

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH

Orthodox Church of America

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September 13, 2020

14th Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 5

Sunday Before the Exaltation

- 9:10am - Hours
- 9:30am - Divine Liturgy
2 Cor. 1:21-2:4 Gal. 6:11-18
Matt. 21:1-14 John 3:13-17
- 5:00pm - Great Vesper with Litiya

Schedule of Services

Monday, September 14

Exaltation of the Precious Cross
Strict Fast

- 9:30 - Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, September 15

- 9:00am - Akathist to Saint John, Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord.

Friday, September 18

- 9:00am - Moleben to the Most Holy Theotokos:

Saturday, September 19

- 5:00pm - Great Vesper.

Sunday, September 20

- 9:10 - Hours
- 9:30 - Divine Liturgy

WEEKLY BIBLE MESSAG

On September 14 In the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the Universal Exaltation (Elevation) of the Honored and Life-giving Cross. On this day, we commemorate two events connected with the Precious Cross of Christ: the finding of the Cross on Golgotha, and the returning of the Cross to Jerusalem from Persia. While in the Holy Land, the Empress Helena learned that the Holy Cross was buried underneath the temple of the pagan goddess Venus built on Golgotha. She demanded it be torn down and the Cross be excavated. The search turned up three crosses. Uncertain which was the true Cross, the Patriarch Marcellus ordered that each cross be placed on the corpse in a funeral procession passing by. The first two produced nothing, but the third brought the man back to life, thus determining that this was the very Cross on which our Savior brought life to the world. Later, King Chozroes conquered Jerusalem, took the people into slavery and carried off the Lord's Cross to Persia. In 628, the Greek Emperor Heraclius defeated Chozroes, and brought the Cross back to Jerusalem with great ceremony.

Heraclius was carrying the Cross on his back when, suddenly, he froze. The Patriarch Zacharias saw an angel directing the emperor to take off his robes and walk with the same extreme humility with which our Savior bore His Cross. The emperor complied, and was able to finish the procession to the Church of the Resurrection on Golgotha, where he restored the Holy Cross. By the power of Thy Cross, O Christ God, have mercy upon us, and save us. Amen.



Intercessory Prayers

We pray for all our fellow parishioners, and we pray especially for those who are incapable of being with us in church. Please keep in your prayers our Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Genevieve Bobenko, Barbara Bogart, Michael Bzik, Mary Ann Dolak, Dorothy Fabian, Barbara Kary, Margaret Kovalycsik, Kathleen Lazorzcyk, Dennis Maixner, Marian Nagel, MaryAnn Rabakozi, Helen Rahnefeld, Anna Rozanovich, Maryann Stagen, Eva Stashitaky, Patricia Galley.

Our Parish Life

♦ Today following Divine liturgy we will serve Panakhida in memory of **Mary and Valentine Firmender**. Sister and Brother-in-law of Effie Stankovci.

♦ **19 years later - 09/11/2001 - WE REMEMBER AND PRAYERFULLY HONOR THE INNOCENT VICTIMS OF TERRORIST ATTACK ON THE USA.**

It is difficult to believe that we have come to mark the 19th Anniversary - a memorial date of the loss of nearly 3,000 human beings in the World Trade Center - the symbol of American business success and promise. Nineteen years after the still almost incomprehensible terrorist attack upon our nation on 9/11/01 the emotion and horror still weigh heavily upon each and every citizen of our United States of America. We still hear daily references to some aspect of a moment in history that forever changed the course of American life.

♦ **Directives from His Eminence, Archbishop Michael, issued in consultation with the Diocesan Council:** INDOOR COFFEE HOUR - Permission to hold indoor Coffee Hour or Fellowship Hour gatherings following services may be given, upon request submitted to the Office of the Archbishop.

- However, each request must specifically affirm that the parish is in compliance with local civil regulations concerning indoor dining, including but not necessarily limited to the number of persons that may be gathered, the use of masks and (as applicable) gloves, the manner in which food, beverages, and utensils are distributed, and the arrangement of seating, standing, and movement of participants.

- If indoor dining is not yet permitted by civil regulations in the locale of a parish, then indoor social gatherings cannot be permitted at this time.