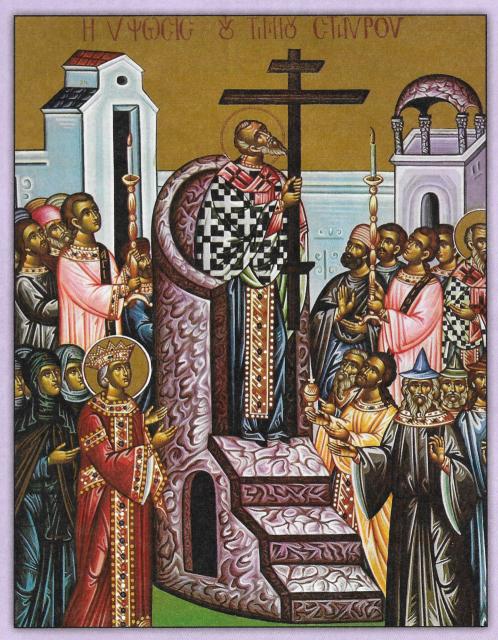
## SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



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

## Paradox of the Holy Cross

inmate before him. Out of curiosity, he began reading the Bible for the first time in his life and was drawn again and again to the account of our Lord's suffering and crucifixion. Our Lord suffered on the cross for the good of many. Thinking of his own present sufferings, the inmate then wondered how his own life would have been different if he had used all of his energies for good instead of evil. Then he realized that even he was among the

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A hardened criminal was moved from his

prison cell to solitary confinement because

he deserved additional punishment. In the

corner of his new cell, he saw something

wedged into the corner of the room. Upon

closer inspection, he discovered that it was a

copy of the New Testament left there by the

cause of the Cross, the inmate repented and found a place for God in his life!

The Cross is the instrument of Christ's suffering and passion, however it is also the Trophy of Victory and the means by

many for whom Jesus died on the Cross! Be-

which Christ conquered death by His death. The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross places before us this most profound mystery of suffering and its undeniable paradox: that in death there is life and that in suffering there is glory. As we continue to celebrate this holy feast may we turn our own sufferings over to Jesus and ask Him for the grace to bear them with resignation to His divine will for those who bear the Cross are also

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Sep. 11-12, 2021 The Exaltation

THIS WEEKEND we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the holy Cross of Jesus Christ, 1.e. the Discovery of the True Cross of Jesus on Golgotha by Saint Helena in 326 a.d. To mark this holyday (Sep 14) Father will bless all the Faithful with the Cross after the Holy Liturgy this weekend as we sing the ancient anthem of the Cross.

ALSO THIS WEEKEND we will livestream on YOUTUBE the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Sep. 12, at 9 am. Please be sure to inform all your relatives and friends about this great chance to pray and sing with us at the Liturgy. Next weekend we plan to again livestream the Divine Liturgy on Saturday the 18th at 6 pm.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL will be conducted on-line (Google-Meet) this fall semester at 11 am Sunday. This program includes Pre-School, First Communion, all elementary grades and highschool. To register your children, simply dial up the parish website and fill out the brief registration form for each child. This program is free and for the benefit of our dear children and their parents. Sign up today! Classes begin Sunday, Sep. 26 at 11 am on Google-Meet!

FOLLOWING THE GUIDANCE of our Archeparchy and Montgomery County, we insist that all our faithful wear a face mask in church. If you have any problem whatsoever with this guidance, please see Father Pastor after services to hash out this matter.

 $\overline{\text{DEATH}}$  AND DESTRUCTION "rained down" ON Bridgeport last week named  $\overline{\text{Ida.}}$  Some 50 families suffered major damage to their homes and property. We pray today for all these folks and ask the Good Lord to raise them up once again to a normal and healthy life.

WE ARE SO VERY THANKFUL to all our faithful for their generosity to our vibrant parish. We thank those both in church and on line who pray with and donate. May the Good Lord bless all of you richly!

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARISH SICKLY: Luba Jackson, Dottie Saboe, Maryann Cameron, Frank and Sandi Katarynick, Dr. George Maxim, Ed and Sophie Tomchick, and all our Elderly Folks. Perhaps a prayer, a card, a kind thought ...?

## DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Sep. 11, 6 pm

+Anna S. Burns (Michele, Naureen) +Loretta, Josephin(Joe Nicola)

Sunday, Sep. 12, 9 am

The Helen Brady Family

Saturday, Sep. 18, 6 pm Sunday, Sep. 19, 9 am

John Grohoski (Andrea Grohoski)

+Joe Dudas (Margaret, Daughters)

HOLY CROSS TROPAR:

O Lord, save Your People and bless Your inheritance. Help the faithful rulers to conquer their enemies. protect the Faithful with Your Holy Cross.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE...

HOLY CROSS KONTAK:

O Christ God, You willingly ascended the Cross. Now bestow Your bounties upon Your Christian Community, Your Holy Church, and gladden Yoyr faithful rulers with Your might. Your help is a powerful weapon for peace and a certain sign of victory over all evil., amen.

HOLY CROSS PROKIMEN: O Lord, we adore Your Cross, and we glorify Your Holy Resurrection.

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