



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

September 13, 2020

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS



*Saints Cyril and Methodius
Byzantine Catholic Church*

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Sunday

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

(If unable to attend in person, our Divine Liturgy
is streamed via our Facebook page.)

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SUNDAY September 13 Tone 6	SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS Gal 6:11-18 Jn 3:13-17	8:30 AM: Confession 9:00 AM: Divine Liturgy (for the Intention of the Parishioners)
Monday September 14	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 1 Cor 1:18-24 Jn 19:6-11, 13-21, 25-27, 30-35	SOLEMN 16TH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST 6:30 PM: Divine Liturgy
Tuesday September 15	Nicetas Great - Martyr Gal 5:11-21 Mk 7:5-16	
Wednesday September 16	Euphemia Great - Martyr Gal 6:2-10 Mk 7:14-24	
Thursday September 17	Sophia and Others Martyrs Eph 1:1-9 Mk 7:24-30	
Friday September 18	Eumenius Bishop Eph 1:7-17 Mk 8:1-10	
Saturday September 19	Saturday After the Exaltation of the Cross Codratus - Apostle 1 Cor 1:26-29 Jn 8:21-30	8:00 AM -12:00 PM: Eritrean Orthodox Divine Liturgy 4:00 PM: St. Nicholas Mission Divine Liturgy
SUNDAY September 20 Tone 7	SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS Gal 2:16-20 Mk 8:34-9:1	8:30 AM Confession 9:00 AM: Divine Liturgy (for the Intention of the Parishioners)

Call the parish office (919-239-4877) to make an appointment or to speak with Fr. Vasyl (908-404-0777).

SSCM CHURCH/HALL SCHEDULE

The **St. Nicholas Mission** celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church every Saturday at 4:00 PM.

The **Eritrean Orthodox** celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.

The **Coptic Orthodox** celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month.



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If you are new to our area or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are happy you are joining us to share in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not a home for you, we warmly invite you to become part of our parish family.

If you wish to register with our parish, please email Michelle Rubush at sscyrilmethodius@gmail.com

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GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!
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Byzantine Catholic Greetings

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na viki! (*Slavonic*)

Please remember in your prayers:

John Patrick Rose, Elizabeth Macario, Holly Kingery (mother of Travis), Fr. Mark and family, and Fr. Vasy and family

Please pray for the repose + of the souls of our faithful departed:

+Natalie and John Morgan, +Rev Fr. Richard Rohrer, +Gloria Shuey

In Blessed Repose, Grant O Lord, Eternal Rest to the Soul of Your Departed Servants and May their Memory be Eternal.



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Join us on **Saturday, September 26** beginning at 10:00 AM for a major cleaning of the hall. More hands will make quick work of this important task. Baking and food preparation will be scheduled in October and November and the hall needs to be in tip top shape.

CHURCH CLEANING

If you would like to help, please contact Joe Deaton or Michelle Rubush. We need to have enough volunteers so no one is cleaning more than once every three months. Volunteers may do the cleaning anytime during the week when the church is not in use. Thank you to our current volunteers!

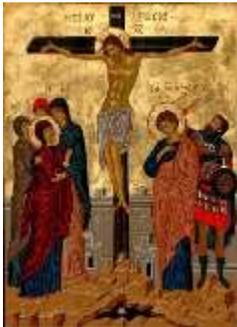
Sept 13-18	Deaton & Cwik	Oct 4-9	G. Tsakanikas
Sept 20-25	M. Taylor	Oct 11-16	Kingery
Sept 27-Oct 2	E. Tsakanikas	Oct 18-24	A. Taylor

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER VASYL FOR THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

Today we celebrate the feast of the Triumph of the Cross, something we have heard proclaimed by the church and have read about in Scripture. Yet, do we truly know what this "triumph of the cross" is? Do we recognize the glorious truth that is celebrated in this feast? Can we examine our lives and say that we have experienced triumph through the cross of Jesus?

We need to take seriously this triumph that Jesus earned for us. A "triumph" is a victory, a rejoicing over victory in battle, an exultation or joy over success. Triumph once was associated most often with the winning of battles, but today winners and losers share a sense of dissatisfaction and blame. In politics, a party or a candidate may triumph on Election Day, but the triumph is usually cut short by the gravity of the problems which the newly elected official must face. Except for our sporting events, we have little experience upon which to base our understanding of triumph. Christians all over the world also seem to have lost their sense of triumph; we seldom hear it spoken of anymore. Nonetheless, it is our right as Christians to experience personally the triumph of the cross of Christ. Each of us needs experiential knowledge of Christ's victory on the cross. The victory of the cross is not just an intellectual idea. It is something which we can all experience in our own lives.

Let us beg the Lord to grant us a deeper understanding of this victory that was earned for us by Jesus, the Victor King. Our experiential knowledge of the cross will be shown first in our recognition of our impulse to sin. Through the power of the cross, we can triumph over our sinful desires. Second, we can see Christ's victory as our victory. And third, we can - in prayer - enter into the very presence of God as his adopted children. The lives of the saints are glowing testimonies of Christians who experienced the triumph of the cross. When we study their lives, we discover that they all had a revelation of Christ's victory which radically changed their lives. Let us ask God for this same interior revelation of Jesus' victory on Calvary. Then we shall become sharers in the triumph and the power of the cross. "We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world."



Icon of the Crucifixion -- Exaltation of the Holy Cross -- September 14th

Every action of Christ glorifies the Church, but the cross is the glory above all glory. Paul understood that well when he said: "I will glory in nothing else but the cross of Christ." (*Galatians 6:14*) That a blind man should have been able to regain his sight by the pool of Siloam is certainly a marvelous fact. But what does this single episode add up to, when you think of the blind all over the world?

The resurrection of Lazarus who had already been dead four days was a miraculous event, overcoming all the forces of nature. But this favor granted to him alone could not be any comfort to all those who had died through their own sin. It was a miracle to feed the 5,000 with five loaves. But what use could that be for all the ignorant people starved of truth?

The glory of the cross, by contrast, has enlightened all those who were blinded by ignorance. It has set free all those who were slaves of sin. It has redeemed the whole human race.

Let us glory in the cross of the Savior. "The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." (*1 Corinthians 1:18*)

Catechesis of St. Cyril of Jerusalem

THE BYZANTEENS

ByzanTEENS is an official ministry of the Catholic Metropolitan Church of the USA. The ministry is a function of the Intereparchial Youth Commission, whose members serve in each of the four eparchies of the Byzantine Catholic Church and is guided by an episcopal moderator. Our ByzanTEENS are under the leadership of Rachel Blair.

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. (Proverbs 22:6)

Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for **God loves a cheerful giver**. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

You honor God and our Church by continuing to tithe each week. A collection basket is under the Tetrapod for your weekly donation. You may also mail in your donation or donate online via our website.

"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." (Luke 6:38)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFERTORY</u>
September 6	\$1,448.00

GREAT NEWS!



We have received formal approval from the Eparchy to move forward with our "virtual St. Nicholas Market" which will be Friday, December 11 and Saturday, December 12, times to be determined. Phillip Lamb is creating our website for online ordering of baked goods, prepared foods, and some high-demand retail. A pickup system is being developed under Covid guidelines, and some retail items will be available to be shipped thus increasing the reach of the market and possibly positioning us for year-round sales in the future. We hope to "go live" online by early October.

To be ready, we need your help in the following areas:

1. Several people to each take, bake, and package one of our cookie recipes.
2. Help baking nut rolls and cookies in the hall (dates to be determined).
3. Help preparing Halupki, Halushki, Sauerkraut, and Borscht (dates to be determined).
4. Two people to help with retail orders (pull items, package for shipping, or hold for addition of baked/prepared foods for pickup (dates to be determined).
5. Volunteers for December 11 and 12: Pulling orders by pick up time slot, directing customers through the drive through pick up process, placing orders in cars, etc.



Please prayerfully consider how you can help, pick your task, and let us know we can count on you! This year we have the important task of maintaining the momentum we have built up for the Market over the past 12 years, adding to our St. Nicholas funds, and delivering some cheer and goodwill to our customers in these difficult times. Please come be a part of it! Please contact Nancy Driscoll for more information, questions, and to volunteer.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will be meeting the *second* Tuesday of every month. If you have any questions or concerns you would like addressed at the next meeting, please contact one of the members: Mike Carpenter, Marie Taylor, Paul Tooley, Lance Morgan, Dan Pope, Lou Gigliotti and Mike Sapsara.

Fr. Vasyl thanks Joe Deaton and Angela Taylor for their faithful service and dedication to their work on the PPC as they complete their term.



"Start by doing what is necessary, then do what is possible and suddenly you are doing the impossible." St. Francis of Assisi

In spite of the pandemic, the needs of our church continue and bills still must be paid. Many have worked behind the scenes to fulfill some of those needs. Thanks to all who have contributed and continue to contribute to furnishing the home of Fr. Vasyl and his family. Thank you to all who continue to share your time, talent and treasure. May God bless you abundantly!



As a reminder, in person attendance is limited to 50 percent capacity. Visitors should email the church at sscyrilmethodius@gmail.com if you wish to attend Sunday Divine Liturgy at 9:00 AM. Parishioners, if they have not already indicated they want to attend Liturgy in person, should contact the church office.

- Parishioners who are considered “high risk,” and more vulnerable to the virus should consider not attending Liturgy in the church and continue to participate via Facebook.
- Parishioners are dispensed from attending Divine Liturgy on Sunday and Holy Days.
- **A face mask covering mouth and nose *MUST* be worn during Divine Liturgy, which should be removed before receiving Holy Communion.**
- Please bring your own mask as the church has a limited number available.
- Social distancing (six feet) of people not living in the same household should be followed. A family living together can sit in the same area.
- Please refrain from physical contact.
- Please sanitize hands when entering and leaving church.
- There will be no Agape meal in the hall after Liturgy.
- Please maintain social distancing after Liturgy.
- A collection basket is under the Tetrapod for your weekly donation. You may also mail in your donation or donate online via our website.
- As you approach Fr. Vasyl for communion, please state your name.



Celebrate the New Liturgical Year – Spiritually Adopt a Priest.

Heavenly hosts worship ceaselessly as we mark the beginning of a new liturgical year, September 1. Join the celebration by spiritually adopting a priest. Become a second “soul” to a bishop, priest or seminarian in our eparchy, by offering daily prayers, fasting, and other supplications. To participate, please e-mail your name and address to: spirituallyadoptapriest@gmail.com. Indicate your preference for an English or Ukrainian prayer card. Or log onto <https://stjosaphateparchy.com>. Thank you for interceding on behalf of our priests.



GROWING A VIBRANT BYZANTINE CHURCH

Virtual Convention Presentations

Available Online Sunday, November 1st

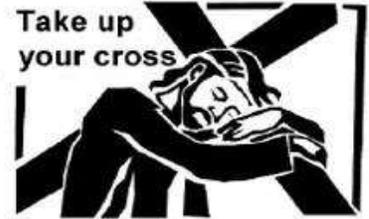
Website: byzantineconvention.com

Live Event Panel Discussions on Saturday, November 14th
from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Take Up Your Cross

What good is it for a man to gain the whole world,
yet forfeit his soul? Mark 8:36

Based on Mark 8:34-37



AND FOLLOW ME

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