

*Sunday after the Elevation of the Cross  
Greatmartyr Eustathius*

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**Welcome!** We are honored that you have joined us in our celebration of the Lord's resurrection this day.

If you are a first time visitor to our parish, we invite you to sign our guest book. If you have a question, a prayer request, or any need, please speak with Fr. Marty, or with any parish member.

For our friends present with us who are not Orthodox Christians, please note that we have specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion. We ask that you refrain from going to Communion until you have spoken with Fr. Marty and understand our discipline and piety regarding this sacrament and its implication for responsibility towards and membership in the Orthodox Church. The bread and wine offered after communion and the bread offered at the end of the service is available to all.

If you are an Orthodox Christian from another parish who has prepared in accordance with your discipline, and have a blessing from your home priest to do so, we invite and encourage you to partake of Holy Communion.

This booklet contains the variable hymns and readings specific to today. Please feel free to take it with you. There are coil-bound booklets with the text for the Divine Liturgy – if you find it useful, please feel free to take one of those as well, with our compliments.

We also hope you will stay and join us in our coffee and fellowship hour, which immediately follows the service. We want the opportunity to get to know you, and for you to get to know us. Again, welcome!

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*Regular services:*

**Great Vespers**, Saturday at 6:30pm

**Confession**, immediately following Great Vespers, other times by appointment.

**Third and Sixth Hour Prayers**, Sunday at 9:40am

**Divine Liturgy**, immediately following the hours.

**Music Rehearsals**, Saturday at 6:00pm

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*(corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and Kellogg)*

*Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 7*

By Your Cross You destroyed death.  
To the thief You opened Paradise.  
For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.  
And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,  
to proclaim that You are risen,//  
granting the world great mercy.

*Troparion for St. Eustathius – Tone 4*

Your holy martyr Eustáthius and his wife and sons, O Lord,  
through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God.  
For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries,  
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.//  
Through their intercessions, save our souls!

*Troparion for the Elevation of the Cross – Tone 1*

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!  
saving our souls from death.

*Kontakion for Greatmartyr Eustathius – Tone 2*

Having openly imitated the Passion of Christ,  
and having eagerly drunk of His cup, O Eustáthius,  
you became a partaker and fellow-heir of His glory,//  
receiving divine forgiveness from on high from the God of all.

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,*

*Kontakion for the Elevation of the Cross – Tone 4*

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!

*now and ever and unto ages of ages, amen*

*Resurrectional Kontakion, Tone 7*

The dominion of death can no longer hold mankind captive,  
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.  
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:  
“The Savior has come to those in faith;//  
enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

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*Epistle: (203) Galatians 2:16-20 and (181) – 2 Corinthians 6:1-10*

*Priest:* Let us attend! +Peace be unto all!

*Reader:* And with your spirit!

*Priest:* Wisdom!

*Prokeimenon, Tone 7*

*Reader:* The Prokeimenon, in the 7<sup>th</sup> Tone: Extol the Lord our God: worship at His footstool for He is holy!

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

*Reader:* The Lord reigns, let the people tremble!

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

*Reader:* : Extol the Lord our God: ...

*Choir:* ... worship at His footstool for He is holy!

*Deacon:* Wisdom!

*Reader:* **The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians.**

*Deacon:* Let us attend!

*Reader:* 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? God forbid! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. I am 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 delivered Himself for me.

Brethren, we as workers together with Him beseech you also not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He saith: "I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I helped thee." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We give no offense to any man, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all things we commend ourselves as the ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in keeping vigils, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

*Priest:* + Peace be to you.

*Alleluia:* Tone 1

*Reader:* **And to Your spirit.** In the 1<sup>st</sup> Tone: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Reader:* Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old!

*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

*Choir:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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*Gospel:* (37) – Mark 8:34-9:1 (Sunday after the Elevation) and (89) – Matthew 25:14-30

*Priest:* Wisdom! Let us Attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel! Peace be with you all!

*Choir:* And with your spirit.

*Priest:* The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. **Mark.**

*Choir:* Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

*Priest:* Let us Attend!

The Lord said: "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

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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."

The Lord said this parable: "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

*Choir:* Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

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*Instead of "It is truly meet ...": Tone 8*

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 Elevation,  
as we bow in worship before it, we magnify you.

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*Communion Hymn:*

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!  
The light of Your countenance has shone on us, O Lord.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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*Please join us in our fellowship hour immediately following the dismissal!*

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