

SEPTEMBER 16 - GREATMARTYR EUPHEMIA, THE ALL-PRAISED

FESTAL ANTIPHONS FOR THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS

FIRST ANTIPHON:

God, my God, look upon me; why have You forsaken me? (Psalm 21:2a)

*Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.*

The words of my transgressions are far away from my salvation. (Psalm 21:2b)

*Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.*

O my God, I will cry out by day, but You will not hear me. (Psalm 21:3)

*Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.*

But You, the praise of Israel, dwell in the holy place. (Psalm 21:4)

*Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.*

Glory... Both Now...

*Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.*

SECOND ANTIPHON:

O God, why have You cast us off forever? (Psalm 73:1)

*Refrain: O Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!*

Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased from of old. (Psalm 73:2a)

*Refrain: O Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!*

This is Mount Sion, the [place] where You have dwelt. (Psalm 73:2c)

*Refrain: O Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!*

But God is our King from of old; he has worked salvation in the midst of the earth. (Psalm 73:12)

*Refrain: O Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!*

Glory... Both Now... O Only-begotten Son...

THIRD ANTIPHON:

The Lord reigns, let the peoples rage; He sits upon the Cherubim, let the earth tremble. (Psalm 98:1) **Tone 1 - O Lord, save Your people...**

The Lord is great in Sion, and He is exalted above all the peoples. (Psalm 98:2) **Tone 1 - O Lord, save Your people...**

Let them give thanks to Your great Name, for It is holy. (Psalm 98:3) **Tone 1 - O Lord, save Your people...**

**EISODIKON:** Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, O Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

**TROPARIA**

**Tone 4 - Troparion of St. Euphemia**

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 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 Troparion of St. Nicholas**

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**

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

**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!

*Instead of "Holy God..." we sing Before Thy Cross...*

*The Prokeimenon in the fourth tone: God is wonderful in His saints, / the God of Israel. (Ps 67/68:35)*

**v: In Churches bless God, the Lord from the springs of Israel.**

## EPISTLE

### **THE READING IS FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS**

**(6:1-10)** Brethren: Working together with Christ, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

*Alleluia, Tone 8*

**v. Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear.**

**v. Before your face the richest of people will pray.**

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK (6:7-13)**

## COMMUNION HYMN

I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

*(We sing "It is truly meet ...")*