

VENERABLE EUPHROSYNE OF ALEXANDRIA

Our venerable Mother Euphrosyne was born at the beginning of the fifth century in the city of Alexandria. She was the only child of illustrious and wealthy parents. When she was twelve years old, her mother reposed; and so the girl was raised by her father, Paphnutios, who was a very devout Christian. He was in the habit of visiting a certain monastery, where the igumen was his spiritual father.

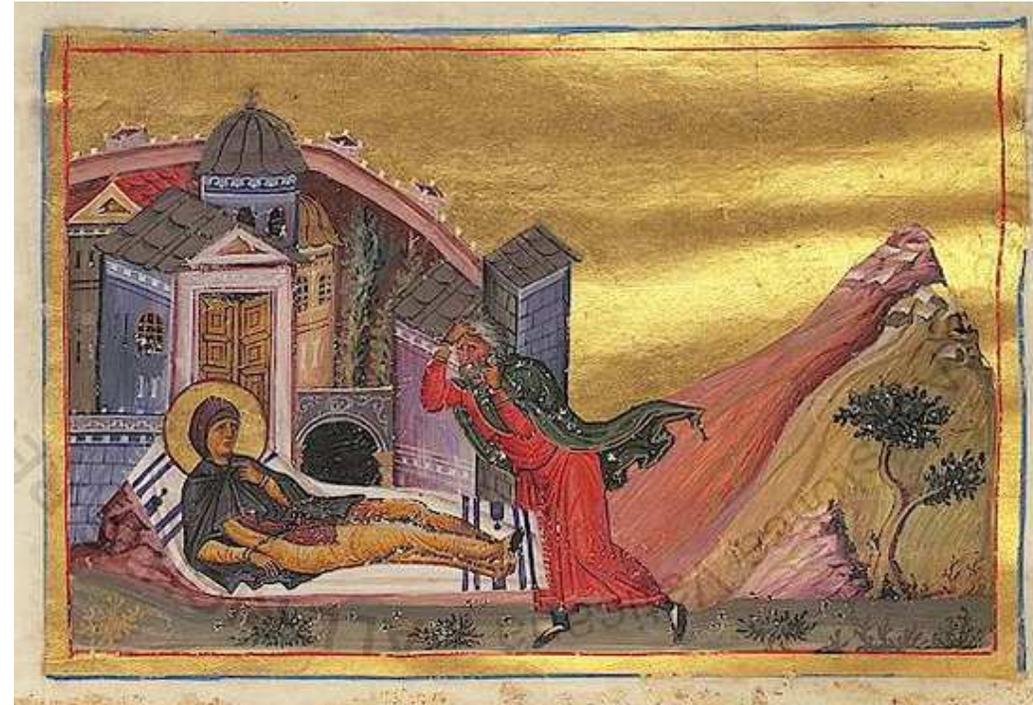
When Euphrosyne turned eighteen, her father wanted her to marry. He went to the monastery to obtain the igumen's blessing for his daughter's wedding. The igumen talked with her and gave his blessing, but Euphrosyne longed for the monastic life. One day she gave away her possessions to the poor and snuck out of the house.

She had decided to enter a monastery to spend her life in solitude and prayer, but she was afraid her father was apt to find her in a women's monastery. Therefore, she disguised herself as a man and entered the monastery she had visited since childhood, call herself Smaragdos. The monks were impressed by her spiritual struggles and her willingness to serve everyone.

There in a solitary cell, St. Euphrosyne spent 38 years in spiritual endeavors, fasting and prayer, thereby attaining a high level of spiritual accomplishment.

Paphnutios was deeply saddened by the loss of his beloved daughter; more than once, on the advice of his spiritual father, he spoke to the "monk" Smaragdos, disclosing his grief and receiving spiritual comfort. Before her death, St. Euphrosyne revealed her secret to her grieving parent and insisted that no one but he should prepare her body for burial. After he buried her, he gave all his wealth to the poor and to the monastery, and then he was tonsured. For 10 years, until the time of his own death, he labored in his daughter's cell.

Both St. Paphnutios and his daughter St. Euphrosyne are commemorated today.



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Vespers on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

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SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ven. Euphrosyne of Alexandria;
Martyr Paphnutius and 546 companions in Egypt; Ven. Euphrosyne of Suzdal';
Repose of Ven. Sergius, Abbot and Wonderworker of Rádonezh and All Russia;
Translation of the Relics of St. Herman, Archbishop of Kazan';
New Martyr Aleksy Voróshin, Fool-for-Christ

“You concealed your womanliness in asceticism, and at your repose everyone was amazed, O Euphrosyne. As a young girl, you toiled like a man, and by your intercessions you deliver those who honor you from dangers.”

Troparion, Tone I

“Athlete of virtues, true warrior of Christ God, you struggled mightily against the passions in this temporal life; in psalmody, vigils, and fasting, you were an example to your disciples; therefore, the most Holy Spirit dwelt in you, and you were radiantly adorned by His activity. Since you possess boldness before the Holy Trinity, remember the flock which you gathered wisely, and do not forget to visit your children as you promised, O Venerable Sergius our Father.”

Troparion, Tone IV

TODAY'S EPISTLE: II CORINTHIANS 4:6-15
GALATIANS 5:22-6:2

TODAY'S GOSPEL: LUKE 5:1-11
LUKE 6:17-23

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, September 25

One Year Memorial Prayers for Marie Gaydos

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are very glad you have come to worship the Holy Trinity with us this morning! Please participate in the services at your comfort level. Our greeters will kindly assist you with whatever questions or needs you may have. The communion of Christ's Body and Blood is reserved for practicing Orthodox Christians. All are invited to come forward at the end of the service to receive the blessed bread. Please stay after the Divine Liturgy for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall so we can get to know you better!

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, September 26 (St. John the Theologian)	Galatians 4:28-5:10 I John 4:12-19	Luke 4:37-44 John 19:25-27; 21:24-25
Tuesday, September 27	Galatians 5:11-21	Luke 5:12-16
Wednesday, September 28 (St. Chariton)	Galatians 6:2-10 II Corinthians 4:6-15	Luke 5:33-39 Luke 6:17-23
Thursday, September 29	Ephesians 1:1-9	Luke 6:12-19
Friday, September 30	Ephesians 1:7-17 I Corinthians 10:23-28	Luke 6:17-23 Luke 5:17-26
Saturday, October 1	Hebrews 9:1-7	Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

SEPTEMBER:

26, Monday Cooking for St. Herman's House
28, Wednesday Delivering dinner to St. Herman's House
6:00 p.m. Preparing Church School classrooms

OCTOBER:

1, Saturday Enthronement of Bishop Daniel
2, Sunday Opening Day of Church School; Ice Cream Social
9, Sunday Meatloaf Luncheon to benefit St. Herman's House
13, Thursday 7:00 p.m. EOWG 60th Anniversary Banquet at St. Sava's
24, Monday 6:00 p.m. IOCC Wine Tasting and Dinner at Woodside

EASTERN ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GUILD:

This is EOWG's 60th Anniversary year. Their banquet will be October 13, 7:00 p.m., at St. Sava Cathedral on Broadview Rd. Adult tickets are \$25. See Joanne Stoyka. Details are posted in the Hall.

100th ANNIVERSARY:

November 5-6 is the 100th Anniversary Memorial Weekend for Archangel Michael Church! Metropolitan Tikhon and Bishop Daniel will come to celebrate. Plan to participate in the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy on Saturday, Nov. 5, 9:30 a.m. A Grand Banquet will follow at 1:00 p.m. To RSVP for the banquet and for further details, visit the Archangel Michael Church website.

COFFEE HOUR:

Our refreshments today are hosted by John Gaydos in blessed memory of Marie Gaydos.

ST. HERMAN'S MEATLOAF LUNCHEON:

Meatloaf Luncheon tickets are available in the Fellowship Hall after Liturgy today and Oct. 5. Tickets are \$15 for ages 12 and older; no charge for those ages 11 and younger. Church School students and teachers will be served directly after Liturgy. Others will be served after classes begin. Carry-outs will be available and can be picked up after the Liturgy. Contact Judy Howe for tickets and with questions: 216-741-1448.

If you'd like to donate a completed themed basket for the Basket Raffle or offer new items or gift cards to be used in a basket, today is the deadline. See or contact Dianna Kall, 216-741-2888.

FLOWERS:

Today's flowers are offered by Judy Howe. The flower sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. Flowers are \$15, and payment should be made to Mary Ann Schmidt or Nancy Scardon.

WINE TASTING TO BENEFIT IOCC

Monday, October 24, 2022

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

*Enjoy a four-course dinner with wine pairings, basket raffle, and cash bar.
And learn how your gifts help families in need around the world.*

St. Michael's Woodside Event Center; 5025 Mill Road in Broadview Hts.
Tickets are \$60; See our HTOC representative Diane Hastings.

Or mail a donation for IOCC to Julie Hall; PO Box 560185; Macedonia, OH 44056

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, 9/18/2022	\$ 2981.00
BUILDING FUND	405.00
CANDLES	192.00
CHURCH SCHOOL DONATIONS	110.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS, ROOF REPAIRS	275.00
SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE	387.50
COFFEE HOUR, 9/11/22	76.00

SACRIFICE AS MEAL

I've been reading through a new book by Archimandrite Jeremy Davis titled "Welcoming Gifts: Sacrifice in the Bible and Christian Life." He's got me thinking twice about how I use the word "sacrifice." In our modern world we most often equate "sacrifice" with suffering for the good of something or someone else, or violence (often unto death) committed against an innocent victim. But sacrifice in the Bible and the ancient world meant something quite different. Not all sacrifices were animals. And killing an animal for a sacrifice was not the focus of the ritual, only the preparatory act. At its core, a sacrifice, instead, was food; and more than that, a meal shared with God, and by extension with others also.

"[A] table suggests a shared meal, set out for many to partake together. Indeed, the food offered at the tabernacle was consumed not just by the Lord but also by the worshipers gathered around His altar. The altar served as the Lord's head table (so to speak), at which He presided over a feast shared with His ministers and worshipers.

Only in the whole-burnt offering was all the animal's meat burned on the altar. In other types of Jewish sacrifice, only part of the offered meat (or cereal) was burned for the Lord...the remainder was distributed to human participants. After a sin offering or cereal offering, the remaining food was eaten by the priests (Lev. 6:14-29). At a peace offering, only specified parts were eaten by the priests (Lev. 7:14,28-36); the rest was returned to the offerer to be eaten by him and his companions within a day or two of the sacrifice (Lev. 7:15-21).

Consequently, from Genesis through the early Church Fathers, sacrifice was associated with table fellowship."

[Davis, Jeremy. Welcoming Gifts: Sacrifice in the Bible and Christian Life (p.49). Ancient Faith Publishing]

Instead of suffering, sacrifice is about communion and companionship (in the literal sense of the word a companion is one I eat bread with). Sacrifice is about wanting to build a relationship with God as the faithful offer Him hospitality and their finest portions.

With the advent of Christ, the Eucharist is the greatest sacrifice we offer as Christians. In faith, we offer a meal of bread and wine to the Lord, our bloodless sacrifice. The Lord receives that offering as our pledge to follow after Christ and as our participation in Christ's "one sacrifice for sins for all time" (Hebrews 10:12). In turn, the Lord sends down the Holy Spirit on us, and we are fed with the very life of Christ. Intimacy and union with God and our brothers and sisters is attained by grace.

When we come to the Liturgy, we experience reciprocal acts of love. There is our seeking of deeper fellowship with God through the offering, and simultaneously there is the Lord's invitation to feast at His table. We dine with Him and our brothers and sisters who are with us, and also mystically with our brothers and sisters who have gone before us, and those throughout the world who also come to dine with Him at His table.

Am I anticipating this table fellowship when I leave my house for church on Sunday, or am I distracted or even a bit ambivalent about coming to Liturgy at times? With all life's distractions, how can I with an expectant heart prepare again to approach the tender-hearted God and participate in the greatest sacrifice and meal ever known?

Fr. Christopher Moore

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OCTOBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 The Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos Enthronement of Bishop Daniel
2 16th Sunday after Pentecost Hieromartyr Cyprian First Day of Church School	3	4	5	6	7	8 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
9 17th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Apostle James Meatloaf Luncheon	10	11	12	13 7:00 p.m. EOWG 60th Anniversary Banquet	14	15 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; General Confession
16 18th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council	17	18	19	20	21	22 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
23 19th Sunday after Pentecost Holy Apostle James, brother of the Lord	24 Cooking for St. Herman's House 6:00 p.m. IOCC Wine Tasting and Dinner	25	26 Delivering dinner to St. Herman's House	27	28	29 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; General Confession
30 20th Sunday after Pentecost Hieromartyr Zenobius Annual Parish meeting	31					