

Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:**For the health and prosperity of:**

Matushka Dunia and **Fr. Daniel** on their 61st anniversary, and Father's 60th Ordination anniversary offered by Richard and Linda Dantine.

Susan and **Michael** Guedes on their 15th anniversary.

Walter Stefy on his 50th birthday, son of Lore Stefy.

Readings:

- **Corinthians 4:6-15**
- **Matthew 22:35-46**
- Galatians 2:16-20 (Sunday after the Elevation of the Cross)
- Mark 8:34-38; 9:1 (Sunday after the Elevation of the Cross)

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believed, and so we speak, knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

At that time, a lawyer, asked him a question, to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, "What do you think of the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, till I put thy enemies under thy feet'? If David thus calls him Lord, how is he his son?" And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did any one dare to ask him any more questions.

Saturday service: Vespers – 6:PM

Sunday service:

Hours - 9:40 AM

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

(**Private Confession** – Half hour before any service. Please don't delay the service.)

(**General Confession** – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month)

(**Pannikhidas** – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month)

Church School – 9:30 AM beginning September 23rd

No Church School on the first Sunday of each month.

Coffee hour - after Liturgy

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.

Announcements:

- There will be a Pot Luck Dinner after services today, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Protopresbyter Daniel Hubiak's ordination to the Holy Priesthood, also the 61st wedding anniversary of Matushka Dunia and Fr. Daniel.
- **The next meeting of the Parish Council** will be on **September 30th** after coffee hour.
- Church School will begin again for the school year next Sunday, September 23rd, at 9:30 AM. If your child has not attended our church school previously and you are interested in having them participate this year, please fill out a registration sheet at the candle stand. Classes are for children from pre-K through Grade 8. If you have any questions please see Maribeth Romanofsky or Linda Dantine.

Reminder:

- Proshpora (bread) is available at the candle stand. Before the Divine Liturgy, while the Hours are being read, the faithful can have the bread sent into the altar with a list of names for prayers of *health and salvation* for the living and for the *repose* of the departed servants of God. (Bread can be purchased a week in advance of the Sunday Liturgy.)
- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the signup sheet at the candle stand.

Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org

The Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Creating Cross of the Lord:

Last Friday, September 14th, the church celebrated the **Feast of the Elevation of the Cross.**

Desiring to find the Cross on which our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified, St Constantine sent his mother, the pious Empress Helen (May 21), to Jerusalem, providing her with a letter to St Macarius, Patriarch of Jerusalem.

Although the holy empress Helen was already in her declining years, she set about completing the task with enthusiasm. Searching for the Life-Creating Cross, she made inquiry of Christians and Jews, but for a long time her search remained unsuccessful

Finally, they directed her to a certain elderly Hebrew by the name of Jude who stated that the Cross was buried where the temple of Venus stood. They demolished the pagan temple and, after praying, they began to excavate the ground. Soon the Tomb of the Lord was uncovered. Not far from it were three crosses, a board with the inscription ordered by Pilate, and four nails which had pierced the Lord's Body. In order to discern on which of the three crosses the Savior was crucified, Patriarch Macarius alternately touched the crosses to a corpse. When the Cross of the Lord touched the dead one, he came to life. Having beheld the raising of the dead man, everyone was convinced that the Life-Creating Cross was found.

Christians came in a huge throng to venerate the Holy Cross, beseeching St Macarius to elevate the Cross, so that even those far off might reverently contemplate it. Then the Patriarch and other spiritual leaders raised up the Holy Cross, and the people, saying "Lord have mercy," reverently prostrated before the Venerable Wood. This solemn event occurred in the year 326.

The holy empress Helen journeyed to the holy places connected with the earthly life of the Savior, building more than 80 churches, at Bethlehem the birthplace of Christ, and on the Mount of Olives where the Lord ascended to Heaven, and at Gethsemane where the Savior prayed before His sufferings and where the Mother of God was buried after her death.

St Helen took part of the Life-Creating Wood and nails with her to Constantinople. The holy emperor Constantine gave orders to build at Jerusalem a majestic and spacious church in honor of the Resurrection of Christ, also including under its roof the Life-Giving Tomb of the Lord and Golgotha. The temple was constructed in about ten years. St Helen did not survive until the dedication of the temple; she died in the year 327. The church was consecrated on September 13, 335. On the following day, September 14, the festal celebration of the Exaltation of the Venerable and Life-Creating Cross was established.

Another event connected to the Cross of the Lord is remembered also on this day: its return to Jerusalem from Persia after a fourteen year captivity. During the reign of the Byzantine emperor Phocas (602-610) the Persian emperor Khozroes II in a war against the Greeks defeated the Greek army, plundered Jerusalem and captured both the Life-Creating Cross of the Lord and the Holy Patriarch Zachariah (609-633). The Cross remained in Persia for fourteen years and only under the emperor Heraclius (610-641), who with the help of God defeated Khozroes and concluded peace with his successor and son Syroes, was the Cross of the Lord returned to the Christians.

With great solemnity the Life-creating Cross was transferred to Jerusalem. Emperor Heraclius in imperial crown and royal purple carried the Cross of Christ into the temple of the Resurrection. With the emperor went Patriarch Zacharios. At the gates by which they ascended Golgotha, the emperor suddenly stopped and was not able to proceed farther. The holy Patriarch explained to the emperor that an angel of the Lord was blocking his way. The emperor was told to remove his royal trappings and to walk barefoot, since He Who bore the Cross for the salvation of the world from sin had made His way to Golgotha in all humility. Then Heraclius donned plain garb, and without further hindrance, carried the Cross of Christ into the church.

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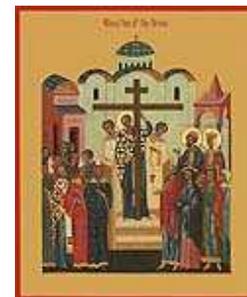
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Glory to Jesus
Christ

Glory
Forever

Afterfeast of the Elevation
of the Cross

*O Lord, save Your people,
And bless You inheritance.
Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians
Over their adversaries.
And by virtue of Your Cross,
Preserve Your habitation.*

Troparion -

On this day the Church remembers:

Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross • Sunday after Elevation

- Greatmartyr Euphemia the All-praised (304) • Repose of St. Kiprián, Metropolitan of Moscow and All Russia (1406) • St. Sebastiana, disciple of St. Paul the Apostle, martyred at Heraclea (1st c.) • Martyr Melitina of Marcianopolis (2nd c.) • Martyrs Victor and Sosthenes at Chalcedon (ca. 304) • Ven. Dorotheus, Hermit, of Egypt (4th c.) • Martyr Ludmila, grandmother of St. Wenceslaus (Viachesláv), Prince of the Czechs (927) • New Martyrs Isaac and Joseph of Georgia (808)

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15th Sunday After Pentecost