

Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross

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Sunday, September 12, 2021

Gospel: [Matthew 19:16-26](#)

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Epistle: [1 Corinthians 15:1-11](#)

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Leavetaking of the Nativity of the Theotokos / Sunday before Elevation

Liturgical & Events Schedule

- All services are Live Streamed unless otherwise noted.
- Masks are mandatory.

Sunday, September 12 – Note time change

10:00 am: Divine Liturgy

Monday, September 13

7:00 pm: Vespers Liturgy for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Saturday, September 18

11:00 am-2:00 pm: Fall Festival Drive-By

4:30 pm: Parastas for George Kwascha

5:00 pm: Great Vespers

Sunday, September 19

10:00 am: Divine Liturgy

Sunday School begins

Today's Anniversaries

18th Julia & Greg Gotowchikov

Hurricane Relief

Our parish's Inreach/Outreach Ministry will be collecting donations throughout September on behalf of the hurricane relief efforts of the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC).

Please make checks payable to **IOCC** only, **not** OCHC. Place in the church office or offering plate.



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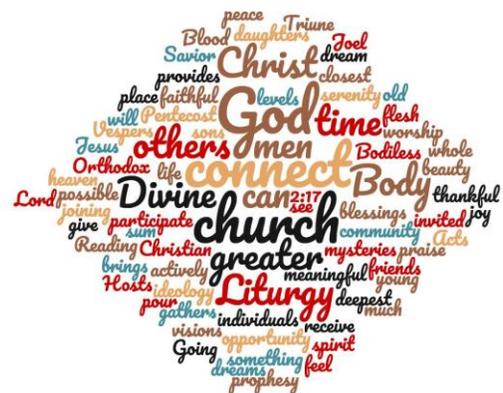
Sermon Series, "Come, Dream with Me,"

Responses to the following question in image, "Why

Go to

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Below are some of the replies received.

1. I go to church because the Divine Liturgy is the only time an Orthodox Christian is invited to receive the Divine Body and Blood of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is the time when the Body of Christ gathers into heaven —joining the Bodiless Hosts to give worship to our Triune God.

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2. The church provides consistency, discipline, and stability in our spiritual life for living the word of God.
3. I go to church because in its beauty, serenity and ideology it is a place where we can connect to something much greater than ourselves,
4. I go to church because it provides the opportunity to connect with others on the deepest and most meaningful possible levels.
5. I go to church to praise and be thankful to God for all his blessings in my life, and to connect with my community of faithful friends.
6. I go to church to actively participate in the mysteries of God.
7. I go to church because it brings me joy and peace. It's where I feel closest to God.
8. I go to church because I can connect with others at Liturgy where the whole is greater than the sum of the individuals.

Remembering 9/11 20th Anniversary

In the World Trade Center attacks, New Jersey lost 750 souls in the attack — more than any state other than New York. (https://nj1015.com/on-911-we-remember-new-jerseys-749-fallen/?utm_source=tsmclip&utm_medium=referral)

The New Jersey State Police WTC Missing Persons list tracked only the 539 missing persons reported to state or local police departments and does not include persons reported missing to New York City police or through the New York City Missing Persons Hotline. (https://nj.gov/njsp/wtc_missing.htm)

May their
memories be
eternal and their
souls dwell with
the blessed.

