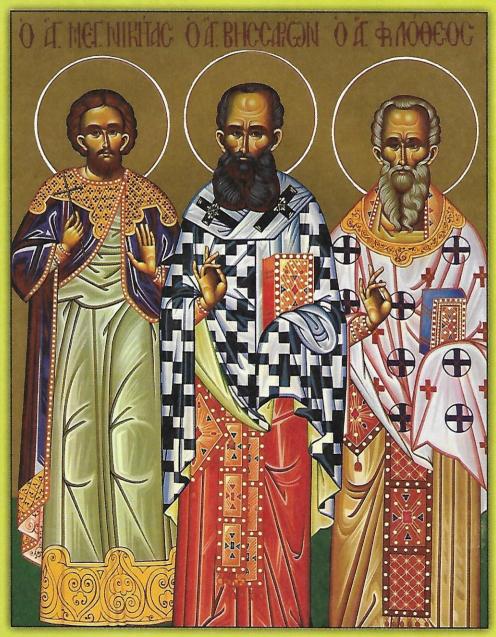
## SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of Saints Nikitas, Bessarion and Philotheos - September 15h

## Exalting the Cross

For each of us, salvation means no more and no less than taking up daily the same cross of Christ, accepting each day what it brings as the will of God, offering back to God each morning all the joys, works, and sufferings of that day. But those are abstract words. What it means, in practice, is spelled out as always by the poor old body. It means getting up each morning and going to bed exhausted. It means the routine, not the spectacular. It can mean drudgery, pain, putting aside pleasures, happiness, or the love the human heart craves until another time, so that what is necessary at the moment can be done.

It means working for others, touching the lives of others, through the medium of the body. How many times, tired and worn out and near collapse from the slave labor conditions of the camps, did I think I could not ask another step of the body, did I think in pain and irony of those words "The spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak"? Truly, man is a creature composed of body and soul, and we work out our salvation in this vale of tears through the medium of the flesh.

It is the first gift God and our parents fashion for us; it sustains and supports us through a long life and makes possible both joys and sorrows; and when at last we are parted from it in death, it surely deserves whatever rest it can get before it rises to be glorified at the last judgment.

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

The Exaltation Sep. 14-15, 2019

THE GREAT FEAST of the Exaltation or Raising of the Holy Cross upon its discovery in Jerusalem by St. Helena c. 330 ad (Sep. 14) will be celevrated this weekend in our Parish. This holyday is beloved by our Faithful because it is an historic reminder (proof) of our Lord's crucifixtion on Calvary unto our salvation. We will all kiss the holy cross of Christ after Liturgy this weekend.

NEXT WEEKEND we will celebrate Family Week here at the Parish. We will honor and salute all our families, big and small, as mirror reflections of the Holy Family - Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We will treat all our faithful with some great and tasty treats after Liturgy, both Saturday and Sunday We trust that all our good families will attend.

ALSO NEXT WEEKEND our school teachers will be registering students for the fall semester of our terrific school. Both before and after the Saturady and Sunday services, the teachers will be outside the church for this purpose. Father Ronald's mandate is that every parish youth must attend thie program. Parents must understand that if there is going to be a future for our parish and Father's ministry here, parents must enroll their children, Our church is the last-standing parish in Bridgeport, and its future depends on you and our youth. Our future as a Ukrainian Cath. Church is in your hands!

FATHER RONALD will be on retreat this coming week from Sunday evening to Friday morning. If there is an emergency, such as a death in the family, please call our caretakers Anna and Michele at 610 246 6141.

pray that our LOving Lord Jesus will bless this young couple with good health, much love and a fine family! MNOHAYA LEETA!

OUR BASILIAN SISTERS AT Fox Chase invite our faithful to attend their annual pilgrimage at their Motherhouse in Fox Chase Sunday, Oct. 6. Our new Archbishop Borys will celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 11 am, followed by the serving of tasty Ukrainian food and beverages.

OUR PHOENIXVILLE PARISH WILL host a Ukrainian festival today, Sunday, Sep. 15 at the church. Music, dancing, food and fun for all - enjoyment for young and old!

## DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

EXALTATION TROPAR:

Saturday, 6 pm +Davis and Hitchens Family (Maryellen)
Sunday, 9 am +Yaroslawa Dejneka (Sophie and Irene)
Friday, 7 am +Carlos Alvarez (Kathy Plush and Family)
Saturday, 8 am +George Halas (The Bill Maruszczak Family)
Saturday, 6 pm +Kateryna Reznyk (Luba Jackson)
Sunday, 9 am +Dorothy Goldman (Jon Kopcha)

help Your faithful rulers to overcome their enemies.

Protect Your Faithful with Your Holy Cross.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND...

EXALTATION KONTAK: O Christ God, Who ascended the Cross for our salvation, bestow Your bounties upon Your New Christian Community. Gladden Your faithful rulers with Your might. Your help

is a sure pledge of victory over all evil in the world.

EXALTATION PROKIMEN: Extol the Lord, Our God, AND BOW Down before Him!

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O Lord, save Your People and bless Your inheritance,