

# September 18

**Fifth Day of the Holy Cross;  
Commemoration of our Holy Father  
Eumenios the Wonderworker, Bishop of Cortyna in Crete  
(5th Class)**

## VESPERS

*Stichera for the Cross (Tone 1)*

6. The Tree of our salvation, the Wood on which Christ willed to be nailed to give life to the world, on the day of its exaltation invites all believers to bow down before the footstool of our God with hymns of praise.
5. O faithful, celebrating the memory of the dedication of the holy Anastasis, which made the great light of immortal life shine upon those sitting in darkness, come, let us exalt the life-giving Wood of the Cross, prostrating before Christ our Savior!
4. The great Moses once lifted up his arms on Mount Sinai in the form of a cross. O Christ our God, he prefigured Your Cross which is exalted today, sanctifying all the faithful on earth who bow down before Your holy Crucifixion.

*For Eumenios (Tone 4)*

3. Your body and soul purified of the passions became a dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit. Adorned by the priesthood, whose anointing you had received, O Eumenios, you stand close to our God at His right hand in company with the holy angels. As an heir of the glory of the Lord, you intercede on behalf of the faithful who sing to you.
2. Your wondrous life, illumined by the virtues, shines with radiant miracles and makes you known throughout the world, O blessed hierarch, establishing you as a sure-guiding star, a companion of all the saints, a citizen of

the holy city, a fellow-citizen of the angels in Heaven, O wonderworker worthy of all praise.

1. The adornment of Crete, the bishop of Gortyna, the unshakable foundation of the Church, the hierarch Eumenios has obtained renown by his great deeds and wondrous miracles. He is known as one who brings light to darkened hearts, a lamp for believers, a herald's voice. Let us all venerate him.
- v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

*Stavrotheotokion*

O Christ our God, Moses prefigured the salutary effects of Your precious Cross when he defeated the haughty Amalek in the desert of Sinai, for while he extended his arms crosswise, the people were victorious. All these symbols have now attained their perfection before our eyes: today the whole creation is delivered from corruption, for all blessings have been bestowed upon us by the Cross. Wherefore, we joyfully kneel to You and say, "How great are Your works, O Lord! Glory to You!"

*"O Joyful Light..." Prokimenon of Wednesday evening.*

**APOSTICHA** (*Tone 6*)

1. Long-suffering Lord, You endured scourging, crucifixion and shame, wishing to deliver us from the hand of the seducer. You suffered all these things, O God of compassion and only Giver of Life.
- All: Exalt the Lord our God and worship at His footstool, for He is holy.
2. O God of goodness, I venerate Your cross, the nails and the lance, O Redeemer, by which You delivered us from death, O only Lover of Mankind and our Benefactor, O Savior and only Giver of Life!

All: The Lord is King from of old, and He has brought about salvation in the midst of the earth.

3. For me, You were nailed to the Cross, O all-good Savior. You endured outrages and scourging. You tasted the vinegar and were pierced by a lance, suffering all these things, O sinless Redeemer.

All: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

*Stavrotheotokion*

Today the Wood of the Cross was seen! Today the plots of the impious were destroyed. Today the rulers of the Orthodox people brought about the triumph of our Faith. Although Adam once fell through a tree, the demons are now filled with fear through the Tree of the Cross. Glory to You, all-powerful Lord! Glory to You!

**TROPARION OF EUMENIOS** (*Tone 7*)

You enriched your life with fasting. You loved the poor and gave them all you had. You were brighter than the sun in virtue, cheering the sad and comforting the mourning. By virtue of these riches, O father Eumenios, beg Christ to forgive our sins by your prayers.

v. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

**TROPARION OF THE CROSS** (*Tone 1*)

O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance; grant victory to our country over its enemies; and preserve Your community by the power of Your Cross.