

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of the Holy Cross -- September 14th

The Triumph and Exaltation of the Holy Cross

So great and outstanding a possession is the cross that he who wins it has won a treasure. Rightly could I call this treasure the fairest of all fair things and the costliest, in fact as well as in name, for on it and through it and for its sake the riches of salvation that had been lost were restored to us.

Had there been no cross, Christ could not have been crucified. Had there been no cross, life itself could not have been nailed to the tree. And if life had not been nailed to it, there would be no streams of immortality pouring from Christ's side, blood and water for the world's cleansing. The legal bond of our sin would not be cancelled, we should not have attained our freedom, we should not have enjoyed the fruit of the tree of life and the gates of paradise would not stand open. Had there been no cross, death would not have been trodden underfoot, nor hell despoiled.

Therefore, the cross is something wonderfully great and honorable. It is great because through the cross the many noble acts of Christ found their consummation - very many indeed, for both His miracles and His sufferings were fully rewarded with victory. The cross is honorable because it is both the sign of God's suffering and the trophy of His victory. It stands for His suffering because on it He freely suffered unto death. But it is also His trophy because it was the means by which the devil was wounded and death conquered; the barred gates of hell were smashed, and the cross became the one common salvation of the whole world.

The cross is called Christ's glory; it is saluted as His triumph. We recognize it as the cup He longed to drink and the climax of the sufferings He endured for our sake.

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"Slava Isusoo Khristoo!"
"Glory to Jesus Christ!"

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Holy Cross

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS (Sep. 14) will be celebrated today in our Church. This holyday marks the discovery of the True Cross of Christ on Mt. Calvary by St. Helen, the mother of Emperor Constantine the Great, in the 4th century. After Liturgy we will sing out our hymn to the Cross and venerate it with a kiss.

"O Lord, we adore Your Cross and glorify Your Holy Resurrection."

"KRESTOO TVOYEMOO POKLANYAYETSIA VLADYKO, EE SVIATOYE VOSKRES-
SENIYE TVOYE."

OUR BIG HOMECOMING WEEKEND is all set for next week, Saturday and Sunday, Sep. 21-22, when we will celebrate all our families. After Liturgy we will havetreats galore, food and drink and fun for all, plus a professional photographer on site to take your family's photo as a gift from the parish. So gather up your family and be with us next weekend for FAMILY WEEK here at the parish.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will begin here for all our parish youth, from pre-school through highschool. All parish youth must attend this most valuable program. It's all for you and the children, and it's all free! Registration will be held next Sunday, Sep. 22, at 10 am and classes will begin Sunday, Sep. 29 at 10 am.

MARRIED ON SATURDAY: Heather Sugalski and John Renfro. We pray that our Lord Jesus Christ will bless this young couple with good health, much love and a long and happy life together. NA MNOHAYA LEETA!

BURIED ON THURSDAY: +George Sedor, 91, Swedesburg, PA, husband of Marie and father of Mark and Judy. We all pray that Our Lord Jesus will now take +George home to Paradise - VICHNAYA PAMYAT!

THE GOOD MEN of St. John Chrysostom Society will sing the Holy Liturgy next Sunday at 9 am for our Family Weekend Feast. These men will give public witness to their Faith and tell the world of their love for Jesus Christ, as they sing out the liturgical prayers.

FATHER PASTOR will attend the mandatory priests' retreat in NJ next week. He will be away from Monday to Thursday for this purpose. Just leave a message on the rectory phone if a weighty matter arises.

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 6 pm For all the Faithful

Sunday, 9 am +Alexander Cheipesh (Anna, Luba Haney)

+Yaroslav Dejneka (Motria, Sophie, Irene)

Saturday, 8 am The Klus and Wowk Family (Joanne Colt and Family)

Saturday, 6 pm +Caroline Glowa (Gerry Fontaine)

Sunday, 9 am +Yaroslav Dejneka (Motria, Sophie, Irene)

HOLY CROSS TROPAR: O Lord, save Your People and save Your Inheritance. Help Your faithful rulers vanquish their enemies and protect Your Faithful with Your Holy Cross.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND THE...

HOLY CROSS KONTAK: O Christ God, You once ascended the cross for us. Now bestow Your graces upon Your entire Christian Community and Church. Gladden the faithful rulers with Your Power, for Your Divine Peace is our only hope and salvation.

PROKIMEN: Praise the Lord our God and bow down before Him, amen.

