

## Saints of the Day

**The Holy Martyr Euplus:** Euplus was a deacon in Catania, Sicily. Emperor Diocletian dispatched the Roman commander, Pentagurus, to Sicily to exterminate any Christians he found there. Pentagurus did not find a single Christian, for the few that were there hid from the persecutor and did not reveal themselves. Even so, someone accused Euplus of taking a book to secret Christians and reading to them. This book was the Holy Gospel. They soon brought him to court, hung that book around his neck, and led him to prison. After seven days of imprisonment and hunger, Euplus was given over for torture. While they were beating him with iron rods, Euplus mockingly said to the torturing judge: "O ignorant one, do you not see that, by God's grace, these tortures are like a cobweb to me? If you can, find other, harsher tortures, for all of these are as toys." After more of the same, they led the martyr of Christ to the scaffold. There St. Euplus opened the Holy Gospel and read from it to the people for a long time. Many converted to the Christian Faith. St. Euplus was beheaded in the year 304 A.D., and took up his habitation in the Kingdom of Heaven. His miracle-working relics repose in a village near Naples, called Vico della Batonia.

**Saint Niphon, Patriarch of Constantinople:** Niphon was born in Greece. He was tonsured a monk in his youth and lived a life of asceticism, eventually making his way to Mount Athos. He practiced asceticism in various monasteries, remaining the longest in Vatopedi and Dionysiou. He was loved by all the holy Athonite fathers, as much for his rare wisdom as for his unusual meekness. He was consecrated Bishop of Thessalonica against his will, and then, two years later, he journeyed to Constantinople on business, where he was elected to the vacant patriarchal throne. Eventually the Sultan banished him to Jedrene, where he lived in exile. The Wallachian [Romanian] Prince Radul besought him from the Sultan, and named Niphon the archbishop of the Wallachian people. Then, because of Radul's transgressions, Niphon departed Wallachia and returned to Mount Athos, to the monastery of Dionysiou. There he lived a life of asceticism until his ninetieth year, when he took up his habitation in the Kingdom of God. He reposed in the year 1460 A.D. He composed the "Prayer of Absolution" read at the Burial Service:

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### August 11, 2024

#### Sunday Holy Scripture Reading

**Apostolic Reading:** Romans 15:1 – 7

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 9:27 – 35

**Services:** *Sunday*-8 a.m. Orthros and 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy, *Weekdays* 8 a.m. Orthros and 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy when scheduled.

**Saints of the Day: 7th Sunday After Pentecost.** Martyr and Archdeacon Euplos of Catania; Niphon, patriarch of Constantinople; commemoration of the miracle of Spyridon the wonder-worker on Kerkyra; New-martyrs Anastasios and Demetrios.

#### Hymns of the Day

**First Antiphon with Festal verses:** By the prayers...

#### Second Antiphon with verses

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Ὑιέ Θεου, ὁ ἐν τῷ ὄρει τῷ Θαβὼρ μεταμορφωθείς,  
ψάλλοντάς Σοι Ἀλληλοῦ Ἰα.

Save us, O Son of God, who was transfigured on Mount Tabor, we sing to You. Alleluia

#### Third Antiphon with verses

##### Apolytikion for the Transfiguration Tone 7

You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we may be, shine Your everlasting light, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of light. Glory to You.

#### After the Entrance

##### Apolytikion of the Resurrection Tone 6

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your immaculate body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

##### Apolytikion for the Transfiguration Tone 7

You were transfigured. . .

## Apolytikion of the Archangels Tone 4

Supreme Commanders of the Hosts of the Heavens, we, the unworthy, implore and beseech You that by Your supplications You encircle us in the shelter of the wings of Your immaterial glory, guarding us who now fall down and cry to You with fervor: Deliver us from dangers of all kinds, as the great marshals of the heavenly hosts on high.

## Kontakion for the Transfiguration Tone 7

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

## Divine Services

**Mon. Aug. 12-13:** Paraklesis to the Theotokos 5pm

**Wed. Aug. 14:** Great Vespers for the Dormition of the Theotokos 5pm

**Thurs. 15:** Orthros 8am & Liturgy 9am for the Dormition of the Theotokos

**Sat. Aug 17:** Great Vespers 5pm (*Approximate time as it is the festival weekend*).

## Holy Communion in the Orthodox Church

Holy Communion of the Orthodox Church is the Holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is "*With the fear of God, faith and love*" that we approach the Divine Mysteries. Therefore, Holy Communion is reserved only for those baptized and chrismated Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer and fasting, as prescribed by the teachings of the Holy Orthodox Church. We ask that women, before approaching to receive from the Holy Cup, in respect of our Lord, to please remove lipstick.

## Bookstore and Library

Come downstairs and browse our wonderful selection of new books, Icons, and Orthodox gift items in our well-stocked bookstore. There is something for everyone! *Read often and insatiably the books of the teachers of the Church... ~St. Isaac the Syrian*

## Stewardship 2024

Remember to be current with your stewardship. If you did not receive a 2024 packet, please see Ruxandra Georgescu.

## Coffee Hour Signup

Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour. Donations are welcome!

**August 11:** Women's Fellowship    **August 18:** Festival

**Aug. 25:** Smoot/Stauffer        **Sept. 1:** Sponsor Needed

## Greek Dance Group

We welcome children and adults to join our parish Greek dance group. Practice will be for a half hour to prepare for our Annual Greek Festival. Any

interested children and adults are welcome to join, as well as help teach. Contact Constadina Vasiliades at: 808-373-0312 or [constadina@shaw.ca](mailto:constadina@shaw.ca) if interested or for questions. For the month of **August practices:** Sunday Aug.: 11 after church, Tues. Aug. 13 7:30pm, practices are at Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church.

## Scam Alert and Cyber Security

We received from our Chancellor, Fr. Lou, there are active and aggressive cyber-actors targeting our Metropolis of Denver and Greek Orthodox Churches across the country. The cyber-criminals are impersonating our Metropolitan, Chancellor and even me, your parish priest. The scammer posing as one of the above named, may ask for money or gift cards. A few of our parishioners over the years have been contacted by a scammer posing as me. **Please know I would not do this or solicit gift cards.** If this happens let me know with a phone call and do not reply to any of these inquiries.

## Capital Campaign

**King Soopers Cards** has a Loyalty Card Program that offers 5% of your purchase sent to a designated charity which Archangel Michael is an eligible recipient. You may sign up online or go to the customer service desk.

## Orthodox Catechism Class

Class will meet today, August 11, following coffee hour. *All are welcomed to attend!*

## The Dormition Fast

The Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos is celebrated on August 15. A two-week fast beginning on August 1 precedes this feast. During this period we abstain from meat, dairy products, fish, oil (olive) and wine. On the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6) fish, wine and oil are permitted. On Saturdays and Sundays only wine and oil are permitted. The Small Paraklesis will be offered weekdays at 5pm.

## AMGOC 26th Annual Greek Festival

Please remember our 26th Annual Festival will be held on Aug. 16, 17, and 18. Volunteers are needed and signup sheets are in the hall with a QR code. We will set up the canopies on Saturday, **August 10**. See Stephanie Winther for more details. OPA!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4AACAE23A4F94-amgoc#/>



## Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology Appeal

On Sunday, September 8 and 15, we will have a collection for our theological students from the Metropolis of Denver.