

Sunday Bulletin
October 1st 2023 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost
The Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross



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*We invite you to a celebration of
the Resurrection of Christ each week.*

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**BEFORE THY CROSS
WE BOW DOWN IN
WORSHIP, O MASTER,
AND THY HOLY
RESURRECTION
WE GLORIFY**



The First Antiphon

Stichos 1: O God, my God, attend to me; why hast Thou forsaken me?

Refrain (after each Stichos): Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Stichos 2: Far from my salvation are the words of my transgression.

Stichos 3: My God, I will cry by day, and wilt Thou not hearken? and by night, and it shall not be unto folly for me.

Stichos 4: But as for Thee, Thou dwellest in the sanctuary, O Praise of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

The Second Antiphon

Stichos 1: O God, why hast Thou cast us off unto the end?

Refrain (after each Stichos): O Son of God Who wast crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

Stichos 2: Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased from the beginning.

Stichos 3: This is Mount Zion wherein Thou hast dwelt.

Stichos 4: But God is our king before the ages, He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

....O only-begotten Son and Word of God,

The Third Antiphon

Reader: *Stichos 1: The Lord is king, let the peoples rage; He sitteth on the cherubim, let the earth be shaken.*

Choir: (Troparion, Tone 1): O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Grant Thou victory unto Orthodox Christians over their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross do Thou preserve Thy commonwealth.

Stichos 2: The Lord is great in Zion, and He is high above all peoples.

Choir: Repeat Troparion

Stichos 3: Worship the Lord in His holy court.

Choir: Repeat Troparion

Instead of "O come let us worship..." the Reader signs the entry verse:

Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship the footstool of His feet, for it is holy.

And immediately after that, the choir sings the Troparion of the feast:

Troparion Tone 1 (of the Feast)

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Grant Thou victory unto Orthodox Christians over their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross do Thou preserve Thy habitation.

Kontakion — Tone 4 (of the Feast)

As You were voluntarily raised upon the cross for our sake, / grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God; / make all Orthodox Christians glad by Your power, / granting them victories over their adversaries, / by bestowing on them the Invincible trophy, Your weapon of Peace.

Instead of the Trisagion:

Before Thy Cross we bow down, O Master, and Thy holy Resurrection we glorify (3x)

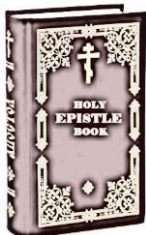
Tone 7 Prokeimenon (of the Feast)

Reader: Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship the footstool of His feet for it is holy.

V. The Lord reigns, let the people tremble! (Ps. 98:1a)

The Reading is from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians

(for the Feast) 1 Cor. 1:18-24



For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Alleluia and Verses Tone 7

V. Remember Your congregation, which You have gotten of old! (Ps. 73:2)

V. God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth!

The reading is from the Gospel according to St. John

(for the Feast) Jn. 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35



Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God." Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin." When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" But 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 delivered Him to them to be crucified. So they took

Jesus and led Him away. And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe.

Instead of "It is truly meet..."

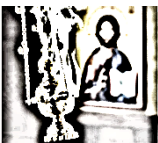
Refrain: Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord.

Irmos: O Theotokos, thou art a mystical Paradise, who untilld hast brought forth Christ. He hath planted upon the earth the life-giving Tree of the Cross: therefore at its exaltation on this day, we worship Him and thee do we magnify.

Communion Hymn

The light of Your countenance has been signed upon us, O Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



MEMORY ETERNAL

PLEASE PRAY FOR RESTING OF THE SOULS

Robert Meredith, Oleksander Dymtro, Mark Vuksanovich, Soldier Vladyslav Chudakorov, Anna Adamovich, Cheryl Hough, Marlene Steiskal, Soldier Serhiy, Roberta Lynn Canyo, Stephen, Joe Ewanish, Michael Woloschak,

All Who died during the war in Ukraine.

All the Victims of the earthquake in Morocco and the flooding in Libya



PRAYER LIST

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING, COMFORT, AND SPIRITUAL PEACE

Joseph & Thelma Zemko, Arthur Bohuslav, Bohdan, Lori Hayda, Shirley Duffy, Michele (Senediak) Caulder, Brooke Kennedy, Darlene Moon, Eileen Theresa Ramos, Stephany Hurley, Chase Miller, Mike Moon, Dobrodiyka Lilya, Sandy, Marilyn O'Leary, Dolly Mehalco, George, Alice Dobransky, Harold Owens, Dave Zylka, Marianne Carmack, Nicholas Yurchyk, Pauline Witkowsky, Eileen Maluk, Peter Anderson, Albert Auden, Michael Gino Maluk, Boris & Kathleen Vuksanovich, Mykola Prychodczenko, Kathy Zebel. People Suffering from any Illnesses. All Ukrainian people who are suffering from the war.



Liturgical Schedule & Feast Days

Please contact Fr Mykola to schedule Prayer Services - 330-799-3830

SERVICE AND FEAST DAY SCHEDULE

- Sunday, October 1, 9:30AM – Divine Liturgy, 17th Sunday
- Sunday, October 8, 9:30AM – Divine Liturgy, 18th Sunday
- Saturday, October 14, 9:30AM – Divine Liturgy, the Protection of the Mother of God. Blessing of the animals at 11:30 AM by the Church.
- Sunday, October 15, 9:30AM – Divine Liturgy, 19th Sunday
- Sunday, October 22, 9:30AM – Divine Liturgy, 20th Sunday

Upcoming dates & events

- **Adult study** 6pm at the church downstairs every 2nd & 4th Tuesday: Oct 10, Oct 24, Nov 14, Nov 28, Dec 12, Dec 26
- **Pyrohy Work Schedule:** Oct 4-5, 18-19 / Nov 1-2, 15-16 / Dec 6-7
- October 1 – **UOL Meeting**, downstairs after the Liturgy
- October 21 – **100th Anniversary Committee meeting at 10 AM at the center**
- November 12 – **Parish Annual Meeting.**
- Sep 13-15, 2024 – **100th ANNIVERSARY of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish CELEBRATION**

Church School Calendar

- Sunday, October 1, **Church School SESSION 4.**
- Sunday, October 8, **Church School – Lesson with Father Mykola (in the church).**
- Sunday, October 15, **Church School SESSION 5**

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD AS OF	On September 17	On September 24
General:	\$1469.50	\$1709.50
Renovation:	\$185.00	\$20.00
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ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Handmade Eastern Orthodox Crosses.
Approximately 13"H x 7"W. \$50 each.
All proceeds go to supplies needed at the altar.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Arlene Hawryluk
7 Delia Walkowicz
8 Elizabeth Zets
15 Jessica Slagel
11 Addison Ratliff
11 Mykola Pryhoczenko
13 Volodymyr Koval
14 Pat Mounce
14 Dominic Woloschak
16 Fred Battisti Jr.
17 Charles G. Senediak
18 David Spanja
21 Joseph Owens
23 Waltraud Demetrius
27 David Zylka
29 Margie Senediak
29 Mary K. Woloschak
31 Sharlene Senediak

PYROHIES SALE SCHEDULE

October	Order by: <u>Monday, October 2</u>
	Pick-up on: Friday, October 6 , 9-11am
	Order by: <u>Monday, October 16</u>
Pick-up on:	Friday, October 20 , from 9:00 – noon
	Order by: <u>Monday, October 30</u>
	Pick-up on: Friday, November 3 , from 9:00 am – noon
November	Order by: <u>Monday, November 13</u>
	Pick-up on: Friday, November 17 , from 9:00 am – noon
December	Order by: <u>Monday, December 4</u>
	Pick-up on: Friday, December 8 , from 9:00 am – noon

Potato & Cheese, Potato Onion, Kraut, or Potato & Kraut \$8.00 a dozen

Pyrohy Work Schedule:

- Oct 4-5, 18-19 /
- Nov 1-2, 15-16 / Dec 6-7



To offer help, for questions or orders – (234) 247-1534 Anna



Q&A: WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS?

The Feast of the Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross is celebrated each year on September 27 (Sep 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.



WHAT DOES THE CROSS SYMBOLIZE?

The cross, the principal symbol of the Christian religion, recalling the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ and the redeeming benefits of his Passion and death. The cross is thus a sign both of Christ himself and of the faith of Christians.

ELEVATION OF THE LIFE-GIVING CROSS

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

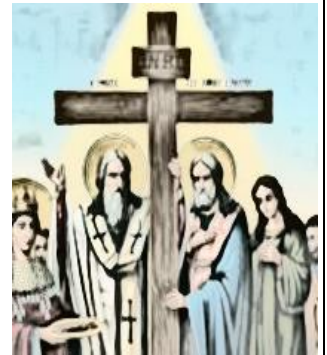
Today we celebrate Elevation of the Life Given Cross of Our lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Cross, the symbol of our victory, a protection that is always available to us in the struggles for salvation of our souls. The Cross of our Lord on which He manifests His absolute love to humankind thru the suffering that He willingly accepted for the salvation of many.

For us Orthodox Christians it is not just some subject of veneration but rather Divine light that enlightens our souls and all our lives. From the very beginning of our earthly journey, as we were baptized we receive a cross, as protection and symbol of belonging to People of God. In the course of our life, all our personal prayers and all sacraments that we receive in the Church, have that same symbol. After we will leave this militant church, the cross will be staying in our graves. Why is that? How come that this symbol is so important to us? Because this Divine light protects us during our life, and also after the death protected by the power of God. ***“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”*** (1Corinth.1:18)

The Holy Church established this day of celebration of the Holy and Life Given Cross in year 335, after construction of the Church of Resurrection in Jerusalem was complete and the cross of Savior was elevated inside of the church. But we commemorate on this day several events from history of the cross. The cross was elevated for the short period of time with the crucified Savior on it, changed the World and was buried, hidden from us.

St. Helen Equal to the Apostles and St. Makarios miraculously found the cross in the year 326, and so the cross was elevated to the people and Grace of God was reveled thru the miracles. The same cross was in Jerusalem and many people came to know a True God. We also commemorate the miraculous return of the Cross, after it was taken from us for fourteen years from the year 614 to 628. But by the Grace of God we would always get it back, so that we would continue to grow under the protection of it, and gather around it the flock of the Lord.

In our today's troparion we sing, ***“ save the Lord Thy people and bless Thy inheritance.”*** What a blessing is given to us, what a privilege, are we really worthy to be called His people and inheritance? With that great power of the Cross, symbol of freedom and victory, we also



receive guidance and responsibility. We receive knowledge of how to deal with our own crosses and follow The Lord. ***“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.”*** (Luke 9:23-24)

Be not afraid to lose your life for His sake. Let's rejoice and be thankful to the Lord, for what was once a weapon and symbol of the death, has become a weapon and symbol of salvation for us. Let's come and venerate The Holy Cross with fear and joy. With fear, because we do know how wicked is our nature. With joy because we know, and believe in the power that was given to us by the Cross of Salvation.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit! Amen.

V. Rev. Dmitri Belenki

Before Thy Cross we bow down in worship, O
Master, and Thy holy Resurrection we glorify.

Uncovering of the Precious Cross by Empress Saint Helen in Jerusalem

The Holy Empress Helen uncovered the Precious Cross and Nails of the Lord at Jerusalem in 326.

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.

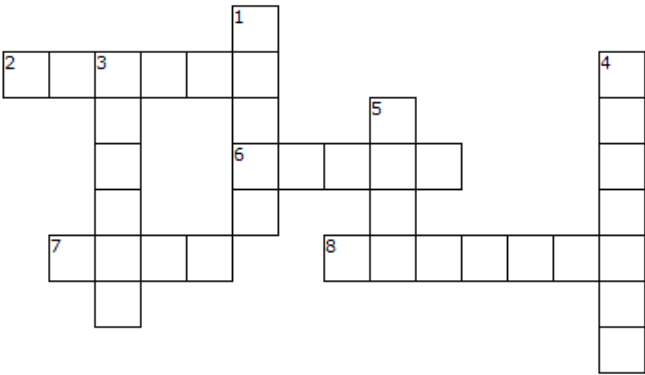
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Crossword I

Take Up Your Cross

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Mark 8:34b (NIV)

Based on Mark 8:27-38



ACROSS

2. To experience injury, pain, or death
6. The evil enemy of God; the leader of the fallen angels
7. The spiritual part of a person which exists after death
8. The expected savior of the world

DOWN

1. The object upon which Jesus was crucified
3. To take someone as our leader or model
4. A person who speaks for God
5. To keep something from harm or loss

SUFFER	SATAN	PROPHET	FOLLOW
MESSIAH	CROSS	SAVE	SOUL

Emergency Phone Numbers



When in sorrow - call John 14

When others fail you - call Psalms 27

When you want to be fruitful - call John 15

When you have sinned - call Psalms 51

When you worry - call Matthew 6:19-34

When you are in danger - call Psalms 91

When God seems far away - call Psalms 139

When your faith needs stirring - call Hebrews 11

When you are lonely or fearful - call Psalms 23

When you grow bitter and critical - call 1Corinthians 13

For Paul's secret of happiness - call Colossians 3:12-17

For Paul's idea of Christianity - call 1 Corinthians 5:15-19

When you feel down and out - call Romans 8:31-39

When you want rest and peace - call Matthew 11:25-30

When the world seems bigger than God - call Psalm 70 & Psalm 90

When you want Christian assurance - call Romans 8:1-30

When you leave home for labor or travel - call Psalms 121

When your prayers grow narrow or selfish - call Psalms 67

For a great invention/opportunity - call Isaiah 55

When you want courage for a task - call Joshua 1

How to get along with fellow men - call Romans 12

When you think of investments/returns - call Mark 10

If you are depressed - call Psalm 27

If your pocketbook is empty - call Psalm 37

If you're losing confidence in people - call 1Corinthians 13

If people seem unkind - call John 15

If discouraged about your work - call Psalm 126

If you find the world growing small and yourself great - call Psalm 19

For dealing with fear.....call Psalm 34:7

For security.....call Psalm 121:2

For assurance.....call Mark 8:35

Emergency numbers may be dialed direct. No operator assistance is necessary. All lines to Heaven are open 24 hours a day!

Feed your faith, and doubt will starve to death!

October Birthdays:



HAPPY
Birthday
TO YOU

3 Arlene Hawryluk
7 Delia Walkowiec
8 Elizabeth Zets
15 Jessica Slagel
11 Addison Ratliff
11 Mykola Pryhoczenko
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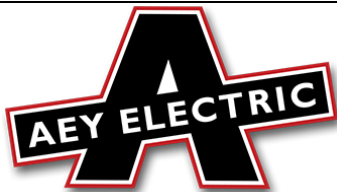
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Marie Senediak
K. Woloschak
Arlene Senediak

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to our loved members of the parish,
We pray that God blesses you
with good health, happiness and joy!

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