Carrying Your Cross or Your Cross Carrying You?

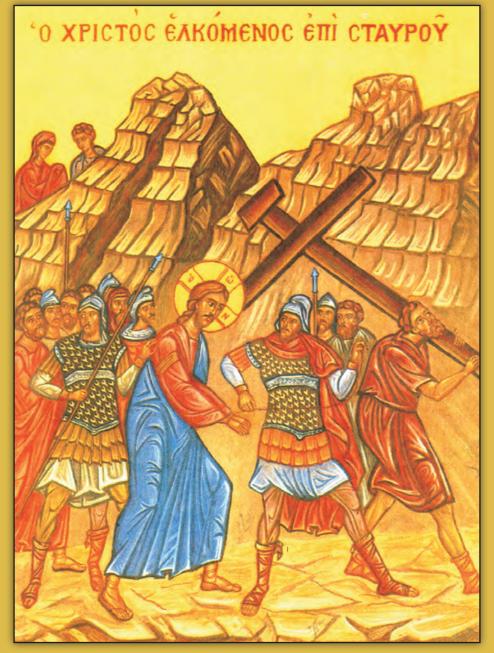
Turn, rather, to these teachings, my very dear friend: take up your cross and follow the Lord. For, when I noticed that you were being slowed down in your divine purpose by your preoccupation with domestic cares, I felt that you were being carried and dragged along by your cross rather than that you were carrying it.

What else does the cross mean than the mortality of this flesh? This is our very own cross which the Lord commands us to carry that we may be as well armed as possible in following him. We suffer momentarily until death is swallowed up in victory. Then this cross itself will be crucified.

The cross will be nailed to the fear of God. We would hardly be able to carry it now if it forever resisted us with free and unfettered limbs. There is no other way for you to follow the Lord except by carrying it, for how can you follow him if you are not his?

From the Letters of St. Augustine

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of Simon Carrying the Cross of Christ

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Sunday – September 18, 2022

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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 18	
9:00 a.m.	(+Margaret Malpede from the Romaniuk-Keyes Families)
11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish)
Wednesday September 21	
9:00 a.m.	(+Damian Fedoryka from Family)
7:00 p.m.	Special Prayer Service in the
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Thursday September 22	
9:00 a.m.	(+John Fedkiw from the Bukowski Family)
Friday September 23	
9:00 a.m.	(+Elehie Skoczylas from Mrs. Kawka-Shudan)
Sunday September 25	
9:00 a.m.	(For the Parish)
11:30 a.m.	(Peace in Ukraine from the Paclawskyj Family)

SPECIAL PRAYER AND MEMORIAL SERVICE WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21 7:00 P.M. CRYPT CHURCH OF THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Please join Archbishop Borys and Cardinal Gregory for a special prayer service for the Victims of the War in Ukraine.

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES CHILDREN 3-6 BEGIN THIS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18

All children ages 3-6 are welcome to join Holy Family's Preschool Eastern Christian Formation/Catechism classes beginning this fall with Co-Catechists Mrs. Lindsey Fedyk and Mrs. Julia Dezelski. Classes will be held every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 10:15-11:15. Email Lindsey at lfrechou22@gmail.com with any questions and to register. Classes will be held on: 9/18, 10/2, 10/16, 10/30, 11/6, 11/20, 12/4 and 12/18. Classes are held in the lower level first two classrooms.

Praver List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Alice Gogniat, 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, Mr. Marko, 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, Michael Sharr, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Cindy Turchek, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Rose Wilson, and 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

Had there been no cross, Christ could not have been crucified. Had there been no cross, He Who is Life Itself could not have been nailed to the tree. And if Life had not been nailed to it, There would be no streams of immortality pouring from Christ's side, blood and water for the world's cleansing. The legal bond of our sin would not be cancelled, we should not have attained our freedom, we should not have enjoyed the fruit of the tree of life and the gates of paradise would not stand open. Had there been no cross, death would not have been trodden underfoot, nor hell despoiled. Therefore, the Cross is something wonderfully great and precious. Great because it is the origin of so many innumerable benefits, whereby the miracles and sufferings of Christ play a decisive role in His work of salvation. Precious because the Cross signifies at once both the suffering and the trophy of the same God: the suffering, because in the Cross He suffered a voluntary death; the trophy, because in the Cross the devil was mortally wounded and, with him, death was overcome. In the Cross the doors to the region of the dead were demolished, and the Cross was converted into the universal salvation of - and for - the entire world. The Cross is also called the glory and exaltation of Christ. The Cross is the overflowing chalice that the Psalms tell us about, and the culmination of all the torments that Christ suffered for us. Christ Himself teaches us that the Cross is His glory, when He says: The Son of Man has already entered into His glory, and God has received His glorification by Him, and at the same time God will clothe him in His same glory. And also: Glorify me, Father, with the glory that I had together with You before the world existed. He also said: Father, glorify Your name. And, spontaneously, these words were allowed to be heard from Heaven: I have glorified You and will glorify You once more. These are all words that refer to the glory that Christ would achieve on the Cross.