#### **Potato Fest Information**

**Set-up** - Those choosing help set-up the booth be at the site for 6:30AM. . **Tear-down** - Those choosing to help tear down the booth, be at the tent for 4:45PM.

Areas where you can help:

- 1. Help set—up the booth
- 2. Help tear down the booth
- 3. Work the booth
- 4. Deliver the pyrohy to the tent

Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule. Please sign up to help with this event.

## **Church Posture - Leaving Church**

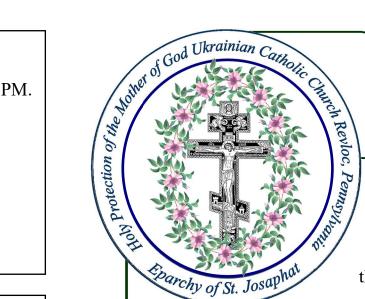
When communion has been distributed, is church over? No! There are prayers praising God in Thanksgiving for allowing us to be present and receive His body and blood in the Holy Eucharist. We are escorted through the singing of the final songs into the outside world and to bring our prayers with us as we prepare to leave the church. We are empowered to return to the world with the message of God's presence. There are prayers that we can say at the end of the Liturgy. They can be found on pages 324 - 326 in the blue anthology prayer book. As we prepare to leave the church, we should again say our ending prayers, go to the table in the center of the church, bless ourselves two times, kiss the icon and the cross, bless ourselves once more and exit the church.



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Anyone wishing to be a member of the parish, contact Fr. Andriy

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# Our Weekly Bulletin

### 100th Anniversary Celebration

Mark your calendars

**October 4, 2026** 

Bishop Bohdan has confirmed the date that he will be with us to celebrate the 100 years of the founding of our parish.

385 days or 54 weeks

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

#### **Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week**

Sunday, Sept 14	Exaltation of the Holy and Life-giving Cross	♣ John Olexo
Sept 15	No Liturgy	
Sept 16	No Liturgy	
Sept 17	No Liturgy	
Sept 18	No Liturgy	
Sept 19	No Liturgy	
Sept 20	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Sept 21	15th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross	★ Charles Lutak Hoover Family

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.

## Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy and Life-giving Cross



The Feast of the Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross is celebrated each year on September 14. The Feast commemorates the finding of the True Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by Saint Helen, the mother of the Emperor Constantine. In the twentieth year of his reign (326), the Emperor Constantine sent his mother Saint Helen to Jerusalem to venerate the holy places and to find the site of the Holy Sepulchre and of the Cross. Relying upon the oral tradition of the faithful, Saint Helen found the precious Cross together with the crosses of the two thieves crucified with our Lord. However, Helen had no way of determining which was the Cross of Christ.

With the healing of a dying woman who touched one of the crosses, Patriarch Macarius of Jerusalem identified the True Cross of Christ. Saint Helen and her court venerated the Precious and Life-Giving Cross along with many others who came to see this great instrument of Redemption. The Patriarch mounted the ambo (pulpit) and lifted the Cross with both hands so that all of the people gathered could see it. The crowd responded with "Lord have mercy". This became the occasion of the institution in all of the Churches of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross, not only in memory of the event of the finding of the Cross, but also to celebrate how an instrument of shame was used to overcome death and bring salvation and eternal life.

The Feast is an opportunity outside of the observances of Holy Week to celebrate the full significance of the victory of the Cross over the powers of the world, and the triumph of the wisdom of God through the Cross over the wisdom of this world. This Feast also gives the Church an opportunity to relish the full glory of the Cross as a source of light, hope and victory for Christ's people. It is also a time to celebrate the universality of the work of redemption accomplished through the Cross: the entire universe is seen through the light of the Cross, the new Tree of Life which provides nourishment for those who have been redeemed in Christ.

Weekly Collection - September 7, 2025 - \$345.00. Thank you for your generosity. Sunday - \$310.00 Holy Day - \$10.00 Improvements - \$5.00 Dues - \$15.00 Candles - \$5.00

# **PARISH NEWS**

**Photos** - Please begin to look through your photos for pictures from church events to be used for the 100th Anniversary. As the photos are brought to church, they will be scanned and returned to you the following Sunday.

Potato Candy Day - September 22 & 23 potato candy will be made for the Potato Fest

**Potato Fest** - Please set aside September 27 to help with the Potato Fest. We will need help setting up and tearing down as well as manning the booth all day. More info to follow.

#### **Future Events:**

September 27 – Ebensburg Potato Fest October 5 - Parish Feast Day covered dish dinner. December 7 - Annual St. Nicholas Visit

Prayer List

Millie & Steve Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard, Mary Catherine Hoover, The Fernandez family, Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Joe Gomes, Thomas, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Sonya Kohan, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Pat Bodenski, Wendy Haggerty, Angel and Walt Wooden, Marian Blem, Ken Urgolitus, Jason Jones, Sarah Wilson, Lori Sedlock.

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

A couple of dog owners are arguing about whose pet is smarter. "My dog is so smart," says the first owner, "that every morning he waits for the paperboy to come around. He tips the kid and then brings the newspaper to me, along with my morning coffee." "I know," says the second dog owner. "How do you know?" "My dog told me."