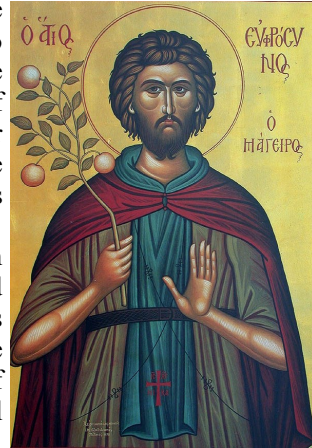


Saint Euphrosynus the Cook, of Alexandria (Sept 11)

Saint Euphrosynus the Cook was from one of the Palestinian monasteries, and his obedience was to work in the kitchen as a cook. Toiling away for the brethren, Saint Euphrosynus did not absent himself from thought about God, but rather dwelt in prayer and fasting. He remembered always that obedience is the first duty of a monk, and therefore he was obedient to the elder brethren.

The patience of the saint was amazing: they often reproached him, but he made no complaint and endured every unpleasantness. Saint Euphrosynus pleased the Lord by his inner virtue which he concealed from people, and the Lord Himself revealed to the monastic brethren the spiritual heights of their unassuming fellow-monk.



One of the priests of the monastery prayed and asked the Lord to show him the blessings prepared for the righteous in the age to come. The priest saw in a dream what Paradise is like, and he contemplated its inexplicable beauty with fear and with joy. He also saw there a monk of his monastery, the cook Euphrosynus. Amazed at this encounter, the presbyter asked Euphrosynus, how he came to be there. The saint answered that he was in Paradise through the great mercy of God. The priest again asked whether Euphrosynus would be able to give him something from the surrounding beauty. Saint Euphrosynus suggested to the priest to take whatever he wished, and so the priest pointed to three luscious apples growing in the garden of Paradise. The monk picked the three apples, wrapped them in a cloth, and gave them to his companion.

When he awoke in the early morning, the priest thought the vision a dream, but suddenly he noticed next to him the cloth with the fruit of Paradise wrapped in it, and emitting a wondrous fragrance. The priest, found Saint Euphrosynus in church and asked him under oath where he was the night before. The saint answered that he was where the priest also was. Then the monk said that the Lord, in fulfilling the prayer of the priest, had shown him Paradise and had bestowed the fruit of Paradise through him, “the lowly and unworthy servant of God, Euphrosynus.”

The priest related everything to the monastery brethren, pointing out the spiritual loftiness of Euphrosynus in pleasing God, and he pointed to the fragrant paradisaical fruit. Deeply affected by what they heard, the monks went to the kitchen, in order to pay respect to Saint Euphrosynus, but they did not find him there. Fleeing human glory, the monk had left the monastery. The place where he concealed himself remained unknown, but the monks always remembered that their monastic brother Saint Euphrosynus had come upon Paradise, and that they in being saved, through the mercy of God would meet him there. They reverently kept and distributed pieces of the apples from Paradise for blessing and for healing.

(Text & Image from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2022/09/11/102581-saint-euphrosynus-the-cook-of-alexandria>)



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September 11, 2022

SUNDAY BEFORE THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

COMMEMORATIONS:

AFTER-FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS
THEODORA OF ALEXANDRIA
EUPHROSYNOS THE COOK
DEMETRIOS & EVANTHEA THE MARTYRS & THEIR SON
DEMETRIANOS

SERGIVS AND HERMAN OF VALAAM, FINLAND
AFTERFEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS
DEINOL THE FIRST BISHOP OF BANGOR

Tone 4 - Eothinon 2

Orthros Gospel: St. Mark 16:1-8

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

Liturgy Gospel: St. John 3:13-17

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 4 - Having learned the joyful message of the resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the disciples saying, Death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!

APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS - Tone 4 - Thy nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole universe; for from thee did shine forth the Sun of justice, Christ our God, annulling the curse, and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

TODAY: *Liturgy at Fort Washington Mission 9 a.m.*

ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.

Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.

Sunday School & Teens

Coffee Hour

Choir Rehearsal 12:45 p.m.

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Sept 18):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabi & Catalin; Rachel C.	Sdn. Justin
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	Celia-Marie – Birthday Sidorochyevs – Michael's Birthday
USHERS:	Sdn John & Todd M.	Dan M. & Bill H.
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Gabriel”	“Archangel Michael”
CLEANING TEAM:	Todd & Kristi M.; Kim B.	The Gohls & Olena M.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Sh Hannah; Tatiana; Gabe	Miriam; Conor; Jekels & Teens

Mark Your Calendar:

International Food Festival

September 16-17
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!
& INVITE family, friends,
neighbors!



Bp THOMAS Visit
Oct 28-31

✦ **Where's the Wine?** We're taking a break from the Zapifka (Russian practice of wine with the Holy Bread after Communion) due to some issues.

✦ Also... **Holy Bread Crumbs are also holy.** Please eat them and share them as carefully as possible.

✦ **Major Gifts Needed** - If you have the means, please consider a special gift to Saint Justin Academy, the Camp Scholarship Fund, the Building Expansion Fund, or the Mission Chapel Fund.

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	+Metr. Kallistos
Kh. Joyce	+AP John
Eugene & Family	+Gregory
Tadessa	+Gisele
Nicole	(September Parish)
Raymond	Diptychs)
Patrick	+Helen
Doris	+Michael
John	+Barry
John	+Helen
James	+Timothy
James	+George
Lasha B	
Otari B	
Tatiana	
Helen	
Wadieh	
Anesia	
Mary	
Mary	
Claudia	
Alexei	<u>Catechumens</u>
Barbara	Christian
Petre	Taylor
Alexandra	Christina
Herman	Peter, Sarah, Alina,
Presb. Elizabeth	William, & Elsa
Alexandra	Kate
Jonathan	Joseph & Alana
Linda	Ryan
	Zachary, Brandy,
	Nora, Gavinn,
	Lorelei, & Otto
	Taylor & Bethany
	Joanne
	Denis
	Michael
	Nicholas, Rachel,
	Luka, Lee
	David, Helen,
	Elinna

Priest Thomas, Jesse, Nathan, Hannah & all Missionaries
New & Expectant Mothers & their children
For the people of our land, our world, and their repentance, healing & unity
The 12 Baskets Full team asks for prayers for our homeless Philly friends – George, Bill, Jim, Jalil, Mark, Joel, Eric

- ✦ Our 10th International Food Festival is a few days away (Sept 16-17)!! **All parishioners, your help is needed! Invite family, friends, & neighbors.** Let's work together to make this the best Food Festival yet!
- ✦ Have you seen **our beautiful display of Gift Baskets?** To purchase your raffle tickets, see Linda Morelli, Lynn Horng, or Celia-Marie Khouri!



This Week:

- Mon, Sept 12:** Office open
- Tues, Sept 13:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.
- Wed, Sept 14:** **ELEVATION OF THE CROSS**
Festal Orthros & Procession 9 a.m.
Liturgy 10 a.m. & Fasting Potluck to follow
- Thurs, Sept 15:** Office open
- Friday, Sept 16:** International Food Festival 12-8 p.m.
Akathist 4 p.m.
- Sat, Sept 17:** International Food Festival 12-8 p.m.
Great VESPERS 4 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept 18:** ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Teens
Coffee Hour

SEPTEMBER OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Cleaning Supplies

CHALLENGE FOR 2022:

“You are the Light of the World”

ATTENDANCE: Vespers Sept 3: 47 Divine services on Sept 4: 230
Festal Vespers 9/7: 41 Festal Liturgy 9/8: 57
OFFERINGS 9/4: Candles, \$332.05. Collections, \$280. Youth, \$1.
Book Shelf Ministry, \$169. Festival, \$97.52. Pastoral Discretion, \$97.52. Stewardship, \$2,165. Total received: \$3,142.09.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:26)