

Drawing All to Himself

O the marvelous power of the cross, the glory of the passion! No tongue can fully describe it. Here we see the judgment seat of the Lord, here sentence is passed upon the world, and here the sovereignty of the Crucified is revealed.

You drew all things to Yourself, Lord, when You stretched out Your hands all the day long to a people that denied and opposed You, until at last the whole world was brought to proclaim Your majesty. You drew all things to Yourself, Lord, when all the elements combined to pronounce judgment in denouncement of that crime; when the lights of heaven were darkened and the day was turned into night; when the land was shaken by unwonted earthquakes, and all creation refused to serve those wicked people. Yes, Lord, you drew all things to Yourself. The veil of the temple was torn in two and the Holy of Holies taken away from those unworthy high

priests. Figures gave way to reality, prophecy to manifestation, law to gospel. You drew all things to Yourself in order that the worship of the whole human race could be celebrated everywhere in a sacramental form which would openly fulfill what had been enacted by means of veiled symbols in that single Jewish temple.

Now that the multiplicity of animal sacrifices has ceased, the single offering of your body and blood takes the place of that diversity of victims, since you are the true Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, and in Yourself you fulfill all the rites of the old law, so that as there is now a single sacrifice in place of all those victims, so there is a single kingdom formed of all the peoples of the earth.

St. Leo the Great

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



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

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Sunday – September 13, 2026

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

Confessions are available before the Divine Liturgy

All Services will be Live Streamed at 10:00 AM

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

Saturday September 12	No Great Vespers Today Ukrainian Festival At Saint Michael's Baltimore
Sunday September 13 **10:00 a.m.**	(+Dmytro and +Anna Woch from the Kerda Family)
Monday September 14 **7:00 p.m.**	Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Blessings Maria, Orest, Oleksy, Leo, Liza, and Orisya from Sofia)
Wednesday September 16 9:00 a.m.	(+Chrystia Paclwaska from Pamemla White)
Thursday September 17 9:00 a.m.	(+Olga Melnyk Messara from Mary)
Friday September 18 9:00 a.m.	(+Stepan Chalupa from Iryna)
Sunday September 20 **10:00 a.m.**	(+Nestor Bazarko from Martha and Family)

The Sunday Parish Liturgy requirement will be offered in SS. Joachim and Anna during the summer

FIRST CONFESSION 2027 PREPARATION - FIRST CONFESSION DAY IS MARCH 20 2027

This year, preparation for First Confession will begin on Sunday September 27. Classes will still be held on Sundays. As is the tradition in our parish, First Confession will be celebrated on Lazarus Saturday (March 20, 2027). All children must attend Divine Liturgy with their families on a weekly basis during their preparation. The FALL SEMESTER class schedule is as follows: September 27; October 4, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 22; December 6, 13. If you have children of First Confession age in your family (age 7+), who have not yet received the sacrament, please contact Olya Mulvey at olya.kroytor@gmail.com to register or learn more.

LOWER CHURCH BATHROOMS RENOVATION PROJECT 2026

LATEST UPDATE IS THAT WE AWAIT THE REVIEWS WITH DC GOVERNMENT. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED AS WE GET IT. PLEASE KEEP THE DONATIONS COMING.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13 TRANSFORMATIONS AND WAYS OF PRESERVING IDENTITY IN WARTIME

Join us on Sunday, September 13, following the 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, for a guest lecture by Dr. Larysa Didkovska entitled “Transformations and Ways of Preserving Ukrainian Identity in Wartime.” Dr. Didkovska is the Rector of the Ukrainian Free University in Munich and President of the Ukrainian Association of Gestalt Therapy. Everyone is welcome!

PRAYER LIST

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Melanie Bebak, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Helen and Judge Robert Cheloc, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Robert Dulaine, Solomia Dutkewych, Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Robert Harnest, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Fr. Robert Hitchens, Boris Hlynsky, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Melissa Martin, Paul Marynowych, Dr. Louise Corle May, Irene Nagurney, Myron Nagurney Jr, 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, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Teresa Sherwood, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Lorraine Stadnyk, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, 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.

Summer Liturgy Schedule Extended to Sunday September 27
One Bilingual Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

Розклад Літургій на літній період одна Божественна Літургія
двома мовами о 10:00 ранку до 27 Вересня

25th Anniversary of the September 11 Attacks Weekend
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 and our USA Military Troops