

The 31st Day of July

The Forefeast of the Procession of the Precious and Lifegiving Cross; Holy and Righteous Eudocimus (*pronounced Eudokímus*) (Evdokím) of Cappadocia.

Vespers

At “Lord, I call...,” the stichera of the Cross, in Tone 1: *To the melody, “Joy of the ranks of heaven....”*

All human nature rejoices today /
As it celebrates the coming of the feast. /
For the Tree of the Cross is to be placed before the faithful /
As an inexhaustible source of healing for all — ///
To deliver us from every illness, passion, and danger.

O come, all ye faithful, /
And let us behold an awesome wonder; /
How the Tree of the Cross quenches the flames of infirmities /
And stills the heat of the passions ///
Of all who honor with faith the coming of the feast.

Both the living and the dead /
Are celebrating the coming of the feast /
For the Tree of the Life, having put Hades to death, /
Comes now to grant abundant grace and healing to all ///
As it is the defender of mankind, and the resurrection of the dead.

Then 3 stichera of the Saint, in Tone 8: *To the melody, “O most glorious wonder....”*

O blessèd Eudokímus, wise in God, /
Thy pure soul radiates true understanding /
Shedding forth the brightness of the virtues, /
Illumining the faithful and dispelling the darkness of demons. /
Therefore, as a partaker of everlasting grace ///
We piously honor thee, O truly wondrous one.

Having acquired a merciful soul, a brave heart, and purity of mind, /
An unwavering faith and a love that is true and sincere, /
Thou didst depart from earth to heaven /
Making thine abode with the ranks of the righteous ones. /

Therefore, we honor thee with sacred hymns ///
And piously bless thee, O blessed Eudokímus.

Being strengthened by teachings divine /
Carnal passions were driven from thy soul /
And thou didst become a pure dwelling of the Trinity. /
Therefore thou didst depart to the divine delights /
And thy body lies incorrupt, O blessèd one /
By divine means known only by God. ///
Therefore, we piously glorify thee, O blessed Eudokímus.

Glory..., of the Saint, in Tone 1:

How can we not marvel at the blessed wisdom of thy mind? /
How can we not praise thy truly angelic life, /
The chastity of thy thoughts, thy gentleness, /
Thy humility, inner silence, and mercy, /
For thou wast adorned with all the virtues, O blessèd one, ///
And the inexpressible joys of the kingdom were prepared for thee in heaven.

Now and ever..., of the Cross, in the same Tone:

Today, the holy and prophetic words of David receive their fulfíment. /
For behold, we bow in worship before Thy precious footstool, /
And hoping in the shelter of Thy wings, we cry out to Thee: /
Let the light of Thy countenance be signed on us. /
Raise up the horn of the Orthodox, O compassionate One.
By the exaltation of Thy precious Cross, O most-merciful Christ.

The Aposticha of the Octoechos, and

Glory..., now and ever..., of the Cross, in Tone 2: (To the regular melody)

Thou art my protection, O three-branched Cross of Christ! /
O sanctify me by thy power ///
That with faith and love I may ever venerate and glorify thee.

The Troparion of the Saint, in Tone 4:

He that called thee from earth to the heavenly mansions /
Preserves thy body as incorrupt after death, O Eudokímus; /
For thou didst live a pure life in chastity /
Without defiling thy flesh, O blessèd one. ///
Therefore, with boldness entreat Christ God to save our souls.

The Troparion of the Cross, in Tone 1:

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.

Matins

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After the Sixth Ode, the Kontakion of the Saint, in Tone 2:

Desiring the things of heaven /
Thou didst join thyself with them /
And by the ascent of thy good works as in a fiery chariat, /
Thou didst perfect thy soul, /
And having lived on earth like an angel, /
Thou wast well-pleasing to the Creator of all, ///
O most-blessed Eudokimus.