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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2012 15th SUNDAY AFTER

PENTECOST — Tone 6. Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross.

**Sunday after Elevation. Greatmartyr Euphemia the All-praised (304).
Repose of St. Kiprián, Metropolitan of Moscow and All Russia (1406).
St. Sebastiana, disciple of St. Paul the Apostle, martyred at Heraclea
(1st c.). Martyr Melitina of Marcianopolis (2nd c.). Martyrs Victor and
Sosthenes at Chalcedon (ca. 304). Ven. Dorotheus, Hermit, of Egypt
(4th c.). Martyr Ludmila, grandmother of St. Wenceslaus (Viachesláv),
Prince of the Czechs (927). New Martyrs Isaac and Joseph of Georgia
(808).**

FIRST ANTIPHON

God, my God, attend to me! // Why hast Thou forsaken me? **Through the
prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Why art Thou so far from helping me, // from the words of my groaning?
Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

O my God, I cry by day, but Thou dost not answer; // and by night, but find
no rest.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Thou dwellest in the sanctuary, // the praise of Israel.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and
unto ages of ages. Amen.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

SECOND ANTIPHON

O God, why dost Thou cast us off forever?

O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee!

Alleluia!

Remember Thy congregation, // which Thou hast gotten of old. **O Son of**

God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee! Alleluia!

Remember Mount Zion, // where Thou hast dwelt.

**O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee!
Alleluia!**

God is our King before the ages; // He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth.

**O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee!
Alleluia!**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change became man and wast crucified, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

(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!

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth quake!

(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!

The Lord is great in Zion; He is exalted over all peoples!

(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!

Bow down in worship to the Lord in His holy court.

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TROPARIA

(Tone 6) The angelic powers were at Thy tomb the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure Body. Thou didst capture hell, not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord who didst rise from the dead: glory to Thee!

(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!

(Tone 4) Your lamb Euphemia calls out to You, O Jesus, in a loud voice: “I love you, my Bridegroom, and in seeking You I endure suffering. In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in You, and I died so that I might live with You. Accept me as a pure sacrifice for I have offered myself in love.” Through her prayers save our souls, since You are merciful.

(Tone 4) In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, a model of meekness, and teacher of abstinence, so you won the heights by humility, and riches by poverty, O Holy Father Nicholas, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

KONTAKION

(Tone 4) As Thou wast voluntarily crucified for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Thy name; 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.

INSTEAD OF “HOLY GOD...”

Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy holy Resurrection, we glorify!

The Prokeimenon in the Seventh Tone: Extol the Lord our God; / worship at His footstool for it is holy!

v. **The Lord reigns; let the people tremble!**

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE GALATIANS (2:16-20)

Brethren: We ourselves who know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove 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 who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v: *Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased of old.*

v: **God is our King before the ages; He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.**

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST MARK (8:34-9:1)

And Jesus called to Him the multitude with His disciples, and said to them, “If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? 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.”

COMMUNION HYMN

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

September 16 is the feast day of a princess of Bohemia, part of what is now the Czech Republic. She is the Holy Martyr Ludmilla.

She and her husband, a Czech prince, were both baptized in about 871 by Saint Methodius, one of the two great evangelists--the other is Saint Cyril--who together are known as the Enlighteners of the Slavic Peoples. As new Christians instructed and inspired by those two great men, Ludmilla and her husband enthusiastically built the first Christian church in Bohemia, near Prague. They built other churches as well, provided for clergy to serve in them, and supported the spread of the faith among their people in every way they could. Pagan opposition was so strong that for a while the couple had to leave the country, but when they returned they continued their work.

Ludmilla was widowed quite early in life; her husband was in his thirties when he died. After this, their son married a woman named Dragomira who was happy to have a royal husband, but whose Christianity was only a

façade; she secretly kept her pagan beliefs and customs.

Ludmilla took most of the responsibility for raising the young couple's child, her grandson, whose name in Czech was Vatslav but who is better known as Wenceslas. She brought him up as a devout Christian, and strongly influenced his attitudes. He is the one so admiringly described in the Christmas carol as caring for the poor by taking food to them on a bitterly cold night, and being concerned for the young page who accompanied him.

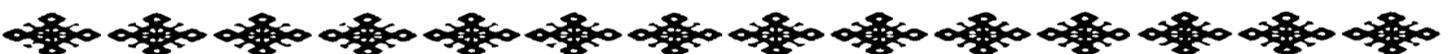
Dragomira was not pleased with Ludmilla's authority over her son. When her husband died, she became regent for the young and inexperienced Wenceslas, who took the throne in 921. That was her chance, and she took it, encouraging pagan customs in the court and among the people. Her hatred of Ludmilla became so overwhelming that, even though the older woman had moved to a distant town, she wanted to destroy every vestige of her influence. She sent seasoned assassins to murder Ludmilla, and they did their deadly work.

Her loving grandson Wenceslas placed her body in the Church of Saint George in Prague. Ludmilla and Wenceslas, who was later killed by his own brother, are both martyred saints of the Church.

On this day we read 2 Corinthians 4: 6-15. Here Saint Paul describes the many kinds of suffering he has undergone without ever having been undone by them. He writes of being "afflicted but not crushed, perplexed but not despairing, persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed." Paul adds, "For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake."

Saint Ludmilla was one who was "always being given up to death for Jesus' sake" because the forces of paganism constantly stalked her and her family, ready to kill them. But she never wavered, and she would say with Paul, "We do not lose heart" (4:1).

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

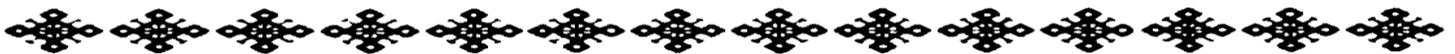
Mary Popoff Alex & Magda Popoff
Happy 15th Birthday Joe Neely..... Dad, Mom & Sarah
Fr. James, Fr. Lawrence, Deacon Anthony, David, Anna, Diane, Helen, Reggie,
Bosa, Allen & Deborah, Christine, Elaine, Walter, John & Gloria, Jeanette,
Michael, Ted & Marlene, Linda, Fr. David, Gladys, Emil, My friends & family..... J. Tome
Happy 24th Anniversary & God's Blessings Tom & Nancy Krigner..... Mom, Bob & Rich
Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Carol Smith, My grandson, Mark Zambito Anne Smith
Happy Birthday & God's Blessings Joe Neely..... Baba & Dedo
Special Intention Diane, Art Zambito & Family, Nancy, Ken & Maggie Laycock,
Gloria & John Zelenko, Helen & Doug Phillips, Patricia Miculka, Gladys Edwards,
Jeanette Hildreth, Brett w/Cancer, Linda Branoff, Anne Smith Anne Smith
Special Intention J. Tome
Health & God's Blessings Jerry & Carol Smith, Families of Oginsky, Miculka,
Lyon, Kuptz, V. Rev. John Govrusik & Matushka Olga, Pam (Baker) Caszatt,
Sick & shut-ins of St. Nicholas, Arlene Timma..... Anne Smith
Health & God's Blessings Dennis Jernigan, Louis Prusac, Mary Anne Brayn,
Evdokia Ponomarenko Peter & Jo Sredich

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Lewis Elieff-Memory Eternal..... Evanka & Family
Carl Smith & our son, Olga Elasisvich, Mary & Harold Smith, Nick & Helen Polonic,
Mary, Joe Oginsky & Family, Lazar & Sarah Polonic..... Anne Smith
Ivan Ponomarenko..... Lucy Hogg
Peter Popoff Alex & Magda Popoff

ETERNAL LIGHT AT THE ALTAR

Mildred Bladecki-Memory Eternal Diane Broadfoot



ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special welcome to Bishop Alexander on his first visit to our parish as our Diocesan Bishop.

We welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas. Please join us in the parish hall for our parish dinner.

PARISH DINNER TO WELCOME OUR BISHOP ALEXANDER will be held following the veneration of the cross. The menu consists of; Sausage & Sauerkraut, Ham, Mostaccioli, Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Salad, Bread & Butter and Dessert. The cost of the meal is \$10 per adult meal and \$5 per child meal (12 and under). All are invited to stay and join in the fellowship.

CONGRATULATIONS to our newly-tonsured Readers: Reggie Jehnsen, Angelo Panoff and Julio Vázquez.

SEPTEMBER HOPE IN A BOX Soap; hand or bar soap is the item needed for the month of September. The soap will be distributed by the Catholic Charities Community Closet. They are still in need of toiletry items and laundry soap.

HALL SUPERVISOR We are in need of an individual 18yrs or older to supervise for a hall rental on Saturday, September 22, from 2 pm – 12 midnight. If you are interested or would like more info please see Debbie, A.S.A.P.

ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL The All-American Council to elect a new Metropolitan will be held at Holy Trinity Church in Parma, OH on Tuesday, November 13. Each parish will be represented by its parish priest and an elected lay delegate.

