**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 Thee, hear me!

Hear me, O Lord!

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Receive the voice of my prayer,

when I call upon Thee!//

Hear me, O Lord!

Let my prayer arise

in Thy sight as incense,

and let the lifting up of my hands

be an evening sacrifice!//

Hear me, O Lord!

V. (6) *If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee.*

**Tone 1** *(from the Menaion, for the Cross) (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 Thy Name’s sake I wait for Thee, O Lord. My soul has waited for Thy 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** *(from the Menaion, for St. Eudocimus) (Oh, most glorious wonder)*

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

thy 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 thee, O wondrous one,//

for thou dost 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,

thou didst pass over from earth to the heavens,

and didst make thine abode with the choirs of the righteous.

Therefore, we all honor thee with sacred hymns//

and call thee blessed, O holy Eudocimus.

V. (1) *For His mercy is confirmed on us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

Strengthened by divine teachings,

thou didst drive carnal passions away from thy soul

and didst become a pure abode of the Holy Trinity.

Therefore, thou hast departed into divine delight,

since God hast preserved thy body incorrupt

by godly judgments known to Him alone //

Who clearly glorifies thee, O Eudocimus.

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

**Tone 1** *(from the Menaion, for St. Eudocimus)*

How can we not wonder at thy goodness and wisdom?

How can we fail to praise thine angelic life,

thy pure thoughts, meekness, humility and inner stillness,

thy constant almsgiving, O venerable Eudocimus?

For thou wast adorned with all the virtues, O blessed one.//

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

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

**Tone 1** *(from the Menaion, for the Cross)*

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

for behold, in the sight of all,

we venerate the footstool of Thine undefiled feet,

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

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

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

Exalt the horn of Thine Orthodox people

by the Exaltation of Thy precious Cross,//

O Christ of many mercies!”

**Aposticha**

**Tone 6** *(from the Octoechos)*

Thine Apostles, O Lord,

once went down to the bottom of the sea with their nets,

and then because of their decrees

they attained the top most height of the Kingdom.

For by their knowledge of their craft

they explored the unfathomed deep,

while by their faith they reached Thine infinite bosom,

and proclaimed Thy timeless Son to the world.//

By their intercessions and those of all the saints, have mercy on us!

V. *To Thee I lift up mine eyes, O Thou Who art 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 122:1-2)*

When Thy Disciples, O Christ,

were caught by a storm in their ship

they cried out to Thee:

“Save us, for we perish, O Teacher!”

Now we too cry out:

“Deliver us from our distress, we pray Thee,//

our Savior, the Lover of man!”

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. 122:3-4)*

**Tone 6** *(for the Martyrs)*

Thy Cross, O Lord, was an invincible weapon for the martyrs.

They saw death before them,

but looking to the life that is to come,

they were strengthened by their hope in Thee.//

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** *(from the Menaion, for the Cross)*

Thou art my mighty protection, O three-branched Cross of Christ.

Sanctify me with thy power,//

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

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

He Who called thee from earth to heaven

keeps thy body unharmed after death, holy Eudocimus;

for thou didst live a sober and holy life

and didst not defile thy 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** *(Cross)*

O Lord, save Thy people,

and bless Thine inheritance!

Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians

over their adversaries;

and by virtue of Thy Cross,//

preserve Thy habitation!

***If a Divine Liturgy is served, the Troparia are for the feast, the day, the patron saint of the temple, and St. Eudocimus. The Kontakia are for the day, the patron saint of the temple, St. Eudocimus, “With the saints…”, and “Steadfast Protectress…”. The Prokeimenon, Epistle, Alleluia, Gospel, and Communion Hymn are for the day alone.***

**Tone 3** **Kontakion** *(St. Eudocimus)*

Today thine honored memory

has assembled us at the holy shrine of thy sacred relics;

all then who approach and venerate them

are rescued from the evil malice of demons//

and are swiftly delivered from various diseases, blessed Eudocimus.

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