of Suzdal';***

***Hieromartyr Lucian, Presbyter of the Kiev Caves;***

***Martyrs Sarbelius and Bebaia of Edessa; St. Sabinus, Bishop of Catania***

“Most glorious are You, O Christ our God! You have established the Holy Fathers as lights on the earth! Through them You have guided us to the true faith! O greatly Compassionate One, glory to You!”

Troparion, Tone VIII

“Though you yourself passed through many a storm without getting wet, the stream of your tears drowned all the bodiless foes who assailed you, O venerable and wise Euthymius. By the gift of wonders you received from on high, you were able to heal sufferings of every kind. Pray without ceasing for us all.”

Kondakion, Tone II

TODAY'S EPISTLE: II CORINTHIANS 11:31-12:9  
HEBREWS 13:7-16

TODAY'S GOSPEL: LUKE 8:5-15  
JOHN 17:1-13

### **HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:**

Saturday, October 21      4:00 p.m. 40-Day Memorial Service for William Saunders  
5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

### **Daily Scripture Readings**

Monday, October 16	Philippians 2:12-16	Luke 9:18-22
Tuesday, October 17	Philippians 2:17-23	Luke 9:23-27
Wednesday, October 18	Colossians 4:5-9,14,18	Luke 10:16-21
Thursday, October 19	Philippians 2:24-30	Luke 9:44-50
	Philippians 3:1-8	Luke 9:49-56
Friday, October 20	Philippians 3:8-19	Luke 10:1-15
Saturday, October 21	II Corinthians 1:8-11	Luke 7:1-10
(Departed)	I Thessalonians 4:13-17	John 5:24-30

**COMING EVENTS**

**OCTOBER:**

22, Sunday Donations of baskets for Auction are due  
23, Monday 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting  
29, Sunday HTOC Parish Meeting

**NOVEMBER:**

5, Sunday Noon HTOC Annual Meatloaf Dinner and Basket Auction  
13, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Fr. Alexander will be away until October 20. If a pastoral need arises, you can call Fr. John Memorich (office: 440-526-5192; cell: 216-548-8757).

**ANNUAL MEETING:**

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place Sunday, Oct. 29, in the Fellowship Hall after the Divine Liturgy. A packet with the Agenda and some of the reports, including Financial Reports, is available in the church. Please take one copy per family. Also, copies of the proposed Parish Bylaws are available. These documents are made available so that parishioners can become familiar and be prepared for the Parish Meeting. Among other important items on the Agenda is the proposed sale of the Rectory to Fr. Alexander.

**MEATLOAF DINNER & BASKET AUCTION:**

On Sunday, November 5, at noon, we will have our annual Meatloaf Dinner to benefit the monthly meals we provide to St. Herman's House.

There will also be a Basket Auction. If you can sponsor a basket, it is due on Oct. 22 and will be on display at our Parish Meeting. We can also use donations of gift cards (any amount) for Giant Eagle, Cinemark, Marc's, or local restaurants.

**TRINITARIAN COVERS:**

The covers today are offered by Chris Garik.

**PROPOSED PARISH BYLAWS:**

At the Annual Parish Meeting on Oct. 29, we plan to adopt a new set of Bylaws. An initial draft was presented at last year's Parish Meeting, at which it was decided some additions and corrections were necessary. Parish Council has made those changes; and copies are available to prepare parishioners for the Annual Meeting (one per family please).

**THANK YOU:**

We have received a nice "Thank You" from Seminarian Aaron Rutz. It is posted on the "Message Center" bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

**BOOK CIRCLE:**

The St. Elizabeth Book Circle will meet Monday, November 13, at 12:30 p.m. We are preparing for Nativity by reading The Winter Pascha by Fr. Thomas Hopko, pages 9-75. Books will be available soon at La Coupole.

**ST. LUKE CHURCH 15th ANNIVERSARY:**

All are invited to the Anniversary Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, Oct. 21; 6:00 p.m. Details are in the Fellowship Hall.

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP:**

A Bereavement Group will be meeting for the next several months on Wednesdays at St. Paul's Church; 4548 Wallings Rd. in North Royalton; 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Lord, teach me to bestow charity willingly, kindly and joyfully,  
and to believe that by bestowing it I do not lose but gain infinitely more than that which I give.

Turn my eyes away from hard-hearted people who do not sympathize with the poor,  
who meet poverty with indifference and with shameful names and weaken my heart so that I do not do  
good, so that I, too, may harden my heart against poverty.

O, my Lord, how many such people we meet.

Lord, grant that every charity I bestow may be profitable and may not do harm.

St. John of Kronstadt

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**THE SAINTS AMONG US -**  
**ST. LONGINUS THE CENTURION**

*“On beholding the heavens in great darkness, and the earth quaking, and the rocks rent asunder, and the veil of the Temple rent in two at the time of the divine Passion of Christ, the centurion recognized Him as the Son of God, suffering because of His compassion, though He is impassable in His Divinity and glory, upholding and preserving all creation with the Father and the Holy Spirit as the very God and King. Wherefore, with joy Longinus cried out: O Christ, You are my foundation and might.”*

*(from the Matins Service to St. Longinus)*

On the large icon depicting the Crucifixion of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, are four people, two each on either side of the Cross. On Christ's right are His Mother Mary and St. Mary Magdalene. On the other side are St. John the Apostle and St. Longinus, the centurion who was in command of the Roman soldiers who were charged with taking Jesus Christ to Golgotha to be crucified. With a group of soldiers guarding the scene, Longinus remained there for the several hours while Christ hung on the Cross. The Gospels of Sts. Matthew, Mark and Luke have descriptions of the centurion who was so moved by the sight of the suffering and dying Jesus that he experienced a profound transformation. “When the centurion, who stood facing Him, saw that Jesus breathed His last, he said, ‘Truly this man was the Son of God!’” (Mark 15:39) That account is absent in the Gospel of St. John, although there is the story of the soldier who pierced Christ's side, from which poured out “blood and water.” Some scholars postulate that this soldier was in fact Longinus, but this theoretical conclusion is open to debate.

While three Evangelists all agree on the fact that a centurion was at the site of the Lord's crucifixion and that he came to acknowledge the divinity of Christ, they neither indicate nor hint of any proper name for this Roman soldier. Likewise no names are given for either of the two thieves crucified along with Jesus. It is not until the fourth century, in a fascinating document that is called the Gospel of Nicodemus, that we find the centurion's name, Longinus. It is in the same document that the names of the two crucified thieves are given; the “wise” or “repentant” thief is Dysmas, and the other is called Gestas.

In the Eastern Orthodox tradition, Longinus' life became the subject of an expanded narrative. Following the Resurrection, together with Christ's disciples, he was a Christian missionary in Cappadocia, a region of Asia Minor. Like the Apostles and other early Christian saints, his faith brought him to martyrdom. Years later, his relics became the source of miraculous healings, and there are several places where portions of those remain to this day, including Prague, Jerusalem and the Vatican. Miracles from his relics prompted a wider veneration of St. Longinus, and an entire liturgical service was compiled in his honor to be sung on his October 16 feast day. Perhaps most significant for us is that St. Longinus represents how in the course of our life encountering Christ on the Cross can have a profound and miraculous effect.

*Fr. Alexander Garklaus*