

Venerable Euphrosynê of Alexandria (Sept 25)

Our venerable Mother Euphrosynê 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 Igoumen was his Spiritual Father.

When Euphrosynê turned 18, her father wanted her to marry. He went to the monastery to obtain the Igoumen's blessing for his daughter's wedding. The Igoumen talked with her and gave her his blessing, but longing for the monastic life, St Euphrosynê gave away her possessions to the poor, and then she snuck out of the house.

The Saint had decided to enter a monastery in order to spend her life in solitude and prayer, but she was afraid that her father was apt to find her in a women's monastery. Therefore, she disguised herself as a man and entered the same men's monastery which she had visited with her father from her childhood, calling herself Smaragdus. The monks did not recognize Euphrosynê dressed in men's clothes, and so they received her into the monastery. The monks were impressed by her spiritual struggles and by her willingness to serve everyone.

There in a solitary cell, St Euphrosynê 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" Smaragdus, disclosing his grief and receiving spiritual comfort. Before her death, St Euphrosynê revealed her secret to her grieving parent and insisted that no one but he should prepare her body for burial. After he buried his daughter, Paphnutios distributed all his wealth to the poor and to the monastery, and then he was tonsured. For 10 years, until the time of his own repose, he labored in his daughter's cell.

By her life, St Euphrosynê reminds us that we must renounce "worldly passions and live soberly, uprightly, and devoutly" (Titus 2:12). That is, after rejecting the desires of this vain and sinful world, we ought to live abstemiously, with justice toward our fellow human beings, and with piety toward God.

St Paphnutios and his daughter St Euphrosynê are both commemorated today, and once again on February 15.

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September 25, 2022

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

COMMEMORATIONS:

1ST SUNDAY OF LUKE
EUPHROSYNE OF ALEXANDRIA
PAPHNOUTIOS THE MARTYR & HIS 546 COMPANIONS
IN EGYPT
SYNAXIS OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS OF
EVANGELISTRIA MOCHOS
OUR RIGHTEOUS FATHER SERGIUS OF RADONEZH
FINBAR THE CONFESSOR, FIRST BISHOP OF CORK

Tone 6 - Eothinon 4
Orthros Gospel: St. Mark 16:9-20
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15
Liturgy Gospel: St. Luke 5:1-11

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 6 - When Mary stood at thy grave, looking for thy sacred Body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led'st hades captive and wast not tempted thereby; thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to thee!

APOLYTIKION OF ST. EUPHROSYNE - Tone 8 - Through thee, the divine likeness was securely preserved, O mother Euphrosyne; for thou didst carry the cross and follow Christ. By example and precept thou didst teach us to ignore the body, because it is perishable, and to attend to the concerns of the undying soul. Therefore, doth thy soul rejoice with the angels.

TODAY: ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.
Baptismal LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Teens
Coffee Hour
Parish Council
Wedding (Flaten) 12:30 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 (Oct 2):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	John Child	Kristi Moore
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
USHERS:	Steve K. & Tom A.	Sdn John & Rdr Nick Muz.
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Gabriel”	“Archangel Michael”
CLEANING TEAM:	Serge, Alex, Sarah Kaminsky	The Jekels & Teens
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Chris H; Mariya; Abraham	Calvin; Angie; Dale

Thanks to all parishioners and volunteers for your contributions of time, labor, and prayers for our 10th International Food Festival!! It was a wonderful success because of you all.



Glory to God!

✦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 possibly.

✦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 Herman
Kh. Joyce	+Metr. Kallistos
Eugene & Family	+AP John
Tadessa	+Gregory
Nicole	+Gisele
Raymond	(September Parish)
Patrick	Diptychs)
Doris	+Helen
John	+Michael
John	+Barry
James	+Helen
James	+Timothy
Lasha B	+George
Otari B	
Tatiana	
Helen	
Wadieh	
Anesia	
Mary	
Mary	
Claudia	
Alexei	
Barbara	
Petre	
Alexandra	
Herman	
Presb. Elizabeth	
Alexandra	
Jonathan	
Linda	

Catechumens

Christian
Taylor
Christina
Peter, Sarah, Alina,
William, & Elsa
Kate
Joseph & Alana
Ryan
Zachary, Brandy,
Nora, Gavinn,
Lorelei, & Otto
Taylor & Bethany
Joanne
Denis
Nicholas, Rachel,
Luka, Lee
David, Helen,
Elianna
Michael
Eván

Priest Thomas, Bill, Jesse, Nathan, Hannah & all Missionaries
 New & Expectant Mothers & their children
 For the people of our land, 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

This Week:

- Mon, Sept 26:** Office open
- Tues, Sept 27:** Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
- Wed, Sept 28:** Office open
Compline & Patristic Reading 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs, Sept 29:** ----
- Friday, Sept 30:** Office open
Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.
- Sat, Oct 1:** Catechism & Inquirer Class 5 p.m.
Great VESPERS 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct 2:** ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Teens
Coffee Hour
Women of St. Mariamne
Choir Rehearsal 12:45 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar:

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday, Oct 23, 1 p.m.

Please make every effort to attend!!

Bp THOMAS Visit

Oct 28-31

SEPTEMBER OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Cleaning Supplies

CHALLENGE FOR 2022:

“You are the Light of the World”

ATTENDANCE: Vespers Sept 17: 62 Divine services on Sept 18: 253
OFFERINGS 9/18: Candles, \$453.81. Collections, \$1,442.82. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$195.50. Camping, \$229. Classical School Fund, \$100. Mission Chapel, \$200. Needy Fund, \$45. Women's Fund, \$2,242. Stewardship, \$10,627. Total received: \$15,536.13.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!