Venerable Auxentius of Bithynia

St. Auxentius, a Syrian, served at the court of the emperor Theodosius the Younger (418-450). He was known as a virtuous, learned and wise man, and, moreover, a friend of many pious men of his era. Distressed by worldly vanity, Saint Auxentius was ordained to the holy priesthood, and then received monastic tonsure. After this he went to Bithynia and found a solitary place on Mount Oxia, not far from Chalcedon, and there he began the life of a hermit (This mountain was afterwards called Mt. Auxentius). The place of the saint's efforts was discovered by shepherds seeking their lost sheep. They told others about him, and people began to come to him for healing. Auxentius healed many of the sick and the infirm in the name of the Lord. In the year 451 Auxentius was invited to the Fourth Ecumenical Council at Chalcedon, where he denounced the Eutychian and Nestorian heresies. Familiar with Holy Scripture and learned in theology, Auxentius easily bested those opponents who disputed with him. After the end of the Council, Auxentius returned to his solitary cell on the mountain. With his spiritual sight he saw the repose of Saint Simeon the Stylite (459) from a great distance. Auxentius died about the year 470, in Bithynia.

Τοῦ Ὁσίου Πατρὸς ἡμῶν Αὐξεντίου τοῦ ἐν τῷ Ὄρει

Στὴν Χαλκηδόνα γιὰ νὰ καταδικάσει τὶς κακοδοξίες τοῦ Εὐτυχοῦς. Στὸ ἀσκητηρῖο του καθημερινὰ προσέρχονταν πολλοί, γιὰ νὰ λάβουν τὴν εὐλογία του, μεταξὺ τῶν ὅπων καὶ πολλοὶ πλούσιοι ποὺ τοῦ ἔφεραν τροφὲς καὶ δῶρα.

Άλλα ἐκεῖνος χρησιμοποιοῦσε γιὰ τὸν ἐαυτὸ τοῦ λίγο ψωμὶ γιὰ τῇ συντήρησή του καὶ κερὶ γιὰ τὸ παρεκκλήσι του. Τὰ ὑπόλοιπα τὰ διαμορφαῖ τοὺς πτωχοὺς. Ὁ σεβασμὸς πρὸς τὸν Ὁσίο ἔγινε αἱτία νὰ ἱδρυθῇ στοὺς πρόποδες τοῦ βουνοῦ γυναικεία μονῆ.

Ὅ Άγιος Θεός ἀξίωσε τὸν Ἁγίο Αὐξέντιο τοῦ χαρίσματος τῆς θαυματουργίας καὶ ἔτσι ἐπιτέλεσε πολλὰ θαυμάτα. Ὁ Ὁσίος κοιμήθηκε μὲ εἰρήνη μεταξὺ τῶν ἑτῶν 470 – 472 μ.Χ.
From the Dean’s Desk

Our One Lord and God

In this space, we continue to examine the Divine Liturgy and what it teaches us about our faith and our encounter with our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ. After the priest raises the Lamb (the center piece of the communion bread) and proclaims, “The Holy Gifts for the Holy People of God,” the choir chants, “One is Holy, one is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father.”

We often find the most profound truths in the simplest of places. This most beautiful and meaningful hymn is only fifteen words long, but the waters of its meaning run deep. As with everything in the Church, from the hymnbook to the liturgical actions, there are a multiplicity of meanings that one can find in any symbol, any action, any word that the authors of our services placed before us.

In this hymn we hear before receiving Holy Communion, we are reminded that the God to whom we pray is one. It seems simple enough. Deuteronomy 6:4 declares, “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.” Indeed, this is the central prayer of the Israelite nation from whose springs the Christian faith flowed.

This hymn reminds us that the God to whom we pray is the same God to whom our parents and all our ancestors prayed. This means that there is not a God of 2021 and one of 421. God is one throughout the ages, and if God is one so is His faith.

This is the central truth of the Orthodox Christian tradition. That we have received the true light from the generation of believers who preceded us and it is our task—our sacred responsibility—to ensure that we pass it on to our descendants pure and uncorrupted.

Therefore, we must always strive for authentic Christianity. We must believe that which the apostles believed, what the fathers believed, and what the Church has always taught. The moment we begin to alter the pearl of great price that God has entrusted to us, we do violence to the One Lord who gave us the task to secure this sacred faith, this eternal truth, this precious jewel that is the Orthodox Church.
Ἀπολυτίκια

'Ἡχος γ´

Εὐφρανέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησεν κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάστησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

'Ἡχος α´. Τοῦ Ὀσίου.

Τῆς ἔρημου πολιτῆς καὶ ἐν σώματι ἄγγελος καὶ θαυματουργὸς ἀνεδείχθης θεοφόρε πατὴρ ἡμῶν Ἀὐξέντιος, νηστεία, ἀγυρπία, προσευχὴ, οὐράνια χαρίσματα λαβών· θεραπεύεις τοὺς νοσοῦντας καὶ τὰς ψυχὰς τῶν πίστεις προστρέχοντῶν σοι. Δόξα τῷ δεδωκότι σοι ἱγνόν, δόξα τῷ σὲ στεφανώσαντι, δόξα τῷ ἐνεργοῦντι διὰ σοῦ πάσιν ἰάματα.

'Ηχος δ´

Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἄπτομος μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις· ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, νῦν τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ παρακληθή τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διό καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ, τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαίρε Κεχαριτιμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

Κοντάκιον

'Ηχος β´

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντο, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀκμαίατε, μὴ παρίδου, ἀμαρτωλῶν δέοντος φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρὸς βαπτισμὸν, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶν κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυν οἱ προσβεβαιοῦντοι, καὶ σπεύσον εἰς ἱεραίαν· ἠ προστατεύουσιν ἡμᾶς, ἰαρεῖ Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμῶντων σε.

Απόστολος

β´Κορ. ς´ 16-18, ζ 1

2 Corinthians 6:16-18, 7:1

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

Eυαγγέλιον

Ματ. λε´ 21 – 28

Matthew 15:21–28

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David;

Dismissal Hymns

Mode 3

Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad; * for He has made a dominion, with His mighty arm, * the Lord has trampled upon death by death. * The first-born from the dead has He become. * From the depths of Hades has He delivered us, * and granted to the world His great mercy.

Mode 1. For the Devout Man.

As a citizen of the desert, angel incarnate, and wonder-worker you shined, Auxentios, our God-bearing father. You received spiritual gifts by fasting, vigilance and prayer, cure the ailing and heal the souls of those who run to you with faith. Glory to Him who gave His might to you; glory to Him who placed a crown on you; glory to Him who works through you, providing cures to all.

Mode 4

Today marks the crowning of our salvation and the revelation of the mystery before all ages. For the Son of God becomes the son of the Virgin, and Gabriel proclaims the grace. Wherefore, we also cry out with him, “Hail, O full of grace, the Lord is with you.”

Kontakion

Mode 2

A protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator unwavering, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. Good Lady, we implore you, quickly come to our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercede, and hasten to supplicate, Theotokos who protect now those who honor you.

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με, Κύριε, υἱὲ Δαυίδ· ἡ θυγάτηρ μου κακῶς δαιμονίζεται. ὁ δὲ οὐκ ἀπεκρίθη αὐτῇ λόγον. καὶ προσελθόντες οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἤρωτον αὐτὸν λέγοντες· Ἀπόλυσον αὐτήν, ὅτι κράζει ὅπισθεν ἡμῶν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκρίθης εἶπεν· Οὐκ ἀπεστάλην εἰ μὴ εἰς τὰ πρόβατα τὰ ἀπολωλότα οἴκου Ἰσραήλ. ἦ δὲ ἐλθόσα προσεκύνησαν αὐτῷ λέγοντες· Κύριε, βοήθει μου. ὁ δὲ ἀποκρίθης εἶπεν· Οὐκ ἔστι καλὸν λαβεῖν τὸν ἀρτὸν τῶν τέκνων καὶ βαλεῖν τοῖς κυνάριοις. ἦ δὲ εἶπε· Ναὶ, Κύριε, καὶ γὰρ τὰ κυνάρια ἐσθίει ἀπὸ τῶν ψυχῶν τῶν πιπτόντων ἀπὸ τῆς τραπέζης τῶν κυρίων αὐτῶν. τότε ἀποκρίθης ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῇ· Ὡ γάναι, μεγάλη σου ἡ πίστις! γενήθητω σοι ως θέλεις, καὶ ἰάθη η θυγάτηρ αὐτῆς ἀπὸ τῆς ὠρας ἐκείνης.

my daughter is severely possessed by a demon.” But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” And he answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.
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Even before the Governor’s recent announcements related to “re-opening the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,” we have been diligently planning for the day our Cathedral will once again be open to our stewards, families, and friends. That day will be Sunday, May 31. In these challenging times, there will be certain directives that must be implemented and followed to assure the safest possible environment for the faithful to worship, partake of the Holy Sacraments (especially Holy Communion), and reconnect with your fellow parishioners (at least from a safe distance).

Christ’s Holy Church and this Cathedral have existed through persecution, plagues, infectious disease, world wars, terrorist attacks, and other periods of great challenge and concern. The Church and this Cathedral stand as a symbol of faith. The Church is the place where we pray best and belong. However, in this time, and because of the unpredictable nature of this insidious virus there are directives, rules, and limitations, which we must accept in order to re-open and resume our liturgical practices in the safest possible way. These are rules (not suggestions) that we must enforce. We ask that each and every person understand and follow the directives listed below:

- According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), any building unoccupied for 7 days or longer need only receive “normal routine cleaning.” We plan to go beyond these guidelines and have the Cathedral extensively cleaned and disinfected by a professional third-party cleaner. This is an extended process that will be completed prior to Sunday, May 31. From this baseline, the Cathedral will be disinfected and sanitized between each service, including high traffic, high touch areas like bathrooms, doorknobs and handles, the elevator panels, etc.
- The congregation size for any service will be limited to 40% of our Cathedral seating capacity.
- If you are 65 years of age or older and if you have underlying conditions, or any age with known underlying conditions, you should stay home and continue to participate in the services via our Live Stream.
- If you are 65 years of age or older without known underlying health issues, we recommend you stay home and continue to participate in the services via our Live Stream.
- If you have any symptoms at all, attributed to COVID-19, you must stay home.
If you are attending services at the Cathedral, you must wear a protective mask at all times upon entering the building except for the moment when you may receive Holy Communion. If you are under medical instruction not to wear a mask, you must clearly indicate this to the “Greeter” upon entering the Church. If you are attending services with a child/children between the ages of two and five, a protective mask is at the discretion of the Parent. Children under the age of 2 should not wear a protective mask.

Only the main entrance of the Cathedral will be opened at the time of services. The Courtyard entrance will be locked.

The Davis Hall will be closed and off limits for the foreseeable future. Restrooms will only be available in the lower hall where there are separate men’s and women’s facilities.

The elevator will be “hosted” by a Greeter to ensure only “immediate household members” enter the elevator at any one time.

When arriving to Church you should venerate the icons by bowing, but you should not kiss any icon.

The Pangari will be staffed by one Parish Council member to assist you, as much as possible, without contact. You may offer a donation for devotional candles which will then be placed at the iconostasis by a Parish Council member. A Parish Council member will guide arriving parishioners to the Pangari to ensure appropriate distancing between arriving parishioners. Household family unit members may approach the Pangari together.

Seating inside the Church will be restricted to a 6 ft distance between parishioners (again defined as an “immediate household unit”) to the left and right and front and back. It is imperative that we maintain appropriate distancing at all times. Ushers will be present to seat you at an appropriate distance from other parishioners inside the Church.

Family members who are not part of the same household must sit 6 ft apart without exception.

There will be markers throughout the Church to help assure appropriate distancing.

Father Demetri will administer Holy Communion in our traditional manner. Do not wipe your lips/mouth on the communion cloth. The sextant will place a piece of antidoron in your hands with tongs. We will form a line for Holy Communion in the center aisle. Following Holy Communion, you will return to your seat by the side aisle only.

At the conclusion of the Liturgy you will exit as directed by the “Ushers” to receive antidoron row by row, standing at a distance. There will be no hugging, handshakes, or kissing.

There will be no fellowship hour after services.

These rules were taken from State directives, local guidelines, and the direction and guidance of His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios. Our intent is to assure all our Stewards, their families and our many friends, a safe and comforting experience in the Household of God. We want to see you, we want to pray with you, but above all, we want you all to be safe, healthy and able to worship in a manner that is best for you.

May God continue to bless you and your families!
STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF 02–11–2021

Stewards pledged to date: 89
Total pledged for 2021: $90,765

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If your name is not listed as you wish it to appear, please notify the church office.

Upcoming News and Events at the Cathedral

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS: For those visiting an Orthodox Church for the first time, please be aware that Holy Communion is a sign of unity of faith which is only offered to Baptized or Chrismated Orthodox Christians. All present are welcome, however, to partake of the antidoron (blessed bread) which is distributed at the end of the service. Those interested in learning more about the Orthodox faith, please feel free to see Fr. Demetri a/f_ter the service.

MEMORIAL PRAYERS: Memorial prayers are offered for the repose of the souls of Helen Dukas, Evelyn Diranian (6 years), Christopher Karys (21 years), and Andrew Diranian (26 years), Panagiotis Palyvos, Efthathia Palyvou, Christos Palyvos, Eleftheria Palyvou, George Agelopoulos, Anastasia Agelopoulou. May their memory be eternal!

The flowers are offered in memory of Evelyn and Andrew Diranian by their daughter Virginia (Jinny) Diranian.

SATURDAY OF SOULS: On Saturday, March 6, we will commemorate the 1st Saturday of Souls at the Cathedral on Parker Street. Orthros begins at 8:45 a.m. followed by the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am.

ICONOGRAPHY TOWN HALL: Join us next Sunday, February 21, for a Town Hall in which we will discuss our Cathedral iconography project.
She was apparently not from the people of Israel, from whom came the patriarchs, the prophets and the parents of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh; from whom came the Virgin Mary, who brought forth Christ. Clearly this woman was not from that people but from the Gentiles. For, as we read, the Lord withdrew into the regions of Tyre and Sidon; and then the Canaanite woman, having gone beyond those borders, insistently sought help to heal her daughter who was beset by the devil. St. Augustine
Iconography Town Hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21
FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY

Join us for an informative Town Hall with Father Demetri as we continue to learn about the tradition, history, and theological significance of our iconography project.

This is an opportunity to ask questions, learn more, and most importantly, come together as a community to appreciate and celebrate this exciting transformation.

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12:00 P.M