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Services Schedule

Services:
Sunday Divine Liturgy: 9:30am
Weekday/Holy Day Liturgy: 9:00am
Saturday/Holy Day Vespers: 5:00pm
Winter Vespers: 4:00pm

Commemorating the Feast of the Elevation of the Cross

Scheduled Services

SCHEDULE

Sunday September 24

Divine Liturgy Feast of the Elevation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross
Panachida in memory of +Helen watlock offered by Nancy, Chris, Stacy Gabel
Start of Church School Classes
Coffee Social

Saturday September 30

Vespers/Confessions

Sunday October 1

Divine Liturgy
Coffee Social/October Birthdays

Gospel and Epistle Readings

Epistle Reading

The Reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:18-24

BRETHREN, the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart." Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Gospel Reading

The Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Giving Cross

The Reading is from John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30

At that time, when the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he has made himself the Son of God."

When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; he entered the praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore he who delivered me to you has the greater sin." When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called the Pavement, and in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.

But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. Then when Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished"; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Parish and Ladies Altar Society

Announcements

Church School Resumes:

Today our young people are returning to Church School to learn about our loving God, His teachings, His Orthodox Church. We welcome them back and look forward to another exciting year!

Exhaltation of the Life-Giving Cross Decoration:

The beautiful flowers decorating our Cross on the Feast of the Exhaltation of the Life-Giving Cross were donated by Carol Telehany in memory of the deceased members of her family and for the health of living family members. Many thanks to Carol for her generosity and to Mary Leonard who so beautifully decorated the Cross.

Rainbow of Hope Shoe Drive:

*The Rainbow of Hope Animal Rescue Shoe Drive continues through **Mid-October 2017**. If you are holding old shoes to donate please give them to Pani Joan during our coffee social after Divine Liturgy or make arrangements with her to drop off at the Rectory.*

IOCC CLEAN-UP or HEALTH KITS

Dear Parishioners,

As all of you know, Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma have had devastating effects on Texas and Florida. In times of natural disaster, the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) has boots on the ground distributing Emergency Kits to those who are impacted. These kits help volunteers clean up property and provide basic hygiene supplies that more than likely were washed away in the torrential downpour. Due to the multiple, intense storms that have hit the US during the peak of this hurricane season, IOCC's supply of Emergency Kits have been depleted.

*At the National ACRY Convention over the Labor Day Weekend, the ACRY proposed a Mission Project in order to help the IOCC replenish their supplies. The ACRY is asking churches to put together Clean-Up Buckets or Health Kits that will then be donated to the IOCC. The Ladies Altar Society is asking each family to put together one or more Health Kits and **bring them to church by October 1st**. The Altar society will cover the cost to ship them to the IOCC.*

***To make an IOCC Health Kit the following items should be put into a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure:** One hand towel, one washcloth, one comb, one metal nail clipper, one bar of soap (bath size, new and wrapped in original packaging, one toothbrush (no toothpaste), and six band-aids. The Altar Society will provide the plastic bags with zipper closure. Pick up as many as you need at the back of the church on Sundays.*

We encourage all our families to participate in this worthy project to help families in need in Texas and Florida. Questions, see Nancy C.

Pill Bottle Collection - Please Note Changes

Please only donate bottles with labels completely removed. Bottles with labels can no longer be sent. Any spare change included helps defray the cost of shipping. Thanks for

your ongoing support. Questions, please see Carol T.

Birthday Sunday Next week we celebrate the birthdays of our parishioners. Please also remember our philanthropy project of Birthday Bags for the Food Pantry. Halloween candy is out, so it is a great time to pick some up. Remember to buy snack size candies with no nuts. **Please give donations to Millie S.**

2017 Pokrov Dinner October 15

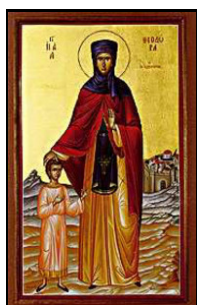
This year will be a "crockpot" dinner, i.e. all parishioners are asked to sign-up with Mary Leonard by October 1 with a dish to pass. Since our new kitchen will not be ready in time, prepared dishes are necessary. To ensure we have a good mix of main dishes and sides, please sign up in advance. **See Mary L. by October 1 for more details.**

Up Coming Events

SOUTHERN TIER DDD DINNER will be held in the beautiful new Riverdale Banquet Hall in Endwell, Ny. on **October 22, 2017** catering a family style dinner. Guest speaker will be Very Rev. Stephen Loposky.

DIOCESE WILL HONOR BISHOP GREGORY on the 5th Anniversary of his ordination to the Episcopate on **Monday, November 27, 2017** in Johnstown. Complete information will be provided at a later time.

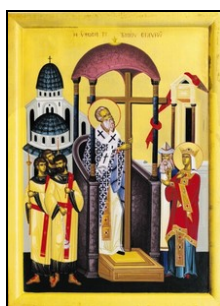
Saints and Feasts



September 11

Theodora of Alexandria

This saint lived in the fifth century. Out of remorse for the adultery that she committed with another man, she fled from her husband's house, renamed herself Theodore, clothed herself as a man, and pretending to be a eunuch, entered a monastery of men. Her identity as a woman was discovered only after her death.



September 14

The Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Giving Cross

Saint Helen, the mother of Saint Constantine the Great, when she was already advanced in years, undertook, in her great piety, the hardships of a journey to Jerusalem in search of the cross, about the year 325. A temple to Aphrodite had been raised up by the Emperor Hadrian upon Golgotha, to defile and cover with oblivion the place where the saving Passion had been suffered. The venerable

Helen had the statue of Aphrodite destroyed, and the earth removed, revealing the Tomb of our Lord, and three crosses. Of these, it was believed that one must be that of our Lord, the other two of the thieves crucified with Him; but Saint Helen was at a loss which one might be the Wood of our salvation. At the inspiration of Saint Macarius, Archbishop of Jerusalem, a lady of Jerusalem, who was already at the point of death from a certain disease, was brought to touch the crosses, and as soon as she came near to the Cross of our Lord, she was made perfectly whole. Consequently, the precious Cross was lifted on high by Archbishop Macarius of Jerusalem; as he stood on the ambo, and when the people beheld it, they cried out, "Lord have mercy." It should be noted that after its discovery, a portion of the venerable Cross was taken to Constantinople as a blessing. The rest was left in Jerusalem in the magnificent church built by Saint Helen, until the year 614. At that time, the Persians plundered Palestine and took the Cross to their own country (see Jan. 22, Saint Anastasius the Persian). Late, in the year 628, Emperor Heraclius set out on a military campaign, retrieved the Cross, and after bringing it to Constantinople, himself escorted it back to Jerusalem, where he restored it to its place.

Rest from labour. A Fast is observed today, whatever day of the week it may be.

Hymns of the Day

Apolytikion of Elevation of the Holy Cross in the First Tone

O Lord save Your people and bless Your inheritance, grant victory to all Orthodox Christians over their adversaries, and protect Your people by Your Cross!

Kontakion of Elevation of the Holy Cross in the Fourth Tone

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit now and ever and forever. Amen. Lifted up of Your own Will upon the Cross, You bestow Your mercy upon the new people that bear Your name. Make the Orthodox people glad in Your Strength, giving them victory over their enemies. May Your Cross assist them in spiritual struggles, weapon of peace and unconquerable standard of victory.

Wisdom of the Fathers

Dispose yourself to give thanks to God for everything, hearkening to the words of the Apostle: 'In everything give thanks' (I Thess. 5:18). Whether you are assailed by tribulation, or suffer want or persecution, or have to bear physical hardships and infirmities, give thanks to God for all that befalls for 'we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God' (Acts 14:22). So let not your soul be assailed by doubt, nor your heart weaken; but remember the word of the Apostle: 'Though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day' (II Cor. 4:16). If you do not endure sufferings, you will not be able to mount the cross and share its fruit which brings salvation.

Sts. Barsanuphius and John

Directions in Spiritual Work no. 1, Writings from the Philokalia on Prayer of the Heart; Faber and Faber pg. 346, 6th Century

Since, after the Cross and Resurrection of the Lord the nature of the sad things has been changed, we no longer accompany the death of the Saints with mournings and lamentations, but rather celebrate over their graves. For the righteous, death after Christ is a journey to a better, happier and more blessed life.

Nikolaos P. Vassiliadis

Mystery of Death, Chapter 9: Death Before and After Christ; The Brotherhood of Orthodox Theologians pg. 225

Stewardship



On Stewardship and the Orthodox Life - Part 137: Being in Communion - Part II

“Or what shall a man give in return for his life? For the Son of man is to come with his angels in the glory of His Father, and then He will repay every man for what he has done” (Matthew 16: 26-27 RSV)

Being in communion with the Body of Christ allows us to develop and cultivate our personal gifts that we received from God and to receive also from the collective wealth of the body of Christ. We are sustained by the other members of the body of Christ so that we may work on perfecting our personal gifts for developing our personhood (**hypostasis**) and restoring ourselves to the likeness of God and also for using them for sustaining others on their journey to personhood and Theosis.

When talking about personhood, we must remember that our concept of person is different from that of God and the Holy Fathers. Person or **hypostasis** was discussed and repeatedly contested in the early church. St. Basil the Great in his treatise, *On the Holy Spirit*, defines it convincingly. St. Basil describes each person or hypostasis of the Holy Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) as being in communion with each other. The three persons being in communion (being in continual participation) with each other form the essence of God. You cannot be a person without being in communion with another. The love that they share for each other is what binds them.

Likewise, we are to be persons in communion not only with God but with each member of the body of Christ. Archimandrite Zacharias in his book, *Man, the Target of God*, states, “Our salvation cannot not be a personal attainment but a gift of God in communion

with all that are His, whereby, He is glorified eternally.”

Unfortunately, many of us believe that church is something we come to on Sunday for 1-1½ hours and then go home to our secular lives in our secular world. In doing so, we are not “being in communion” with the members of the body of Christ. Rather we are engaging in an act of **self-centeredness** so prevalent in our modern society. We rely on our own merits and intelligence in all matters. You form relationships with others in that world but, this is not the same as communion. Being a person, or a potential for being a person, means that your communion with God and others must rely wholly on God. You can only grow into a person, the Holy Fathers call it the **hypostatic principle**, as a member of the church, the body of Christ. Here you are nourished and will nourish others by the gifts God has given you as all journey on the road to Theosis. We are all in a constant state of being. Our journey does not end but will continue eternally.

Your stewardship is essential not only for your salvation but also for the salvation of each member of the body of Christ.

*This weekly series of brief thoughts on stewardship and Orthodox life is brought to you by
your Diocesan Stewardship Commission.*

From Father's Desk

- *If you would like to meet with Father, please call him at 607-962-5285 or on his cell phone 607-377-0587.*
- **Emergency Sick Calls:** *Father is available for emergencies at any time. Please call him at 607-962-5285 or on his cell at 607-377-0587.*
- **Our Mailing Address is:**
- *7 Chatfield Place East Painted Post, NY 14870*
- **Confessions** *are heard after Vespers on Saturday, after any weekday or Lenten Services or by calling Father for an appointment.*
- **Marriages** *are solemnized on Saturdays. Consult Father at least six months in advance and before plans have been made for the wedding reception. Marriages cannot be celebrated during the fasting seasons of the Church.*
- **Baptisms** *are normally scheduled on Saturday or Sunday. Consult Father for scheduling. Two Godparents are required, at least one of whom must be Orthodox by faith and the other a practicing Christian.*
- **Church Funerals** *are provided for practicing Orthodox Christians who are current in their Spiritual and Financial obligations to the parish otherwise burial is from the funeral home.*
- *If you would like to schedule a Panachida (Memorial Service) for your loved one please call Father at 607-962-5285.*

The Church does not permit Cremation!

Real Break 2018 Registration Opens Sept 15 - Diocese To Offer Scholarships!



JOHSTOWN, PA --The Diocesan Chancery has been informed that registration for the Orthodox Christian Fellowship 2018 Real Break trips opens on Friday, September 15, 2017. Diocesan College students are urged to make plans now to take part in this exciting service learning opportunity. [Click Here To Learn More and Register](#). Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, the Diocese will be offering twelve scholarships to Diocesan College Students: four \$1,500 scholarships for the Real Break Jerusalem trip, four \$1,250 scholarships for the Mount Athos trip and an additional 4 \$1,250 scholarships for any of the remaining 2018 Real Break trips.

Spaces are limited on the Real Break Trips so those interested are urged to register immediately. **For more information on the scholarships please contact Donna Levas at the North American OCF office at donna@ocf.net or (617)850-1227.**

Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) is the official collegiate campus ministry program under the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America. OCF is charged with connecting Orthodox college students—and those interested in the Orthodox Christian faith—to Christ and His Church. OCF realizes this mission by supporting fellowships on college campuses, whose members experience and witness to the Orthodox Christian Church through community life, prayer, service to others, and study of the Faith; providing a variety of thoughtful and innovative programming including College Conference and Real Break domestic and international service projects; and training lay and clergy volunteers as well as our students for leadership roles on campus and beyond.

Please Keep in Your Prayers

His Grace, Bishop GREGORY; Protopresbyter Frank Miloro; Protopresbyter John Duranko; Protopresbyter Jim Dutko; Protopresbyter Luke Mihaly; Protopresbyter Lawrence Barriger; Protopresbyter Kenneth Bachofsky; V. Rev. Thomas Kadlek; V. Rev. Michael Kleban; V. Rev. Michael Psenechnuk; Rev. James Gleason; V. Rev. Jason Kappanadze; Father James Worthington and Family Deacon Charles Ellis; Deacon Donald Koch; Mother Ralphaela; Pani Joan; Pani Kathleen Dutko; Pani Patricia Duranko; Pani-Matka Julia Romanchak; Sally Ellis; Judy Koch; Michael & Jacqueline Banik; Helen Verno; Eleanor Adzima; Stan Lewek; Michael & Delores Kundrat; Lyudmyla Hayova; Helen Coons; Anna Soraparu; Mary Benyo; Anna Chudanic; Paul Rodrigues; George Officer; Michael Matzkevich; Marlene Wheet; Mae Mary Shonak; Helen Molson; Donna Blazosky; Tom Serdula, John & Florence Medvitz; Timothy Davis; Art Gallant; Karen Kluchonic; Alexia H.; Nancy Murphy-Teed

To Jonathan Share who is serving in the United States Navy; Tyler Colburn serving in the United States Army; Douglas Linsey serving in the United States Army and to all of our men and women who are serving and protecting our country both at home and abroad.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays:

September 27 Sam Powers

Anniversaries:

September 30 Father Dan & Pani Joan

Calendar

September 24 to October 8, 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
24 Stewardship Retreat 9:30AM Divine Liturgy- Observe Feast of Elevation of the Holy Cross	25	26	27	28 Elevation of the Holy Cross- Strict Fast	29	30 5:00PM Vespers/ Confession
OCT 1 9:30AM Divine Liturgy 11:00AM Birthdays	2	3	4	5	6	7 5:00PM Vespers / Confession