

Procession of the Honorable Wood of the Life-Giving Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Commemorated on **August 1**

At the beginning of the reign of Saint Constantine the Great (306-337), the first Roman emperor to recognize Christianity, he and his pious mother Saint Helen decided to rebuild the city of Jerusalem. They also planned to build a church on the site of the Lord's suffering and Resurrection, in order to reconsecrate and purify the places connected with the Savior's death and Resurrection from the foul taint of paganism.

The empress Helen journeyed to Jerusalem with a large quantity of gold. Saint Constantine wrote a letter to Patriarch Macarius I (313-323), requesting him to assist her in every possible way with her task of the restoring the Christian holy places.

After her arrival in Jerusalem, the holy empress Helen began to destroy all the pagan temples and reconsecrate the places which had been defiled by the pagans.

In her quest for the Life-Creating Cross, she questioned several Christians and Jews, but for a long time her search remained unsuccessful. Finally, an elderly Hebrew named Jude told her that the Cross was buried beneath the temple of Venus. Saint Helen ordered that the pagan temple be demolished, and for the site to be excavated. Soon they found Golgotha and the Lord's Sepulchre. Not far from the spot were three crosses, a board with the inscription written by Pilate (John 19:19), and four nails which had pierced the Lord's Body.

Now the task was to determine on which of the three crosses the Savior had been crucified. Patriarch Macarius saw a dead person being carried to his grave, then he ordered that the dead man be placed upon each cross in turn. When the corpse was placed on the Cross of Christ, he was immediately restored to life. After seeing the raising of the dead man, everyone was convinced that the Life-Creating Cross had been found. With great joy the empress Helen and Patriarch Macarius lifted the Life-Creating Cross and displayed it to all the people standing about. The Holy Empress Helen uncovered the Precious Cross and Nails of the Lord at Jerusalem in 326.

A tradition of processing with a piece of the Holy Cross began. On the eve (July 31), the Cross was removed from the imperial treasury and placed it upon the Holy Table of the Great Church of Hagia Sophia (which is dedicated to Christ, the Wisdom of God). From August 1 until the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, there was a procession throughout the entire the city, and then the Cross was placed where all the people could venerate it.

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Welcome to our Parish

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!
Christ is among us! He is and always will be!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Week of August 1 to 8, 2021

Sunday, Aug 1	10th Sunday after Pentecost	Michael Lutak
Aug 2	No Liturgy	
Aug 3	No Liturgy	
Aug 4	No Liturgy	
Aug 5	No Liturgy	
Aug 6	Feast of the Transfiguration	No Liturgy
Aug 7	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Aug 8	11th Sunday after Pentecost	Charles Lutak

If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part of our kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.

**10th Sunday After Pentecost
Procession of the Life-giving Cross**

1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Matthew 17:14-23

Troparion (Tone 1)

Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans and soldiers guarded Your most pure body, You arose, O Savior, on the third day, and gave life to the world. And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your saving plan, O only Lover of Mankind.

Troparion for the Cross

Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.* Grant victory to Your faithful people against enemies, and protect Your community by Your Cross

Glory be...

Kondakion of the Cross

By Your own choice, O Christ our God, You were lifted on the cross.* Grant Your mercies to Your new community* that bears Your name.* by Your power gladden the faithful people* and grant them victory against enemies.* May they have the help of Your instrument of peace,* the invincible sign of victory. Now and ever...

Kondakion of the Resurrection

You arose in glory from the tomb and with Yourself You raised the world. All humanity acclaim You as God, and death has vanished. Adam exalts, O Master, and Eve, redeemed from bondage now, cries out for joy: "You are the One, O Christ, Who offers resurrection to all."

Prokeimen

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

God gives me vindication, and has subdued peoples under me.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity forever.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Communion Verse

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (3)

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Collection - July 25, 2021 - \$295.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Confessions - Father will hear confessions following Sunday Liturgies.

Blessing of Fruit - Fruit will be blessed following the Liturgy on Sunday, August 8.

Potato Fest - We will be participating in the 30th Potato Fest on September 25.

Donations to defray the costs will greatly be appreciated. This year, we will only be selling pyrohy, gobs and potato candy.

Anniversary Celebration - This October 3rd on the feast day of our parish we will celebrate our 95th Anniversary. A small event is in the planning. Kosta's is booked for 4:00PM.

The cost of dinner will be \$25.00/person. Price for children yet to be determined.

Mark your calendars and save the date.

Blessing of Flowers - Flowers will be blessed following the Liturgy on Sunday, August 15.

Saturdays with Jesus - The next meeting will be Saturday, August 21, 2021.

2:00PM. - Children from 5 to 11

Prayer List

Parishioners: Kathy Ott, Michael Yendzik, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, the Lutak family, Jeremiah Hunt

Friends of the Parish: Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Mark Prewitt, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Fr. Wolodymyr Woloszczuk, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Sherman family, the Williams family.

To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.

Joke of the Day

Three clergymen sat discussing the best positions for prayer while a telephone repairman worked nearby. "Kneeling is definitely best," claimed the priest. "No," said Evangelical preacher, "I concentrate better while standing with my hands outstretched to heaven." "You're both wrong," insisted the Methodist pastor, "the most effective prayer position is sitting with your head bowed." The repairman could not contain himself any longer, "Hey, fellas. The best prayin' I ever did was hanging upside down from a telephone pole."

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