**JULY 31**

**Forefeast of the Procession of the Honorable and Lifegiving Cross**

**Righteous Eudocimus of Cappadocia**

**"Lord I Call..." Tone 1**

Lord, I call upon You, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

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Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon You!//

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

in Your sight as incense,

and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice!//

Hear me, O Lord!

*v. (6) If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You.*

**Tone 1** *(for the Forefeast) (Joy of the heavenly hosts)*

Now, as we celebrate the prefeast,

let all human nature leap with joy,

for the Tree of the Cross, the assurance of healing,

which gives release from all sickness, suffering and affliction,//

will be set before all the faithful!

*v. (5) For Your name's sake I have waited for You, O Lord, my soul has waited for Your word; my soul has hoped on the Lord.*

Come, O faithful, let us behold the strange wonder:

how the Tree of the Cross quenches the fire of every infirmity

and extinguishes the burning heat of the passions

in those who celebrate its prefeast with faith//

and honor the celebration!

*v. (4) From the morning watch until night, from the morning watch, let Israel hope on the Lord!*

All the living celebrate the prefeast with those who have died.

For the Tree of Life, the protector of all,

the Resurrection of the dead, which killed hell,//

now comes to give true grace and healing to all.

*v. (3) For with the Lord there is mercy and with Him is plenteous redemption, and He will deliver Israel from all his iniquities.*

**Tone 8** *(for St. Eudocimus) (O most glorious wonder)*

O blessed, divinely-wise Eudocimus,[[1]](#footnote-1)

your pure soul, shining with Orthodox understanding,

and shedding the light of the radiance of virtue,

illumined the fullness of the faithful,

and dispelled the darkness of demons.

Therefore, we all honor you, O wondrous one,//

for you share in ever-present grace.

*v. (2) Praise the Lord, all nations! Praise Him, all peoples!*

Possessing a compassionate soul, a chaste mind,

a vigilant heart, unwavering faith and truly sincere love,

you passed over from earth to the heavens,

and made your abode with the choirs of the righteous.

Therefore, we all honor you with sacred hymns//

and call you blessed, O holy Eudocimus.

*v. (1) For His mercy is abundant towards us; and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

Strengthened by divine teachings,

you drove carnal passions away from your soul

and became a pure abode of the Holy Trinity.

Therefore, you have departed into divine delight,

since God has preserved your body incorrupt

by godly judgments known to Him alone,//

Who clearly glorifies you, O Eudocimus.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

**Tone 1** *(for St. Eudocimus)*

How can we not wonder at your goodness and wisdom?

How can we fail to praise your angelic life,

your pure thoughts, meekness, humility and inner stillness,

your constant almsgiving, O venerable Eudocimus?

For you were adorned with all the virtues, O blessed one.//

Therefore, ineffable joy and the Kingdom of Heaven await you.

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 1** *(for the Forefeast)*

Today the holy saying of David truly has come to pass,

for behold, in the sight of all,

we venerate the footstool of Your undefiled feet,

and, putting our hope in the shadow of Your wings,

we cry aloud to You, O all-compassionate Lord:

“May the light of Your countenance be marked as a sign upon us!

Exalt the horn of Your Orthodox people

by the Exaltation of Your precious Cross,//

O Christ of many mercies!”

**Aposticha**

**Tone 6** *(from the Octoechos; Prosomia of the Cross)*

Your Cross, O Lord,

is life and resurrection for Your people.

And we who put our trust in it

praise You, our God crucified in the flesh.//

Have mercy on us!

*v: I lift up mine eyes to You, enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till He have mercy upon us. (Ps 122/123:1-2)*

Your Cross, O Lord,

has opened Paradise for all.

And we who are delivered from corruption,

praise You, our God crucified in the flesh.//

Have mercy on us!

*v: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. Too long our soul has been sated with the scorn of those who are at ease, the contempt of the proud. (Ps. 122/123:3-4)*

**Tone 6** *(to the Martyrs)*

Your martyrs, O Lord, did not deny You,

nor did they turn from Your commandments.//

By their intercessions have mercy on us!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;*

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 2** *(for the Cross)*

You are my mighty protection, O three-branched Cross of Christ.

Sanctify me with your power,//

that I may bow down and glorify you with faith and love!

**Tone 4** **Troparion** *(St. Eudocimus)*

He Who called you from earth to heaven

keeps your body unharmed after death, holy Eudocimus;

for you lived a sober and holy life

and did not defile your flesh;//

so with boldness intercede with Christ that we may be saved!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

*now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Tone 1** **Troparion** *(for the Cross)*

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!

***If a Divine Liturgy is served, the Troparia are for the day, the saint, and the feast. The Prokeimenon, Epistle, Alleluia, Gospel, and Communion Hymn are for the day alone.***

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1. Pronounced “ev-DO-ki-mus” [↑](#footnote-ref-1)