

Righteous Eudocimus of Cappadocia

Saint Eudocimus, a native of Cappadocia (Asia Minor), lived during the ninth century during the reign of Emperor Theophilus (829-842). He was the son of the pious Christians Basil and Eudokia, an illustrious family known to the emperor. They raised their son “in discipline and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6: 4), planting in his soul a sincere faith and holy virtues.

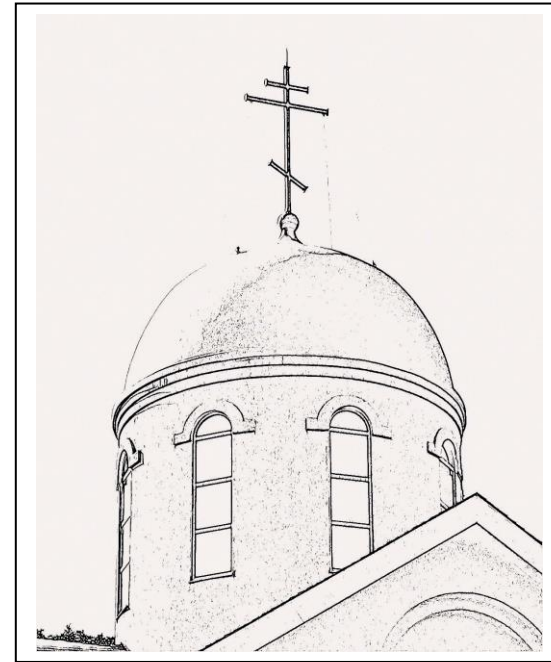
The righteous life of Saint Eudocimus was devoted to pleasing God and serving his neighbor. Having given a vow to remain unmarried and chaste, he avoided conversation with women and did not look at them. He would speak only with his own mother, whom he greatly respected. The emperor valued his virtue and talents, so he appointed Saint Eudocimus as governor of Chorziane, Armenia. Fulfilling his duty as a servant of God, Saint Eudocimus governed the people justly and with kindness. He concerned himself with the unfortunate, and with orphans and widows, and he was a defender of the common people. His personal Christian exploits which he did in secret, were known only to God.

Eudocimus pleased God by his blameless life, and the Lord called him at age 33. Lying on his deathbed, Saint Eudocimus gave final instructions to place him in the grave in those clothes in which he would meet death. Then he sent everyone out of the room and entreated the Lord that no one would see his end, just as no one saw his secret efforts during life. His attendants buried him as he had instructed them. Right after the death of Saint Eudocimus miracles took place at his grave. Many sick people were healed, and the news of the miraculous healings spread.

After 18 months, the mother of Saint Eudocimus came from Constantinople to venerate his relics. She gave orders to remove the stone, dig up the ground, and open the grave. Everyone beheld the face of the saint, bright as if alive, altogether untouched by decay. A great fragrance came from him. They took up the coffin with the relics from the earth, and they dressed the saint in new clothes. His mother wanted to take the relics of her son to Constantinople, but the Kharsian people would not clear a path for their holy one. After a certain time the hieromonk Joseph, having lived and served at the grave of the saint, transported the relics of Saint Eudocimus to Constantinople. There they were placed in a silver reliquary in the church of the Most Holy Theotokos, built by the parents of the saint.

Saint Eudocimus is considered by the Russian Church to be one of the special protectors and intercessors before God of the family hearth. He was, as his name implies, truly successful in every virtue.

WEEKLY



BULLETIN

Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: Rejoice O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you!

Troparion of the Annunciation to the Theotokos

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July 31, 2022

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 6. Forefeast of the Procession of the Honorable and Lifegiving Cross of the Lord. Righteous Eudocimus of Cappadocia (9th c.). Martyr Julitta at Caesarea (304-305). St. Germanus, Bishop of Auxerre (448). Hieromartyr Benjamin, Metropolitan of Petrograd and Gdovsk (1922), and those with him: Archimandrite Sergius and the Laymen, Yuri and John.

Today's Readings:

Epistle: Romans 15:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 9:27-35

Upcoming Service Schedule:

Today – **9:00am Divine Liturgy**

Friday – **6:00pm Great Vespers** w. Litya & Blessing of Fruit

Saturday – **9:00am Divine Liturgy** w. Blessing of Fruit

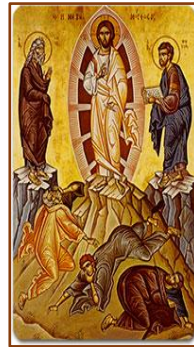
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Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22



*Transfiguration of
Our Lord*

Please pray for vocations to the Holy Priesthood!

Special Prayers

We pray for **all** our parish family members, but we pray especially for those who are ill and afflicted. Among them are **Fr. Sergius Kuharsky, Zoran Pejovic, Lidia Zemlanicky, Ingrid Kopec, Betty James, Manya Shark, Deryl Tczap, George Stavrou, Rdr. John Economou, Margaret Makara, Dennis & Ann Marie Gahr, Ted Urban, Michael Getmanov, Lori Ratushnuk, and Dorothy Studier.**

We are happy that you have joined us for worship today and hope that you will join us for coffee hour after the service. Please note that **reception of the Holy Eucharist** is only for baptized members of the Orthodox Church who have prepared with prayer, fasting, and periodic confession. You are encouraged to receive the blessed bread that is offered at the end of the service and which may also be offered to you by one of your neighbors during Communion.

Annunciations

TODAY – **Team #2** is in charge of today's Coffee Hour. **Team #3** is scheduled for next Sunday.

TODAY – **Parish Calendars** for the month of August are available electronically. Copies are also available in the narthex.

THIS SATURDAY is the Great Feast of the **Transfiguration of Our Lord**. This is a major feast of the Church. As is the tradition, **fruit** brought by the people will be blessed at the end of both festal services. Do not miss this opportunity to behold the Glory of God as the apostles did on Mount Tabor!

We express **our condolences** to the Berger family on the falling asleep this past week of Tom's mother, +Elfride. May God comfort them and grant eternal rest to the soul of His newly departed handmaid.

Please continue to be generous in your **offerings to the Church**. Summer is typically a time where donations ebb even though expenses continue to flow. It is by your generous freewill offerings that the Church can operate and be a light of Christ to the world. May God bless you for your financial expressions of love for Him and His Church!

Dessert Rolls in various flavors are available for sale at \$15 each. **Pierogis** (potato & cheese) are also available at \$12/dozen. Please see Cathy Berger or Olga Pasick to make your purchases.

Grocery Gift Cards are available for sale. Please see Olga Pasick or Cathy Berger to make purchases.

We continue to pray for **peace in Ukraine**, for the withdrawal of Russian troops from that land, and for the wellbeing of the Ukrainian people. Lord, have mercy!

Keep up on OCA news by visiting www.oca.org, diocesan news by visiting www.nynjoca.org, and parish news by visiting www.occa-brick.org.

MANY YEARS

Birthdays this week:

Thursday – Michael Getmanov

Thursday – Louis Christos

Thursday – Molly DeBias

The Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors program is an essential vehicle for funding the activities and programs of our diocese. Please consider participating in the program. More information is available at the diocesan website at www.nynjoca.org.