

**Sunday, September 20, 2020 – Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross;  
Holy Great-Martyr Eustathius and those with him (276-82); Holy Martyrs  
and Confessors for the Faith, the Grand Prince Michael, and His  
Nobleman Theodore, Wonderworkers of Chernihiv (1245)**

***Antiphon 1***

O God, my God, hear me; why have You forsaken me? The words of my transgressions put salvation far from me. *Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.*

O God, I will call to You by day but You will not listen; and by night, yet it will not be foolish of me. *Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.*

But You, the praise of Israel, dwell in the holy place. *Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.*

+Glory... Now... Only-begotten Son...

***Antiphon 3***

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior. *Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms. *Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

For God is the great Lord, and the great king over all the earth. *Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

***Entrance***

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

***Troparia and Kontakia***

*Troparion, Tone 7:* By Your cross You destroyed death;\* You opened Paradise to the thief;\* You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy,\* and charged the apostles to proclaim\* that You are risen, O Christ our God,\* offering great mercy to the world.

*Troparion, Tone 1:* Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.\* Grant victory to Your faithful people against enemies,\* and protect Your community by Your cross.

+Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

*Kontakion, Tone 7:* No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold humanity,\* for Christ went down shattering and destroying its powers.\* Hades is bound.\* The prophets exult with one voice.\* The Savior has come for those with faith, saying:\* “Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!”

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

*Kontakion, Tone 4:* By Your own choice, O Christ our God,\* You were lifted on the cross.\* Grant Your mercies to Your new community\* that bears Your Name.\* By Your power gladden

the faithful people,\* and grant them victory against enemies.\* May they have the help of Your instrument of peace,\* the invincible sign of victory.

**Prokeimenon, Tone 7** Exalt the Lord our God,\* and bow in worship at the footstool of his feet, for it is holy. *verse:* The Lord reigns, let the people tremble. (*Psalm 98:5,1*)

**Epistle – A reading of Paul to the Galatians - Galatians 2:16-20**

*Brothers and Sisters,* yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

**Alleluia, Tone 1** *verse:* Remember Your congregation which You acquired from the beginning. *verse:* But God is our king before the ages; He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth. (*Psalm 73:2,12*)

**Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1**

*At that time,* Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” And he said to them, “Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.”

**Hymn to the Mother of God**

O my soul, magnify the most precious cross of the Lord. *and the Irmos, Tone 8:* You are a mystical Paradise, O Mother of God, who though untilled, have brought forth Christ. He has planted upon earth the life-giving Tree of the Cross. Therefore today as we raise it on high we bow low and we magnify you.

**Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest. (*Psalm 148:1*)\* Let the light of Your countenance, O Lord,\* shine upon us.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia. (*Psalm 4:7*)

**At the end of Liturgy we sing:**

To Your Cross, O Master, we bow in veneration, and we glorify Your holy Resurrection. (3)