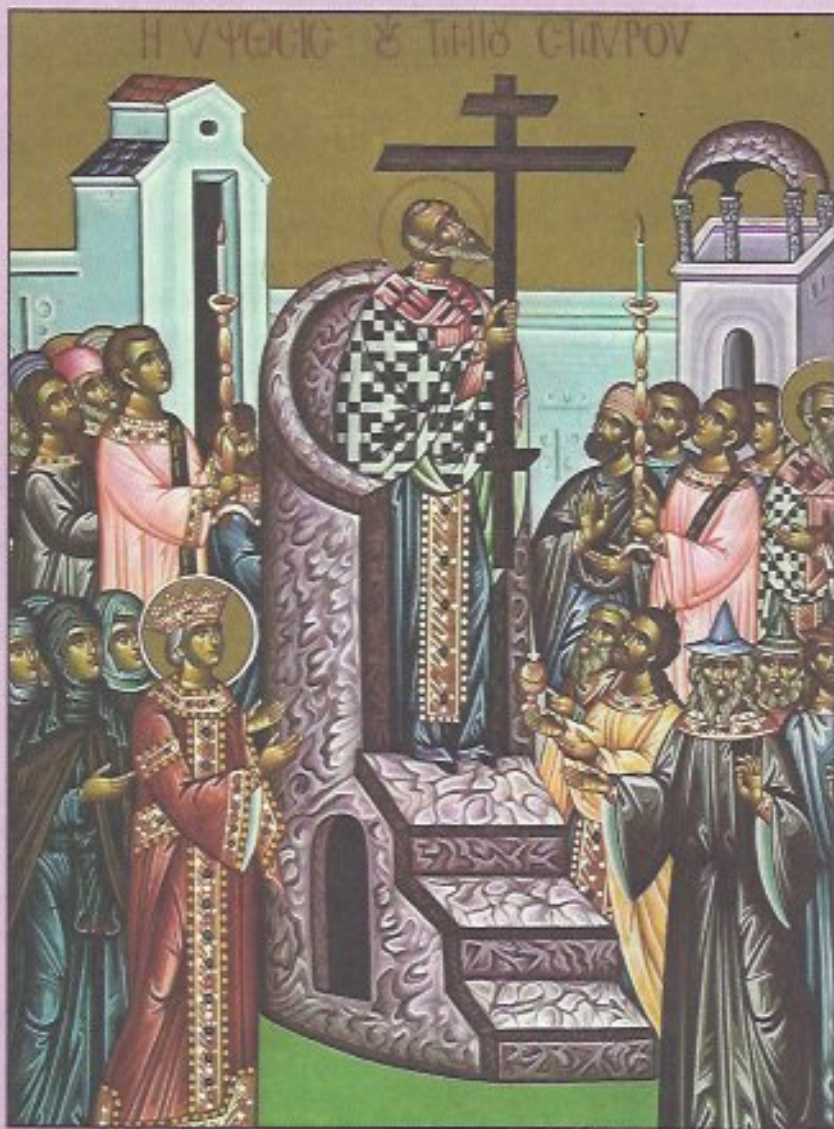


SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION
OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross — September 14th

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September 10-17, 2017

Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross

Epistle: Galations 6:11-18

Gospel: John 3:13-17

SATURDAY (English) 6:00PM Andrea & Tyler Keener Anniversary Intention:
Craig Stoken Family

Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross: September 10, 2017

9:00AM (Ukrainian) For the Parishioners

11:00AM (English)+Alexander Trusz – Stefania Trusz

All Daily Divine Liturgies celebrated at 9:00AM unless otherwise scheduled.

MONDAY +Walter Kiniuk – Katheryn Whitehead

TUESDAY No Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

5:30PM +Tony Stojkiewicz- Stoken Family

THURSDAY Health of Andrea Keeney- Craig Stoken Family

FRIDAY +Josephine Ileczo – Dave & Gretchen

SATURDAY 6:00PM (English) + Margaret Hutnik -Stefania Trusz

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9:00AM (Ukrainian) For the parishioners

11:00AM (English) +Josephine Ileczo – Vargas Family

COLLECTION – \$ 1662.50 Thank you for your generosity and support.

\$360. Hurricane Harvey Special collection

Eternal Light & Altar Candles: For those suffering the effects of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Jose. May our Lady protect them.

Please remember to pray for the sick and all those who have requested our prayers

Helen & Betty Terleski	Paul Ridilla	Catherine Kutzler	Olga Turczyn
Mae Kulczykcki	Sophie Troyan	Claudette Kemmerer	Iryna Stefurak
Melvne Thatcher	Craig Stoken	Richard Suter	Donna Mareska
Olga Bryksa	Julian Trusz	Michael Sidlar	Fr Dan Gurovich
Joseph Bodnar	Lillian Opp	Frank & Betty Maitzki	Sarah Shanks
Kim Lightcap	Gregory & Dot Neff	Stephen Terleski	Fr Mark Fesniak
Margaret Dashe	Helen Potak	Anna Drozd	Olga Trusz
Mary Heverling	Frieda Lubosky	Barbara Hacker	Fr. David Clooney
Delbert Atherholt	Harold Osmun	Timothy Kohutka	

**SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
POSTFEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD**

Troparion (5):

Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Troparion (4):

Your nativity, O Mother of God, has made joy known to all the world, for from you dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. He abolished the curse and gave the blessing; and by making death of no effect He bestowed on us eternal life.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever: Amen.

Kontakion (4):

By your birth, O immaculate one, Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And your people, redeemed from the guilt of their sins, celebrate as they cry out to you: The barren one gives birth to the Mother of God and nourisher of our life.

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Prokimenon (6):

Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: To You, O Lord, I call; my God, be not deaf to me.

Epistle: Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (Gal 6, 11-18)

Brethren: See with what large letters I am writing to you in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good appearance in the flesh who are trying to compel you to have yourselves circumcised, only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those having themselves circumcised observe the law themselves; they only want you to be circumcised so that they may boast of your flesh. But may I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither does circumcision mean anything, nor does uncircumcision, but only a new creation. Peace and mercy be to all who follow this rule and to the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

Alleluia Verses:

Verse: I have exalted one chosen from the people; and with My holy oil, I have anointed him. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Verse: My hand shall always be with him, and My arm shall make him strong.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel:(Jn 3,13-17)

The Lord said, "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

It is truly right.. (Or the Hirmos of the Feast):

O my soul, extol the Virgin Mary, wondrously born.

:Mothers cannot be virgins, nor virgins be mothers; but in you, O Mother of God, both virginity and motherhood were present. Therefore, all the people of the earth unceasingly extol you.

Communion Verse:

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. I shall raise the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM THE HURRICANES

We join our thoughts and prayers with all those who are enduring the severe living conditions caused by the hurricanes in Texas and Florida and along the East coast of the United States. There will be special petitions during the Divine Liturgies this weekend. May our Lady protect them beneath her mantle of love and intercession. May God preserve their lives and their families.

The Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross

Commemorated on September 14

The Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Creating Cross of the Lord: The pagan Roman emperors tried to completely eradicate from human memory the holy places where our Lord Jesus Christ suffered and was resurrected for mankind. The Emperor Hadrian (117-138) gave orders to cover over the ground of Golgotha and the Sepulchre of the Lord, and to build a temple of the pagan goddess Venus and a statue of Jupiter. Pagans gathered at this place and offered sacrifice to idols there. Eventually after 300 years, by Divine Providence, the great Christian sacred remains, the Sepulchre of the Lord and the Life-Creating Cross were again discovered and opened for veneration. This took place under the Emperor Constantine the Great (306-337) after his victory in the year 312 over Maxentius, ruler of the Western part of the Roman empire, and over Licinius, ruler of its Eastern part. In the year 323 Constantine became the sole ruler of the vast Roman Empire.

In 313 he had issued the Edict of Milan, by which the Christian religion was legalized and the persecutions against Christians in the Western half of the empire were stopped. The ruler Licinius, although he had signed the Edict of Milan to oblige Constantine, still fanatically continued the persecutions against Christians. Only after his conclusive defeat did the 313 Edict of toleration extend also to the Eastern part of the empire. The Holy Equal of the Apostles Emperor Constantine, having gained victory over his enemies in three wars with God's assistance, had seen in the heavens the Sign of the Cross, and written beneath: "By this you shall conquer."

Ardently desiring to find the Cross on which our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified, Saint Constantine sent his mother, the pious Empress Helen (May 21), to Jerusalem, providing her with a letter to Saint Macarius, Patriarch of Jerusalem. Although the holy empress Helen was already in her declining years, she set about completing the task with enthusiasm. The empress gave orders to destroy the pagan temple and the statues in Jerusalem. Searching for the Life-Creating Cross, she made inquiry of Christians and Jews, but for a long time her search remained unsuccessful. Finally, they directed her to a certain elderly Hebrew by the name of Jude who stated that the Cross was buried where the temple of Venus stood. They demolished the pagan temple and, after praying, they began to excavate the ground. Soon the Tomb of the Lord was uncovered. Not far from it were three crosses, a board with the inscription ordered by Pilate, and four nails which had pierced the Lord's Body .

In order to discern on which of the three crosses the Savior was crucified, Patriarch Macarius alternately touched the crosses to a corpse. When the Cross of the Lord touched the dead man, he came to life. Having beheld the raising of the dead man, everyone was convinced that the Life-Creating Cross was found. Christians came in a huge throng to venerate the Holy Cross, beseeching Saint Macarius to elevate the Cross, so that even those far off might reverently contemplate it. Then the Patriarch and other spiritual leaders raised up the Holy Cross, and the people, saying "Lord have mercy," reverently prostrated before the Venerable Wood. This solemn event occurred in the year 326. The holy empress Helen journeyed to the holy places connected with the earthly life of the Savior, building more than 80 churches, at Bethlehem the birthplace of Christ, and on the Mount of Olives where the Lord ascended to Heaven, and at Gethsemane where the Savior prayed before His sufferings and where the Mother of God was buried after her death.

Saint Helen took part of the Life-Creating Wood and nails with her to Constantinople. The holy emperor Constantine gave orders to build at Jerusalem a majestic and spacious church in honor of the Resurrection of Christ, also including under its roof the Life-Giving Tomb of the Lord and Golgotha. The temple was constructed in about ten years. Saint Helen did not survive until the dedication of the temple, she died in the year 327. The church was consecrated on September 13, 335. On the following day, September 14, the festal celebration of the Exaltation of the Venerable and Life-Creating Cross was established.

ST NICHOLAS GREAT MEADOWS RUMMAGE SALE

St Nicholas Church in Great Meadows is holding their annual Rummage Sale on Friday September 22 from 9:00AM-3:00PM and Saturday (Bag Day) from 9:00AM - 3:00PM. Located at 335 Rt 46 in Great Meadows NJ. All are welcome and invited.

LEAGUE OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CONVENTION

The 78th Annual LUC Convention will be held on October 6,7,8 at Genetti's Best Western Hotel and Conference Center in Willkesbarre PA. There is a registration form available in the vestibule of the church. The League is a great organization founded many years ago to foster our Ukrainian Catholic faith, customs and traditions. There are various workshops , field trips, banquet and dancing. All are welcome!

LAST WEEK TO REGISTER FOR THE CONVENTION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUNDAY: September 17

On Sunday September 17 at the 11:00AM Divine Liturgy there will be a blessing of the new Catechetical Year, and the Students and teachers for our Religious Education program. All children of our education program are asked to join with us that Sunday as we plan our new year of faith and adventure!

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The vesperal Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross will be held on Wednesday evening at 5:30PM. Please join with us in honoring the cross of Jesus which we accept at Baptism as his followers. The liturgy will include parts of the vespers hymns in honor of the cross. They serve as an inspiration and also to educate us in the faith. Please join us.

SPECIAL THANKS : PYROHY

Special thanks to all those who came to help with pyrohy making this past week: 330 dozen were made! Special thanks to: Dan Bodnar, Joann Fulmer, Olga Bryksa, Jean Lakomski, Judy Palinkas, John Drozd Jr, Bill & Ruth Hutnik, Linda Hutnik, Marion & Teodozia Sroka, Stefania Trusz, Julia Mattes, Diane Bush, Cindy, Pat Peters, Paulette Bellis, Donna Hale, Robert Sarisky, Kathy Sargent, Jane Atherholt, Karen Eible, Anna Trusz, Elizabeth Poleschuk, Lori Wynne, Fr Dan, Donna Sidlar, God bless them for their time and dedication to this project.

Our next Pyrohy sale will be October 3-4.

THE CHAPEL SCHEDULE

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** Every Monday at 7:00AM there is an open meeting for those interested in learning more about alcoholism and alcoholics.
- **Ukrainian American Veterans Post 42** meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:00PM for their business & Post meeting.
- **ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES** : Monday evening at 5:30PM in the chapel.

TRICKY TRAY

Our Annual Tricky Tray Fundraiser will be held on October 15, 2017 in the parish hall. Preparations are made all year to make this one of the best Tricky Trays in the area. We are again asking for your support for the Tricky Tray through your donation of \$50 per family. Please help us achieve our goal again.

We need some volunteers to go to some local businesses seeking donations. There are letters of introduction and a list of local businesses to solicit, Please see Joann Fulmer or John Drozd Jr after services. Thank you

Tricky Tray Donations: \$50: Steve Yaremchuk, Lillian Opp, Olga Bryksa, Michael Kucynda, David & Leah Wright

FIRST HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY

Anyone wishing to attend the First Divine Liturgy of Bishop Andriy Rabyi, please register in the vestibule of the church. The Divine Liturgy will be at our Cathedral in Philadelphia on September 24, 2017 beginning at 3:00PM. All are welcome and invited. We will be leaving from Holy Ghost Church at 12:00 noon.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR TEXAS DISASTER RELIEF

There is a collection basket in the vestibule of the church for the relief effort underway for all of those affected by Hurricane Harvey in Texas. Our collection will be gathered and sent into the chancery to be sent to Texas through Catholic Charities. Thank you for your contribution.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Adult Religious Education classes will be held for the adults of our parish on Monday evenings from 5:30-6:30PM, beginning September 11. All are invited and welcome.

Children's Religious Education classes will be held on Sunday beginning on September 17 from 12:15PM- 1:00PM. If your child is receiving the sacrament of First Confession this year they should register using the form in the vestibule of the church. Thank you

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If you wish to join Holy Ghost Church and become a member of our parish family, please contact Fr. Dan at the parish rectory to register with us.

Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion. Classes are required for parents and godparents prior to sacrament. Please contact the parish office

Marriages: Couples wishing to be married must be registered in the parish and attending Pre-Cana classes. One year notification is required.

Anointing of the Sick/Visitation of the Sick: Anyone wishing to be visited with Holy Communion and/or anointed for healing, please contact Fr. Dan at the parish office.

Confession: Regular confession helps us in our journey of faith.

Confessions will be held

Saturday's from 5:15PM-5:45PM Sunday from 10:15AM-10:45AM

The Holy Cross

For it was not a mere man who died for us, as I said before, but the Son of God, God made man. Further; if the lamb under Moses drove the destroyer far away, did not much rather the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world, deliver us from our sins? If any disbelieve the power of the Crucified, let him ask the devils; if any believe not words, let him believe what he sees. Many have been crucified throughout the world, but by none of these are the devils scared; but when they see even the Sign of the Cross of Christ, who was crucified for us, they shudder. For those men died for their own sins, but Christ for the sins of others; for He did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth. Take for a witness Pilate himself, who gave sentence upon Him, saying, I find no fault in this Man: and when he gave Him up, and had washed his hands, he said, I am innocent of the blood of this just person.

Jesus then really suffered for all men; for the Cross was no illusion, otherwise our redemption is an illusion also. His death was not a mere show, for then is our salvation also a fable. If His death was but a show, they were true who said, We remember what that deceiver said, while He was yet alive, After three days I rise again. His Passion then was real: for He was really crucified, and we are not ashamed of it. He was crucified, and we deny it not, nay, I rather glory to speak of it. I confess the Cross, because I know of the Resurrection. For if, after being crucified, He had remained as He was, I had not perchance confessed it, but now that the Resurrection has followed the Cross, I am not ashamed to declare it. Amen.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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