SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of Saint Euphemia -- September 16th

Facing Death with Us

There is a legend about a tribe of people who, many years ago, had the custom of offering one of their maidens in sacrifice. When the appointed time arrived, the young girl was placed in a boat and allowed to drift over the falls to her death below. The chief of the tribe was a good man who loved his family very much. He was very saddened when his daughter was chosen to be the next sacrifice. When the day for the sacrifice arrived, the chief was not to be found. Nevertheless, the tribesmen put the chief's daughter in a boat, and set her adrift on the river towards the raging falls.

As the girl floated down the river, she passed the spot where her father secretly waited in his own boat. He paddled quickly

and brought his boat next to hers. When he was close enough, he grasped her hand and pulled her close to him. Then, they both went down the falls together!

It is interesting that the legend does not say that the father rescued the girl. Instead, he gave up his own life so that she should not have to face death alone. The same is true with our Lord, Jesus Christ. He does not take away the reality of death from us. Instead, by His crucifixion and resurrection, He makes death powerless! By His death, Christ has conquered death. Christ is with us at the time of our own death and leads us to eternal life. This is the great victory of the Cross - which we gloriously exalt today!

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Glory to jesus Christ! Slava Isusu Khristoo! Sep. 18-19, 2021 The 17th Sunday

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM will begin classes for the fall semester on Sunday, Sep. 26, 11 am. Parents must register their children in order to enroll them in our school. To register a child, simply get on the parish website (above) and fill out the brief registration form. We will contact you and "invite" your child into the proper classroom. Be sure that your young ones are registered, from preschool through highschool plus First Communion.

THIS WEEKEND we will livestream the Holy Liturgy on Saturday, the 18th at 6 om. Connect to the YOUTube platform to sing and pray with us this weekend. This production remains available all week long. Next weekend we plan to once again livestream the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, the 26th at 9 am. Be sure to tell all your family members and friends about this wonderful opportunity to sing and pray with us.

THE BASILIAN SISTERS AT Fox Chase will hold their annual pilgrimage in honor of the Mother of God (Theotokos) on Sunday, Oct. 3 with the opening at 11 am, followed by a luncheon and Moleben service at 4 pm. All our Faithful are invited to attend. Archbishop Borys is scheduled to celebrate the 11 am Divine Liturgy.

THE UKRAINIAN FOLK FESTIVAL ON Sunday, Oct. 17, at Horsham, PA has been cancelled due to the Corona Virus Epidemic. Plans are being readied for next year's festival at the Tryzub property and club.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL VISIT HERE the next two weekends to accept donations for the Pro-Life labors to assist young expectant mothers. Please welcome them with kindness and generosity.

ALSO THE LOCAL KNIGHTS will sponsor a one-day retreat for men on Saturday, Oct. 9, starting at 7:30 am with free registration. This event will feature video and discussion sessions, as well as a free lunch. Scheduled for our parish hall, this retreat is open for all men. To register for this event, punch up this link: https://bit.ly/LEAD-KofC

THE PARISH FINANCIAL COUNCIL met on Thursday and reported that all parish debts/bills have been paid and the financial status is sound and stable. Council members include Dr. John Solar, Ch. Zenny Martyniuk, Father Pastor.

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, the 18th, 12 noon Saturday, the 18th, 6 pm

Sunday, the 19th, 9 am

Saturday, Sep. 25, 11 am Saturday, Sep. 25, 2 pm Saturday, Sep. 25, 6 pm TODAY'S TROPAR: +Joseph Dudas (The Dudas Family)

+John Grohoski (Andrea Grohoski)

Paterson Funeral at Cemetery
Walters-Montague Wedding
+Neonila Sawka, 40th day (Olga)
Sunday, 9 am For all the Faithful

Panachyda Service (Paulette Moyer)

You did descend from on high, O Lord, and You did accept a three-day burial to free us from suffering. You are our Life and our Resurrection, O Lord, Glory to You. GLORY TO THE...

TODAY'S KONTAK:

You did rise again from the grave and raise up all the dead, as Adam and Eve rejoice in Your Resurrection. All the ends of the whole world exult in Your Rising from the Dead, O Lord Jesus.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: Pray and Give glory to the Lord our God amen.

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