

(There were no bulletin sponsor this week.)

### Readings:

[Galatians 2:16-20](#) (Sunday After Elevation of the Cross)

**II Corinthians 4:6-15** (15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

[Mark 8:34-38; 9:1](#) (Sunday After Elevation of the Cross)

**Matthew 22:35-46** (15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

**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.

### Sunday Services:

<b>Hours</b> - 9:40 AM	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> – 10:00 AM
<b>General Confession</b> – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month	
<b>Private Confession</b> - by appointment, contact Father Matthew	
<b>Pannikhidas</b> – after Divine Liturgy 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month	

### Coffee hour - after Divine Liturgy.

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

**Sunday school is in session for the school year.**  
**Please see your child’s teacher for meeting times.**

### Announcements:

- The next meeting of the **Parish Council** will be next Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> after Coffee Hour.

### Reminders:

- **The Sisterhood’s food drive is ongoing.** Please be generous with your donations. Collection bins are located both downstairs and in the back of the church. Thank you.
- **Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.** And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- Bulletin sponsors, prayer requests, or announcements for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to:** [bulletin@churchmotherofgod.org](mailto:bulletin@churchmotherofgod.org)
- Thank you to everyone who has been donating to our parish. There is a donation basket at the candle stand. Also, a **Venmo account** can be used for donations. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson>.
- **The Grey Book Step Meeting Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 PM downstairs in the community room.
- **The Living Clean Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 PM downstairs in the community room.

**The Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross:**

*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.*

Kontakion — Tone 4

**Instead of “It is truly meet...,” we sing:**

*Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord!  
You are a mystical Paradise, O Theotokos,  
who, though untilled, have brought forth Christ;  
through Him the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth.  
Now at its Exaltation,  
as we bow in worship before it, we magnify you.*

— Tone 8

**Communion Hymn:**

*Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1)  
The light of Your countenance has been signed upon us, O Lord. (Ps. 4:7)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

**To read about the saints remembered today, see:**

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2025/09/21>

**The latest issue of KOINONIA, the quarterly**

<https://www.nynjoca.org/files/publications/kononia/koinonia-september-2025-final.pdf>

**Jacob's Well, another publication of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey:**

<https://www.jacobsmag.org/>

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*Glory to  
Jesus Christ*

*Glory  
Forever*

Leavetaking of the Elevation of the Cross

*O Lord, save Your people,  
and bless Your inheritance.*

*Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries.  
And by virtue of Your Cross,  
preserve Your habitation.*

Tone 1 — Troparion

**September 21, 2025****Today the Church remembers:**

**Leavetaking of the Elevation of the Cross • Sunday after Elevation •** Apostle Quadratus of the Seventy (ca. 130) • Uncovering of the Relics of St. Dimitry, Metropolitan of Rostov (1752) • Ven. Daniel, Abbot of Shuzhgórsk (Novgorod—16<sup>th</sup> c.) • Ven. Joseph of Zaonikiev Monastery (Vologdá—1612) • Hieromartyr Hypatius, Bishop of Ephesus, and his Presbyter, Andrew (ca. 730-735) • St. Isaac (Isacius) and Meletius, Bishops of Cyprus • Martyr Eusebius of Phœnicia • Martyr Priscus of Phrygia • Twenty-six Monastic Martyrs of Zographou (Mt. Athos—1285) • Ven. Cosmas the Bulgarian of Zographou (Mt. Athos—1323) • Ss. John and George, Confessors (Georgia, 20<sup>th</sup> c.—Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> O.S.)

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Tone 6 of the [Octoechos](#)