

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022**  
**14th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Afterfeast of the Exaltation of the Cross**  
**St. Eumenes, Bishop 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 Saint 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.

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

**GREAT VESPERS**

***LORD I CALL: Four stichera of the Resurrection in tone 5 (spirital bound Vespers book), then ...***

***Feast, tone 4:***

When You were raised upon the Cross, O Master,  
You raised the entire fallen nature of Adam with Yourself.  
Therefore, with Your strength, we raise up Your all-pure Cross.  
We entreat You, O Most High, the Lover of mankind, crying out:  
“As our merciful God, save those who venerate//  
the honorable, light-bearing and divine exaltation of Your Cross!”

Gazing now upon Your footstool;  
the place where Your all-pure feet have stood,

we sing psalms today, O Master, honoring Your all-precious Cross  
with love!

We elevate it with devotion,  
entreating You and crying out:  
“You have sanctified all by Your divine Cross, O Most High!//  
Reveal us to be partakers of Your ineffable compassion and  
grace!”

We bow down before Your all-holy Cross, O Christ,  
as before an invincible trophy,  
an impregnable shield and divine scepter,  
for by it the world has been saved.  
Adam dances on its behalf.  
We mortals assemble and give it honor,  
offering praise in hymns.//  
As we celebrate its exaltation, we ask for purification.

***St. Eumenes, tone 4:***

Cleansing your soul and body of the passions,  
you became a dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit.  
you adorned yourself with priestly anointing.  
You were an excellent intercessor, O Eumenes,  
a converser with the holy angels,  
and an heir of the glory of the Lord.//  
Ever intercede for those who praise you!

Your all-glorious life, illuminated by the virtues,  
radiant with the splendors of miracles,  
made you truly glorious to the ends of the earth, O most blessed  
one;  
a steadfast beacon, sharing the abode of the saints,  
a hierarch who dwells in the holy city,  
as a fellow-citizen with the angels//  
a praiseworthy wonderworker.

Let us assemble, and let us honor aloud the hierarch Eumenes,  
the adornment of Crete, the bishop of Gortyna,  
the unshakable foundation of the Church,  
who is magnificent in miracles,  
all-glorious in many powers,//  
and who enlightens hearts that are in darkness.

**Glory ... feast, tone 2:**

Divine treasure hidden in the earth,  
the Cross of the Giver of Life appeared in the heavens to the godly  
king,  
and its inscription spiritually signified his victory over the enemy.  
Rejoicing with faith and love, and inspired by God  
he made haste to raise on high the Cross which he had seen,  
and with great zeal he brought it forth from the bosom of the  
earth//  
for the deliverance of the world and the salvation of our souls.

*now and ever ... the theotokion-dogmatikon of the Resurrection in tone 5 (spiral bound Vespers book)*

**APOSTICHA: All stichera of the Resurrection in tone 5 (spiral bound Vespers book)**

**Glory ... now and ever ... feast, tone 4:**

Moses prefigured the power of Your precious Cross, O Christ,  
when he put to flight his adversary Amalek in the wilderness of Sinai;  
for when he stretched out his arms in the form of a cross, the people prevailed.  
Now the fulfillment of these images has come to pass for us.  
Today the Cross is exalted, and the demons are put to flight.  
Today all creation has been set free from corruption,  
for through the Cross all the gifts of grace have shone upon us.  
Therefore, rejoicing, we all fall before You and cry://  
“How marvelous are Your works, O Lord! Glory to You!”

**TROPARIA**

**Resurrection, tone 5:**

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.

**St. Eumenes, tone 8:**

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother,  
for you took up the Cross and follow Christ.  
By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away;  
but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal//  
Therefore your spirit, venerable Theodora, rejoices with the angels.

**Feast, 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!

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