

SUNDAY BEFORE THE  
EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



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

*Glory to You, Lover of Mankind*

Master of all, alone without sin, for me the unworthy sinner were given over to death, death on a Cross, that you might free the sinner's soul from the bonds of sins. And what shall I give you in return for this, Master?

Glory to you, Lover of mankind! Glory to you, O Merciful! Glory to you, O Long-suffering! Glory to you, who pardon every fault! Glory to you, who came down to save our souls! Glory to you, incarnate in the Virgin's womb! Glory to you, who were bound! Glory to you, who were scourged! Glory to you, who were crucified! Glory to you, who were buried! Glory to you, who were raised! Glory to you, who were proclaimed! Glory to you, who were believed! Glory to you, who were taken up! Glory to you, who were enthroned with great glory at the Father's right hand, and are coming

again with the glory of the Father and the holy Angels to judge every soul that has despised your holy sufferings in that dread and fearful hour, when the powers of heaven will be shaken; when Angels, Archangels, Cherubim and Seraphim will come all together with fear and trembling before your glory; when all the foundations of the earth will tremble, and everything that has breath will shudder at your great and unendurable glory.

In that hour your hand will hide me under its wings and my soul be delivered from the fearful fire, the gnashing of teeth, the outer darkness and unending weeping, that blessing you, I may say, Glory to the One, who wished to save the sinner through the many acts of pity of His compassion.

*St. Ephrem the Syrian*

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**Sunday – September 8, 2024**

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

**Confessions are available before the Divine Liturgies**

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

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

<b>Sunday September 8</b> 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	<b>Nativity of the Mother of God</b> (For the Parish) (+Wasył and +Irene Hnatiw from Family)
<b>Wednesday September 11</b> 9:00 a.m.	(Victims of the 9-11 Attacks)
<b>Thursday September 12</b> 9:00 a.m.	(Living of the Nagurney-Medwid Family from Irene)
<b>Friday September 13</b> 9:00 a.m.	(+Anna Haberchak from Ruth)
<b>Saturday September 14</b> 10:30 a.m.	<b>Universal Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> (+Oksana Chorney from the Serbyn Family)
<b>Sunday September 15</b> 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(Blessings on Mitered Archbishop Mark Morozowich from a Friend) (For the Parish)

***23<sup>rd</sup> 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***

**The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parish of the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family**

Invitations for our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary have been mailed to all of the registered households of our parish. If you have not received yours by September 11, or if you would like to receive one; please send us an email to [ucnsholyfamily@gmail.com](mailto:ucnsholyfamily@gmail.com). Our celebration will take place on Sunday November 10, with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy celebrated by Metropolitan Borys at 10:00 a.m. to be followed by a banquet and program in our church hall.

**Prayer 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, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Ferne Fisanich, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmanskyy, Vanessa Hetmanskyy, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Ellen Hitchens, Daniel Horeczko, Boris Hlynsky, Nila Iwaskiw, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Melissa Martin, Paul Marynowych, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Thomas Nagurney, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell,, Teresa Sherwood, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Fr. George Worschak, Rose Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Paul Yarrish.** 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.

**Universal Exaltation of The Holy Cross**

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross originated in Jerusalem in 355 to commemorate the dedication of the Basilica of the Resurrection. When the true cross of Jesus was found shortly afterwards, this event was commemorated on the same day. In time, the Feast of the Exaltation supplanted the feast of the dedication. In 395, St. John Chrysostom wrote of three crosses which were discovered beneath Golgotha by the Empress Helena. Many other writers speak of miracles which occurred through contact with the true cross. It was through one of these miracles that the True Cross was recognized by St. Helena and St. Macarius, the Bishop of Jerusalem. The Holy Cross was kept in the Basilica of the Resurrection in Jerusalem until 614, when the Persians conquered the city and burned the church. In 628, Emperor Heraclius III defeated the Persians and returned the Holy Cross to Jerusalem. A portion of the cross was taken to Rome in the seventh century by Sergius I, a Pope of Byzantine origin. Icons of the Feast usually portray St. Macarius in the center of the Icon, elevating the Holy Cross and showing it to the people. This elevation or uplifting of the Cross shows its prominence as the sign of victory. Hence the name “Exaltation” or “Elevation of the Holy Cross.” St. Constantine the Emperor, and St. Helena, his mother, are frequently shown. With them, too, we are joined in oneness of mind and purpose as we sing: “We bow to Your cross, O Lord, and we praise Your holy resurrection.