

Know Your Church . . . Laity Formation

The Cross of Christ

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on." To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim. The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration.



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Our Weekly Bulletin

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 Sept 10 to Sept 17, 2023

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| Sunday, Sept 10 | 15th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross | ✠ Catherine Lutak |
| Sept 11 | No Liturgy | |
| Sept 12 | No Liturgy | |
| Sept 13 | No Liturgy | |
| Sept 14 | Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross | |
| Sept 15 | No Liturgy |  |
| Sept 16 | No Liturgy | |
| Sunday, Sept 17 | 16th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross | Dolly Powell |

*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.*

**Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy and Life-giving Cross
Post Fest of the Nativity of the Mother of God**

Galatians 6:11-18

John 3:13-17

Troparion (Tone 6)

Angelic powers were upon Your tomb and the guards became like dead men; Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body. You captured Hades without being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

Troparion of Nativity of the Mother of God

Your nativity, O Mother of God, has made joy known to all the world, for from you dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. He abolished the curse and gave the blessing; and by making death of no effect He bestowed on us eternal life.

Kondakion of the Nativity of the Mother of God

Glory be... By your birth, O immaculate one, Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And your people, redeemed from the guilt of their sins, celebrate as they cry out to you: "The barren one gives birth to the Mother of God and nourisher of our life."

Prokeimen of the Sunday before the Exaltation

Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse: I have exalted one chosen from among My people;
with My holy oil I have anointed him.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse: Indeed, My hand shall sustain him, and my arm shall make him strong.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Hymn to the Mother of God

O my soul, magnify the Virgin Mary born from a barren womb. Virginity is alien to mothers and childbearing if foreign to virgins; yet in you, O Mother of God, both of them came together. Therefore we and all the nations of the earth without ceasing magnify you.

Communion Verse

I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord.
Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (3)

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Collection - September 3, 2023 - \$.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Relief for Ukraine - Amount collected to date \$6,483.00.

Relief for Ukraine - Financial help to Ukraine can be done by writing a check to:

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat and on the memo line: Aid for Ukraine.

Ukrainian Classes - There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for basic Ukrainian Language Class. The class will be for 3 days - Sept. 22 & 23 from 5:00 to 7:00PM and Sept 24 from 1:30 to 3:30. No fee but a donation for Ukraine will be appreciated. Please sign-up because class will depend if there is enough interest.

Saturdays with Jesus - Catechism classes will resume on Oct 14. Adults 10-12 and Kids 1-2:30.

Grandparents Day

As we celebrate Grandparents Day. Let us honor our grandparents.
May God grant all grandparents good health, long life and many happy years!

Многая Літа!

For those who have fallen asleep in the Lord: In blessed sleep grant eternal rest, O Lord,
to Your ever-to-be-remembered servants and make their memory eternal.

Eternal Memory, Eternal Memory, Eternal Memory.

Prayer List

Parishioners: Millie & Steve Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, the Lutak family, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard.

Friends of the Parish: Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Kevin Blem, Linda Kusmierski.

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

Joke of the Day

The kids keep laughing about my memory.
They won't be laughing at Christmas when there's no eggs under the tree!

Grandparent Wisdom

My grandfather once told me that there are two kinds of people:
those who work and those who take the credit.
He told me to try to be in the first group; there was less competition there.
Indira Gandhi