

Paradox of the Holy Cross

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 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

many for whom Jesus died on the Cross! Because 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 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 sheltered by it.

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



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

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Sunday – September 12, 2021

Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever

Our Church is open for Divine Liturgies. We will continue to Livestream our 9:00 a.m. English Divine Liturgy and our 11:30 a.m. Ukrainian Divine Liturgy. The dispensation from attending Sunday Divine Liturgy and Holy Days of Obligation throughout the Archeparchy is still in effect until further notice.

All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

Platform: <https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyshrine/>

OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR LITURGIES

Sunday September 12 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(Victims of September 11 20 th Anniversary) (For the Parish)
Monday September 13 9:00 a.m.	(+Victor Steven Basarab from the Ponos Family)
Tuesday September 14 6:00 p.m.	Exaltation of the Holy Cross (+Tekla and +Teodor Ulchak from Olena Chalupa)
Wednesday September 15 9:00 a.m.	(+Anna Haberchak from Ruth)
Thursday September 16 9:00 a.m.	(+Helen Karpiak from Friend)
Friday September 17 9:00 a.m.	(+Fr. Joseph Denischuk CSsR from Irene Nagurney)
Sunday September 19 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Constantine Klufas from Family)

CONCERNING FUTURE PARISH EVENTS

District of Columbia Mayor Bowser announced July 29 that the District is re-instituting a universal, indoor masking mandate for everyone, even those fully vaccinated. Persons attending Church in the District, even if they are fully vaccinated, must wear a mask. Fellowship with Cake and Coffee after the Sunday Divine Liturgies will also continue to be suspended.

Everyone is kindly asked to return to wearing a mask during the Divine Liturgies.

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Fr. Frank Avant, Susan Avant, Chuck Basile, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Jack Davis, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Oksana K, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Michael Joseph Little, Mark Pidlusky, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, James Salandro, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Timothy Stock, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Jennifer Wilson.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

God With Us Catechism

In the fourth century, Saint Helen went looking for the cross on which Christ died. When she found it, the Bishop of Jerusalem, named Macarius, held it up for the people to see. In the icon Saint Helen is wearing a crown because she is the mother of the Emperor Constantine. Through the ages the cross was known as a sign of disgrace, a way to humiliate and torture criminals. Because Jesus had to endure this humiliation, Emperor Constantine, a Christian, outlawed crucifixion in the Roman Empire. Also, during Constantine's reign, the cross became a great sign for Christians. The cross calls to mind Christ's suffering and death that He was willing to endure to save us from eternal death. Through the cross and Christ's Resurrection, we have been granted eternal life. The cross continues to be a great sign for all Christians. We begin our prayers with the sign of the cross, and we pray in front of the cross in our homes and churches. The sign of the cross reminds us that Jesus Christ saved us and He blesses us, His inheritance.

20th Anniversary of the September 11 Attacks

we remember...

as if it was just yesterday

just as if it was today

not just now but for all our tomorrows

***God Bless the United States of America
and God help, protect and save all of us***