

ST CYRIL THE SIXTH COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH - 100 BERNARD RD. JACKSONVILLE, FL 32218

ST. CYRIL VI MONTHLY BULLETIN

NEWS

*St Cyril VI Community wishes our September birthdays a joyous month

*St Cyril Community would like to offer condolences to Tasoni Laura, Abouna Philopateer and Family for the passing of her grandfather, Mr Shawky Elbanna. May God repose his soul in the heavenly Jerusalem

CHURCH'S SEASON:

- +COMMEMORATION OF THE PATRIARCHS: ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB 9/3
- + DEPARTURE OF ST POEMEN THE HERMIT 9/9
- +DEPARTURE OF ST BARSOMA "THE NAKED" 9/10
- +BEGINNING OF THE BLESSED COPTIC NEW YEAR 9/11
- +MARTYRDOM OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST 9/12
- +ASSEMBLY OF THE 3RD ECUMENICAL COUNCIL @ EPHEBUS IN 431 9/22
- +FEAST OF THE CROSS 9/27

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"For God loves a cheerful giver"
(2 Corinthians 9:7)

"The nature of water is soft, that of stone is hard; but if a bottle is hung above the stone, allowing the water to fall drop by drop, it wears away the stone. So it is with the word of God; it is soft and our heart is hard, but the man who hears the word of God often, opens his heart to the fear of God."

~ St Abba Poemen

DEPARTURE OF ST EUTYCHUS 9/6 (EL-NASI 1)

The Inspiring Life of Saint Eutychus

- Apostolic Disciple: Lived from the first century into the early second century, originally hailing from Sebasta. He first became a disciple of Saint John the Theologian before joining Saint Paul on his early missionary journeys.
- The Title of Apostle: Though not one of the original 70 disciples, he was ordained as a bishop and earned the title of "Apostle" due to his tireless evangelical labors alongside the older Apostles.

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SERVICE TIMES

Vesper Prayers:

Friday, 9/11 & 9/25 - 6:00pm

Divine Liturgy:

Saturday, 9/12 &
9/26 - 8:30am



- **The Miracle at Troas:** Most famously known for the event in Acts 20:7–12. While listening to Saint Paul preach until midnight in a third-story room, Eutychus fell asleep, tumbled out of a window, and was picked up dead. Paul embraced him, miraculously restoring him to life, which brought immense comfort to the early Church community.
- **Fearless Ministry:** Spent his remaining years converting pagan temples into churches and baptizing countless Jews and pagans, which drew fierce opposition from local authorities.
- **Miraculous Protection:** Endured severe persecution, including starvation, imprisonment, and beatings. He was miraculously unharmed when thrown into a blazing fire and cast to wild beasts—including a lion that astonished onlookers by refusing to hurt him and instead praising God with a human voice.
- **A Peaceful End:** Guided and strengthened by an angel, he ultimately returned to his homeland of Sebasta, where he continued his holy work for many years before passing away peacefully.

May his prayers be with us. Amen.

Clarification: Saint vs. Heretic

- **St. Eutychus (1st Century):** A faithful, venerated saint and companion of the early Apostles.
- **Eutyches of Constantinople (5th Century):** A completely different historical figure who was excommunicated as a heretic. He originated "Eutychianism," falsely teaching that Christ's human nature was entirely absorbed by His divine nature "like a drop of vinegar in the ocean." This heresy was strictly condemned by Coptic Pope St. Dioscorus.

*****SOURCES: https://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/hiddensaints/hieromartyr_eutyches/

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