

## St. Euthymius the Great

Saint Euthymius the Great came from the city of Melitene in Armenia, near the River Euphrates. His parents, Paul and Dionysia, were pious Christians of noble birth. His mother gave him to her brother, the priest Eudoxius, to be educated, and he, in turn, presented the child to the Bishop. Saint Euthymius later became a monk and was ordained to the holy priesthood. Fleeing worldly responsibilities and cares, he fled to the desert, each time attracting other monks, and each time fleeing deeper into the wilderness. Finally God commanded him to receive those who came to him for their spiritual benefit. Saint Euthymius saw in a vision that two brothers wished to flee the monastery. He summoned them and admonished them to abandon their destructive intention. He said, "We must never admit evil thoughts that fill us with sorrow and hatred for the place in which we live, and suggest that we go somewhere else. If someone tries to do something good in the place where he lives but fails to complete it, he should not think that he will accomplish it elsewhere. It is not the place that produces success, but faith and a firm will. A tree which is often transplanted does not bear fruit." The great saint was a defender of Orthodoxy against the Monophysite and Manichean heresies and died on January 20, 473 at the age of ninety-seven.

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**Readings**

Epistle                                   Colossians 3:4-11; Hebrews 13:17-21  
Gospel                                    Luke 18:35-43; Luke 6:17-23

Tone 1   Troparion   (Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: "Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom!// Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who lovest of mankind!"

Tone 4   Troparion   (Venerable Euthymius)

Rejoice, barren wilderness! Be glad, sterile desert that has never known the travail of birth! The man of desires, Euthymius, has multiplied thy sons; he has planted them in faith and piety. He has watered them with the Holy Spirit; they grow in self-denial and perfect virtue.// Through his intercessions, Christ our God, preserve Thy people in peace!

Tone 1   Kontakion   (Resurrection)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee:// "Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

Tone 8   Kontakion (Venerable Euthymius)

The wilderness rejoiced at thy birth, holy Father Euthymius. In thy memory, it brings a harvest of joy through thy many miracles. Pour the wonders on our souls as well and cleanse us from our sins, that we may sing: "Alleluia!"



This Week at St. Herman's

**Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> - *St. Euthymius the Great***

- 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy
- Coffee Hour in the parish hall
- Annual Parish Meeting after Coffee Hour

**Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> - *Hieromartyr Clement of Ancyra***

- 6:45 AM - Coffee and Books
- 7:00 PM - Great Vespers for Sts. Xenia of Rome & Xenia of St. Petersburg

**Thursday, January 24<sup>h</sup> - *Sts Xenia of Rome & Xenia of St. Petersburg***

- 6:00 PM - Greek Class

**Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> - *Venerable Xenophon, Mary, Arcadius, and John***

- 7:00 PM - Great Vespers