

Exalting the Cross

Inasmuch as the cross has become as it were the altar of this fearful sacrifice – for on the cross the Son of God died for the fall of man – therefore the cross is justly revered and worshipped and depicted as the sign of the common resurrection of all men, so that those who bow down before the wood of the cross might be delivered from the curse of Adam and receive the blessing and grace of God for the doing of every virtue. For Christians the cross is magnification, glory, and power: for all our power is in the power of Christ who was crucified; all our sinfulness is mortified by the death of Christ on the cross; and all our exaltation and all our glory are in the humility of God, who humbled Himself to such an extent that He was pleased to die even between evildoers and thieves. For this very reason Christians who believe in Christ sign themselves with the sign of the cross not simply, not just as it happens, not carelessly, but with all

heedfulness, with fear and with trembling, and with extreme reverence. For the image of the cross shows the reconciliation and friendship into which man has entered with God.

Therefore the demons also fear the image of the cross, and they do not endure to see the sign of the cross depicted even in the air, but they flee from this immediately knowing that the cross is the sign of the friendship of men with God ...

Those who have understood this mystery and in very fact have known in experience the authority and power which the cross has over demons, have likewise understood that the cross gives the soul strength, power, meaning, and divine wisdom ... To the degree of the reverence which one has toward the cross, he receives corresponding power and help from God. To Him may there be glory and dominion forever. Amen.

St. Symeon the New Theologian

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



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

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Sunday – September 14, 2025

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 Summer Schedule 10:00 a.m.

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Sunday September 14 10:00 a.m.	Exaltation of the Holy Cross (+Macie Jean from the Choma -Thompson Family)
Sunday September 21 10:00 a.m.	(+Nestor Bazarko from Family)

Please Note: The “For the Parish Liturgy” (Pro Populo Intention) will be offered for both Parishes in SS. Joachim and Anna during the Summer Schedule

**SUMMER LITURGY SCHEDULE SUNDAY JUNE 29 UNTIL SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28
- ONE BILINGUAL DIVINE LITURGY AT 10:00 A.M.**

**РОЗКЛАД ЛІТУРГІЙ НА ЛІТНІЙ ПЕРІОД ПОЧИНАЮЧИ З НЕДІЛІ, 29 ЧЕРВНЯ, ДО
НЕДІЛІ, 28 ВЕРЕСНЯ — ОДНА БОЖЕСТВЕННА ЛІТУРГІЯ ДВОМА МОВАМИ О
10:00 РАХКУ**

THE PRIESTS ARE ON SPIRITUAL RETREAT THIS WEEK IN N.J.

Fr. Robert is away this week on the Annual Priest Retreat of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia from Monday to Thursday. If there should be an emergency; please ask the hospital to call any Catholic Priest to administer the Sacraments. If there should be a death in the parish; please call the parish emergency number at 202-262-5040, and leave a message. We will make arrangements for the funeral as soon as possible.

Fr. Mykola will be absent from the parish until October 4, 2025.

OCTOBER REPORTING & GIVING SOIRÉE PHILADELPHIA SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025

Metropolitan Borys Gudziak warmly invites you to the 2025 Reporting & Giving Soirée “Anchored in Hope” of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia—a special gathering to share the story of our Church, reflect on our shared mission, and raise funds for one of our most pressing needs: support of new priests and employees. This fund is crucial to ensuring that we remain a Church that is present, responsive, and alive. Philadelphia Soirée Saturday, October 4, 2025, Cathedral Hall, 830 N. Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA Doors open at 5:30 PM. Tickets are now available Individual ticket: \$175 Table seating for eight: \$1,250

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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, Robert Dulaine, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmanskyy, Vanessa Hetmanskyy, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Boris Hlynsky, Daniel Horeczko, Oksana Horszynska, Ihor Hulawyj, Nila Iwaskiw, Sarah Kelt, LTJG Lydia Kowalskyj USN, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Melissa Martin, Paul Marynowych, Irene Nagurney, Michele Pretka Litvak, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Ivanna Richardson, Roman Rusynko, Chris Saboe, 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, Rose Wilson, Fr. George Worschak, and 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.**