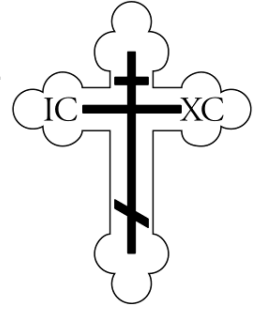
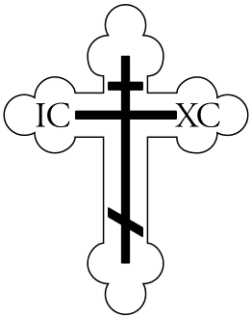


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Great Vespers: 6pm Saturdays

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Confession is available before or
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Welcome visitors!
Please join us in the
parish hall after Divine
Liturgy for coffee hour.

September 18, 2022

Afterfeast of the Exaltation of the Cross St. Eumenes of Gortyna

Saint Eumenius, from the time of his youth, was noted for his virtuous life. He strove to serve the One God, and therefore he shunned worldly temptations. Concerned for the salvation of his soul, he distributed all his substance to the poor.

By the blessing of God St Eumenius was chosen as Bishop of Gortyna on the island of Crete. The saint, like a compassionate father, comforted his flock in their sorrows, and cared for the orphaned and indigent. His prayers were so strong before God that once, during a drought, he called forth abundant rain upon the earth.

St Eumenius wisely and zealously defended the Orthodox Faith against the Monophysite heresy. For his opposition to the heresy the saint was banished by imperial decree to the Thebaid, where he died in the seventh century. His body was then transferred and buried in Gortyna.

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Tone 5 – Resurrectional Troparion

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead//
by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 1 – Troparion of the Cross

O Lord, save Your people,
and bless Your inheritance!
Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians
over their adversaries;
and by virtue of Your Cross//
preserve Your habitation!

Tone 4 – Patronal Troparion

Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy,
illuminated by your coming, O Mother of God.
Beholding your pure image we fervently cry to you:
Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection.
Deliver us from every form of evil
by entreating Christ, your Son and our God//
that He may save our souls.

Tone 4 – Troparion for St. Eumenes

We have you as a friend and helper,
gracious advocate Eumenes:
for compassion flowed from you
and you pour forth healings on the Church.//
Protect those who honor you.

Tone 5 – Resurrectional Kontakion

You descended into hell, O my Savior,
shattering its gates as Almighty,
resurrecting the dead as Creator,
and destroying the sting of death.

You have delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, //
and we cry to You: “O Lord, save us!”

Tone 2 – Kontakion for St. Eumenes

Radiant with divine light, O blessed one,
illumine us who lovingly praise your precious and glorious passing;
O Hierarch Father Eumenes, //
unceasingly intercede for us all.

Tone 4 – Kontakion of the Cross

As You were voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake,
grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God;
make all Orthodox Christians glad by Your power,
granting them victories over their adversaries //
by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Your weapon of peace!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Tone 7 – Prokeimenon for the Cross (Psalm 98)

Extol the Lord our God: / worship at His footstool for He is holy!

Epistle: Galatians 2.16-20 (for the Cross)

Brethren: Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make 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 lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

2 Corinthians 1.21 – 2.4 (Sunday)

Brethren: He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. Moreover, I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand. But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

Gospel: Mark 8.34 – 9.1 (for the Cross)

When Jesus had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? 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.”

Matthew 22.1-14 (Sunday)

Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: “The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, ‘See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.’”

“But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard

about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Therefore, go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.’

“So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So, he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless.

“Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

New Dep. Met. Herman Swaiko
Kallistos Ware
Doris Corcoran
Myra Schafer
Gity Karamouz
Katheryn Sofranoff

Ev.Mem. Iumania Borisenko ('17)
Simeon Borovsky ('17)
Paul Sergeenko ('44)
John Kaboff ('57)
Vera Vedo (2015)
Alvin Erbesti (2019)

Health & Salv.
Archpr. Peter
Mat. Anne
Dn. Nicholas
Kevin
Jon
Tanya
Jovan
Tom
Jennifer
Larry
Rollie
Joseph
Nadia
Mark
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Linda
Claudia
Carol
Snezana
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Dominic
Declan
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Jason
Ted
James
Pamela

Alexander
Ronald
William
Wanda
Ivanka
Aaron
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Martha
Mark
Michelle
Irene
Michelle
Erika

Luke	Gerald	Richard
Jo	Olga	Klaudia
Stephanie	Janie	Nicodemus
Mary Ann	David	Nada
Robb	Sharon	Mark
Desiree	Tanya	Catherine
Hanna	Renee	Aaron
Jaroslava	Carissa	Ebony
Andrew	Ashton	Peggy
Andrew	Doris	Sue
Vadim	Laura	Victoria
Hanna	Duane	Janet
Alex	Elizabeth	Tom
Carl	Karen	Wilma
Laura	Alexa	Luba
Chrisan	Miriana	
Janice	Olga	

*If you know someone who needs prayer, please give their name to Fr Jacob

Special Petitions at the Augmented Litany:

We pray, O Lord our God, for all those who suffer from acts of war, especially for the victims in Ukraine. We pray for Your peace and Your mercy in the midst of the great suffering of Your people. Vouchsafe to accept the prayers of the Church, so that by Your goodness, peace may return to all peoples; O Lord, hear us and have mercy.

We also pray You, O Lord our God, to remember and have mercy on our Orthodox brothers and sisters in Russia and Ukraine, who are involved in violent conflict. Remove from their midst all hostility, confusion and hatred. Lead everyone along the path of reconciliation and peace, we pray You, hear us and have mercy.

Festal Theotokion (*instead of "It is Truly Meet..."*)

Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord!
 You are a mystical Paradise, O Theotokos,
 who, though untilled, have brought forth Christ;
 through Him the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth.
 Now at its Exaltation,
 as we bow in worship before it, we magnify you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome and thank you to Fr Howard Sloan!

For Bible Study this week read Job 19-24.

The Ladies' Sodality has organized a **winter coat, hat, and gloves drive** through the month of September. Winter items may be deposited in the collection bin in the narthex from **now through Sunday, October 2**, after which they will be delivered to the Salvation Army.

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon has set the date for the enthronement of His Grace Daniel as Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest for Saturday, October 1, 2022, the Feast of the Protection of the Virgin Mary. **All are encouraged to come and participate in the Liturgy and enthronement at Holy Trinity Cathedral beginning at 9am.** For this reason, there will be no Divine Liturgy at our parish for the feast.

We will celebrate **PTVM's 111th anniversary after Divine Liturgy on October 2** with a dinner and festivities. Elizabeth Pedersen has already put together a team to prepare the meal. We are asking only for **a few more volunteers to bring desserts.** If you are able, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Thank you!

Mark your calendars:

Sept 20: **Faith Enrichment @ 10am**
Parish Council @ 7pm

Sept 21: **Bible Study @ 7pm**

Sept 29: **Women's Book Group @ 6pm**

Sept 30: **Blood Drive 12pm-5pm**
Festal Vespers for our Patronal Feast (Protection) @ 6pm

Oct 1: **Divine Liturgy with the Enthronement of Bishop Daniel at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago @ 9am**

Oct 2: **PTVM's 111th Anniversary Celebration after Divine Liturgy**

Oct 22: **Soul Saturday of St. Demetrius; Memorial Liturgy at St. Mary's cemetery chapel with blessing of graves @ 10am**

Last week's gifts to the Lord: \$2,219

2022 Seminarian Appeal Letter

from His Grace, our Bishop Daniel

To all Rectors, Deacons, Monastics and Laity of the Midwest,

In this month of September, the Diocese annually renews its support of our Diocesan Seminarians. It is a time for our communities to reflect on this important, and often overlooked, vocation that is vital for a healthy diocese. By offering our prayers for our seminarians, joined with our monetary support, we are able to remind them of our love for them and their families, while also reminding ourselves of the importance of fostering this vocation within our own parishes.

This is a topic that brings us hope in that each seminarian is training to better serve the Church as a future clergyman, choir director, or some other position within our communities. All of these are in great need within our diocese and we are grateful for those who continue to dedicate their lives to the Church in this ministry.

This is an important time for our students as they discern the will of God and prepare themselves to serve His Holy Church. This discernment takes a great deal of focus and commitment which leaves our seminarians unable to seek employment, but still with the burden of living expenses and families to attend to.

With this in mind, I ask every community, along with each faithful member of this Diocese to prayerfully consider making a contribution to this important effort. By supporting our future leaders, we allow them to better focus on their formation, while also bringing them a bit of relief from their financial burdens.

With gratitude for your generosity, in Christ,

† Daniel
Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest

Glory to God for all things!