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**Venerable Euphrosyne of Alexandria**

Saint Euphrosyne of Alexandria was born at the beginning of the fifth century in the city of Alexandria. She was the only child in her family of illustrious and rich parents. Since her mother died early, she was raised by her father, Paphnutius, a deeply believing and pious Christian. He frequented a monastery, the igumen of which was his spiritual guide.

When Euphrosyne turned eighteen, her father wanted her to marry. He went to the monastery to his spiritual guide to receive his blessing for the planned wedding of his daughter. The igumen conversed with the daughter and gave her his blessing, but Saint Euphrosyne yearned for the monastic life.

She secretly accepted tonsure from a wandering monk, left her father's house and decided to enter a monastery in order to lead her life in solitude and prayer. She feared, however, that in a women's monastery her father would find her. Calling herself the eunuch Smaragdus, she went to the very same men's monastery which she had visited with her father since childhood.

The monks did not recognize Euphrosyne dressed in men's garb, and so they accepted her into the monastery. Here in a solitary cell, Saint Euphrosyne spent 38 years in works, fasting and prayer, and attained a high level of spiritual accomplishment.

Her father grieved over the loss of his beloved daughter and more than once, on the advice of the igumen, he conversed with the monk Smaragdus, revealing his grief and receiving spiritual comfort. Before her death, the nun Euphrosyne revealed her secret to her grieving father and asked that no one but he should prepare her body for burial. Having buried his daughter, Paphnutius distributed all his wealth to both the poor and to the monastery, and then he accepted monasticism. For ten years right up to his own death, he labored in the cell of his daughter.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: Epistle** 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 **Gospel** Luke 5:1-11

**VISITS:**

**Sewickley Hospital:** Mira Young , Martha Lackovich

**Villa St Joseph:** Donna Milanovich , Slavka Nikolic

**Friendship Ridge:** Ann Belich, Helen Belich , Ted Belich, Cynthia Bratich, Sara Jerich , Joe & Carol Kascur, Robin Lapceovich, Richard Steinmiller,

**Beaver Meadows:** Mary Loverich , Eli Rebich, Bob Sparcie

**FUNERAL:** Give Rest O Lord to thy departed serveant **IRENE HAYDEN** and make her memory to be eternal. Our deepest sympathies are extended to her family, kumovi and friends. **VJECNAJA PAMJAT!**

**20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SERBIAN FOOD FESTIVAL**

**CONTINUES TODAY FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY**

**NOON-4:00 pm**

Please join us in the Center following Divine Liturgy and enjoy all of our fine delicious foods and baked goods, and wonderful raffle. Monies raised help support our Church Center. Donations will graciously be accepted if you cannot attend!



**You are cordially invited to join us for our  
85<sup>th</sup> Slava Celebration of the  
SVETA PETKA KOLO  
Friday , October, 27<sup>th</sup> , 2017**

**Lunch to be served at the American Serbian Club at 12:30 p.m.**

Honored Kuma this year is **VIOLET TOMEI**

For reservations please call Diane Baron at 724-378-8979

Donation is \$20.00

Menu: Baked or Fried Fish, Potatoes, Pasta, Vegetable, Salad, Dessert  
Everyone from our parish is welcomed to attend and help us  
celebrate our special day!