

September 16, 2018

SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

**Martyr Ludmilla the grandmother of St Wenceslaus
the Prince of the Czechs**

The Holy Martyr Ludmilla, a Czech (Bohemian) princess, was married to the Czech prince Borivoy. Both spouses received holy Baptism from Saint Methodius, Archbishop of Moravia and Enlightener of the Slavs (Comm. 11 May).

As Christians, they showed concern for the enlightening of their subjects with the light of the true Faith, they built churches and invited priests to celebrate the divine services. Prince Borivoy died early at age 36. Saint Ludmilla, as a widow, led an austere, pious life and continued to be concerned for the Church during the reign of her son Bratislav, which lasted for 33 years.



Bratislav was married to Dragomira, with whom he had a son, Vyacheslav. After the death of Bratislav, eighteen-year-old Vyacheslav came on the throne. Taking advantage of the inexperience and youth of her son, Dragomira began to introduce pagan manners and customs in the country.

Saint Ludmilla, of course, opposed this. Dragomira came to hate her mother-in-law and tried to destroy her. When Saint Ludmilla moved away to the city of Techin, Dragomira sent two boyars in secret to murder her. Saint Ludmilla was praying at the time, and the two assassins entered the house and carried out Dragomira's orders.

The relics of the holy Martyr Ludmilla was buried in Techin in the city wall. Numerous healings occurred at her grave. Prince Vyacheslav transferred the body of Saint Ludmilla to the city of Prague and placed it in the church of Saint George.

Text and Image from <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2018/09/16/102633-martyr-ludmilla-the-grandmother-of-st-wenceslaus-the-prince-of-t>

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts II:26)



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COMMEMORATIONS:

EUPHEMIA THE GREAT MARTYR
SEBASTIANA, DISCIPLE OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE
DOROTHEOS THE HERMIT OF EGYPT
MELITINA THE MARTYR
AFTERFEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS
NINIAN THE ENLIGHTENER OF SCOTLAND
EDITH THE NUN OF WILTON ABBEY

Tone 7 - Eothinon 5

Matins Gospel: St. Luke 24:12-35

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

Liturgy Gospel: St. Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 7 - Thou didst shatter death by thy Cross, thou didst open Paradise to the thief; thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment bearing women into joy, and didst bid thine Apostles proclaim a warning that thou hast risen, O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy!

KONTAKION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - Tone 4 - Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will was lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name; make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

TODAY: Orthros, 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy, 10 am
Coffee Hour, 11:45 am
Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 pm
Parish Council, 12:45 pm
Ethnic Dance Practice, 1 pm

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30 - 4:00; Friday 10:00 - 3:00

Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Sept 23):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Anonymous	Justin G./MaryLynne B.
EPISTLE READER:	Rdr Nathan Jekel	Terry Kaminsky
ALTAR CANDLES:	---	Celia-Marie Khouri
GREETERS:	Justin & Kate Gohl	Steve & Carolyn Kaminsky
CLEANING TEAM:	Serge & Alex	Olena, Carol, & Tadessa
COFFEE HOUR:	Zerfenesh Family	(Festival leftovers)

Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. Your assistance in cleanup is appreciated.

Church Etiquette — *Venerating Icons*

When you enter the church, it is traditional to venerate the icons. Usually there are icons at the entrance to the church and many churches have icon stands in the front as well. When venerating (kissing) an icon, pay attention to where you kiss. It is not proper to kiss an icon in the face. You wouldn't go up and kiss the Lord or His mother on the lips, would you? You would kiss their hand, and only if they invited you would you even dare to kiss them on the cheek. Pay attention to what you are doing. When you approach an icon to venerate it, kiss the gospel, scroll, or hand cross in the hand of the person in the icon, or kiss the hand or foot of the person depicted. As you venerate an icon, show proper respect to the person depicted in the icon - the same respect you would show the person by venerating him or her in an appropriate place. And remember, blot off your lipstick before kissing.

Mark Your Calendar:

Compline & Patristic Reading

Wednesday evenings (6 pm)

Intro to Orthodoxy Class

Begins on Saturday, Sept 29 at 4:30 pm

IOCC Presentation w/ Tony

Pantazopoulos

September 30 after Liturgy

Advent Retreat

December 8

with Drs. David & Mary Ford

Bp THOMAS Visit

December 22-25

Pray For:

Living

Bp Alexander
Newly Illumined Anthony
Baby Simeon
Child Gregory
Paul (M)
James E
Mat. Linda
Hortense
Mary K.
R Maxime
Lasha B
Otari B
Daniel H
Elizabeth D
Stephanie
Thekla
M. Emiliani
Mebrat
Aristidis
John
Kristen
Thomas, Elizabeth & all
Missionaries
Tadessa, Eyala, Yorgo
Suffering in Syria, Ethiopia,
Egypt & unstable lands

Departed

Christina S
Olga
Helen
Petre

St. Nina's List

Catechumens
Tatiana (Sze),
Rebecca, Evan,
Tina

New & Ex-
pectant Mothers
& children

Couples prepar-
ing for marriage

Michael
Richard

Everyday Evangelist

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)
"Through love serve one another." (Gal 5:13)

This Week:

Monday, Sept 17: SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon

Tuesday, Sept 18: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon

Wed, Sept 19: SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Little Compline & Patristic Reading, 6 pm

Thurs, Sept 20: SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon

Friday, Sept 21: International Food Festival, 12 pm - 8 pm
SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
AKATHIST, 4 pm
Church tours, 1, 3, 5, 6 pm
Concerts, 2 pm & 7 pm



Sat, Sept 22: International Food Festival, 12 pm - 8 pm
VESPERS, 4 pm
Church tours, 1, 3, 5, 6 pm
Concerts, 2 pm & 7 pm

Sunday, Sept 23: ORTHROS 8:30 a.m., Churching of Thekla & Theo
9:45 am
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Coffee Hour, SS, & Teens 11:45 am

Due to the Food Festival this coming week, donations for the *St. Philip Clothes Closet* are **not being accepted until further notice**. Thank you for your generous donations to date!

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Cleaning Supplies.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE: "I am not my thoughts."

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on Sept 8: 34 Divine Services on Sept 9: 186
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$198. Collections, \$341.25. Youth, \$21. Book Shelf, \$23. Camping Scholarship Fund, \$1,390. Stewardship, \$1,937. Total received: \$3,910.25.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!