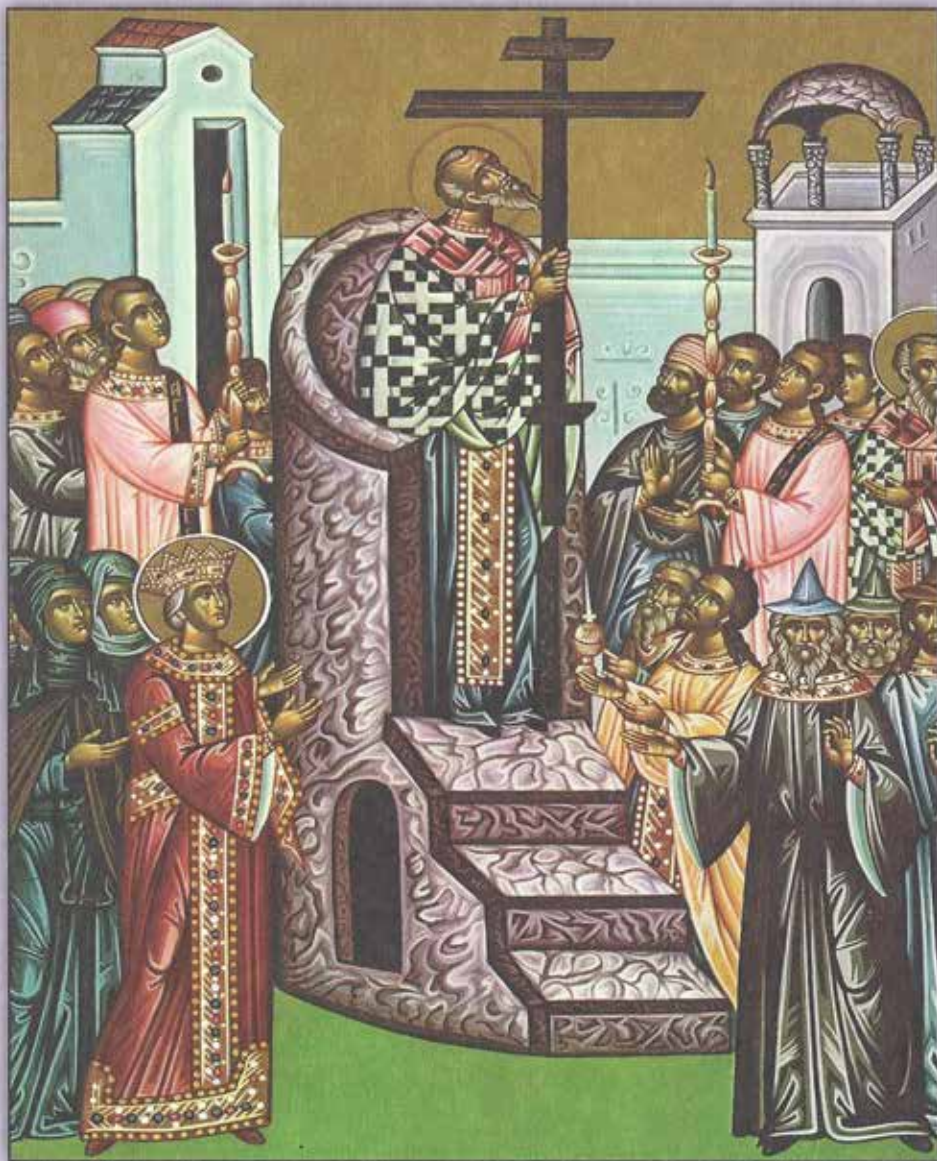


SUNDAY BEFORE THE
EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross -- September 14th

Sept. 11, 2016: Sunday Before the Exaltation

Epistle: Gal. 6: 11-18

Gospel: Jn. 3; 13-17

Mon., Sept. 12	8:00	+ Joe, Nellie, George & Allan Inshetski (Rosalie Namiak)
Tues., Sept. 13	8:00	+ Kay Wasnetsky (Barbara Halloran) For the Exaltation of the Holy Cross 7:00 pm + Rosalie Namiak (Family & Friends)
Wed., Sept. 14		Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Solemn Holy Day) 9:00 + Andrew & Anna Smagula (Son Joseph)
Thurs. Sept. 15	8:00	+ Loden & Taylor Families (Dorothy Loden)
Fri. Sept. 16	8:00	+ Robert Harris (Wife)
Sat., Sept. 17		No Morning Divine Liturgy 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Johanna Dutka (Mildred Gongliewski & Family)
Sun., Sept. 18	9:00	+ Jack Boland (St. Cyril's Choir) 11:30 For Our Parishioners



911. For years, those numbers simply meant a call for help. Now they also remind us of September 11, 2001, the date of the worst terrorist attack on the United States of America and one of the deadliest days ever on American soil.

Religious Education Update

Religious Education Classes for the upcoming 2016/2017 school year will begin on Saturday, October 1st. Parents of our children who will be entering grades 2 through 8 have been contacted in order to confirm their child's attendance. If you

have received a voice mail from Sandra Berta, please have the courtesey to return her call. Parents of children who will be entering grade 1 this coming school year should contact Sandra Berta at 570-383-9487 to make proper arrangements.

A Note of Sympathy

We extend our sincerest condolences to the family, relatives and friends of the late + Nicole (Yeck) Cremard, who recently passed away in the Lord. + Nicole was

laid to rest on Saturday, September 3rd. We pray that her soul may rest in the bosom of Abraham and that her memory be everlasting. Vichnaya Pamyat!

Reception of Holy Communion

Parishioners who have canes or walkers or are a bit unsteady on their feet, are invited to come up and stand inside the first pew on Mary's side of the Church to receive Communion. Father will come down to you. Perhaps a good time to come up to the first pew would be right after the Our Father, so you will be in place inside the first pew when Communion time arrives.

And to ALL parishioners: please do not close your eyes when you receive communion. Just tilt your head back, open your mouth wide as though your are yawning, and do not touch the spoon or close your mouth or lips on the spoon. And do not say "Amen," since the priest already says it for you during his prayers at the moment you are receiving.

When You Enter Church,

When you enter the Church, it is customary to first go to the Tetrapod Table up front, in the middle of church — there we are to make the sign of the cross, bow, and kiss the icon and cross displayed there. We then bow and make the sign of the cross again, and then go to light candles

or take our place for Liturgy. In our Ukrainian Catholic Churches, we make the Sign of the Cross (holding together the right thumb, index and middle fingers) starting with our forehead, then to our mid-chest, then to our right shoulder first, then the left shoulder. Also in our churches, we do

not genuflect (brief bending of the right knee towards the altar) - instead, we make the sign of the cross the Eastern way, and then bow respectfully towards the altar.

Let us humbly preserve and promote our own customs, and teach them to our dear younger generations.

1. “Basket Of Cheer” Donation And Other Raffle Donations.

“Our Basket of Cheer” for the Raffle has only 8 bottles donated. All bottles of CHEER (wine, liquor, designer beer, etc...) can be dropped off at the school gym, during pre-rummage sale set-up. The ‘ Bottles of Cheer” are an added plus to buy raffle tickets.

RAFFLE DONATIONS: All you have to do is just ask!!!! The response so far has been very low in acquiring raffle donations. We need you help in acquiring from places you dine at, shop at, work for or do business with: Gift Certificates, products or items from Retail Stores, Restaurants, Grocery Stores, and Businesses etc... We will also accept NEW ITEMS and GIFTS that you received, never used or never wanted for the Raffle. Parishioners business can donate Lottery tickets or make a “money basket”. We have the baskets to display the items. All raffle tickets will be sold at the Rummage Sale at 3 for \$1.00 or 50 cents each. Last year, \$995.00 of raffle tickets were sold. Parishioner are encouraged to support the raffle by donating and purchasing tickets. The raffle this year includes so far: wreaths, 50 foot hose, Disney toys, Christmas ceramic dish, homemade quilt, Christmas basket, homemade afgans, grocery and restaurant gift certificates, box of pots and pans, unique glass bird feeder and glass flower.

2. *Volunteers Times For Pre-Rummage Sale Activities:

From September 12th** 2016:

*Monday(12th),Wednesday(14th)and Friday(16th)starting at 9:00 a.m to 5 p.m

*Tuesday(13th) and Thursday(15th) starting at 12:00 to 7:00 p.m.

*Saturday(17th) from 10:00 a.m.

** Monday, September 12th is the last day to drop off merchandise for the Rummage

Sale.

*Join us at anytime during the day. The School Gym door is open, the volunteers are working!!!! Over 15+ parishioners have been volunteering during the last 3 weeks including 6 non-parishioners are helping. Come and lend a helping hand.

*Bring your lunch/snack and water bottle!!! Restrooms will be available in the basement of the Rectory.

*Cheryl Matusewski and MaryAnn Spryn will be in charge of the Food and Refreshments being sold during the Rummage Sale. By “Just asking for a donation” we have received 7 cases of soda, and paper products from grocery stores. Food (hot dogs and buns, relishes, sandwiches) and snacks will be purchased. Money donations are always accepted in lieu of a donation to defray the cost of the food and snacks. Contact Cheryl regarding baked goods, (prefer cookies, cupcakes, muffins and cakes that are easy to cut and sell) Volunteers are need to help out during the Rummage Sale hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to help in the selling of the food and refreshments (water, soda and coffee)

*Please plan to help us, you have know about the Rummage Sale since April 2016 and know how important it is to help the church for this fund raiser. (Raffle donations, Rummage Donations, Volunteer time, Food and Refreshments etc...) We appreciate all your help, Lauren Telep 570-383-0319 or cell 646-241-9443 or Father Nestor at 570-489-2271

3. Volunteers need during the actual Rummage Sale!!!

Volunteers of all ages will be needed to support the Rummage Sale on Friday (23th), Saturday (24th) and Sunday 25th). Volunteers are needed throughout the day, Starting at 7:45 a.m - 6:00 p.m. Come and work for a few hours. People are needed for: *Coverage for selling jewelry at a separate table, *helping out in the kitchen, selling food, * Sit/Stand by the 4 doors of the gym, *pass out boxes at the door for customers to put their items in while shopping, * help customer carry their goods to their car, *Wrapping and bagging the items at the check-out, *selling Raffle tickets, *helping out on the selling floor, we need to have volunteers just walking around and have their present on the selling floor, *giving directions to the “Rent a John”(outside the back of the school) ETC.... Just come and lend a helping hand throughout this event. Wear your St. Cyrils logo shirts. Call Lauren 646-241=0443 to donate your time.

4. It is not your Mothers Rummage Sale!!!

All parishioners need to stop by the Rummage Sale and support our biggest fund raiser and fellow parishioners. The raffle tickets will only be sold at the Rummage Sale. You will be surprised at the amount of items that have been donated, over 10,000 that were priced and categorized. (furniture, bedding, drapes, baskets, all season items, sports, toys, vintage items, glass ware, books, records, household items, jewelry, tools etc...) Your fellow parishioner and over 6 non-parishioners have been volunteering for weeks in order to get this Rummage Sale ready. Remember, all donations are only accepted until Monday, September 12th, 2016. Contact Lauren Telep 646-241-9443 or Father Nestor at 570-489-2271 for any questions.

5. Volunteers Meeting for the Rummage Sale:

On Monday, September 12th, there will be a meeting in the School gym regarding updates etc... on the Rummage Sale. First one at Noon (for the early workers) and Tuesday, September 13th at 6 p.m for the evening workers. All are invited to attend.

Community Services Hours Available At St. Cyril's

High School students who are required to donate hours and help out in the community are welcomed at St. Cyril's Parish. The community service hours can be served at this time, volunteering at the

pre-rummage sale activities and during the sale itself. Contact either Lauren Telep at 570-383-0319 or Father Nestor at 570-489-2271

Year of Mercy Holy Door Pilgrimage

Our Deanery will hold a Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to the designated Holy Door Church of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Olyphant, PA on Saturday October 15th. Confessions will begin at 2:00 pm, followed by a procession and Solemn Entrance of the Shroud of Turin Copy into the Church at 3:00 pm. A rosary will follow before the Shroud at 3:15 pm. The Divine Lit-

urgy with guest homilist will begin at 4:00 pm. A reception will follow in the Church Hall. This pilgrimage will give the opportunity for the faithful of this area to gain the special graces and indulgences specifically connected with the Holy Year of Mercy as announced by Pope Francis. All Saturday evening Divine Liturgies in the Deanery parishes will be cancelled in

order to afford the opportunity to attend to as many as possible. This will give all participants the opportunity to receive the graces and indulgences offered specifically for those who pass through a Holy

Door, receive the sacraments of Confession and the Holy Eucharist and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father during this Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

This year, on Sunday, October 16, 2015 at 11:00 AM in our Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, Pa. Archbishop Stefan Soroka will be joining with our married faithful in celebrating the Divine Liturgy honoring Married Life. We invite all of our married faithful wishing to celebrate their wedding anniversary in this very special way to come and join in the celebration! It will be a celebration of their love and commitment to each other in the holy state of Matrimony and a witness to the world of their life-long commitment

to the Holy Mystery of Crowning, the Sacred Sacrament of Matrimony.

During the Divine Liturgy, they will renew their wedding vows, as they gather with other jubilarians from throughout the Archeparchy to celebrate their love, faith, and commitment to each other in the presence of Almighty God and family and friends.

After the Divine Liturgy, a dinner with the Archbishop will be an opportunity for all to break bread together.

Flyers are available in the vestibule of the Church.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of September 2016 is Team #1:

William Vervan, Sr., Roger Barren, and Jerry Sereditch.

Sunday Collection for September 3 & 4, 2016: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for September 17 & 18, 2016

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Chylak -- Joseph Chylak	John Sakson
9:00 am	John Nasevich -- Joseph Skirpan	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Jordan Radle -- Brian Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

Glory to You, Lover of Mankind

Master of all, alone without sin, for me the unworthy sinner were given over to death, death on a Cross, that you might free the sinner's soul from the bonds of sins. And what shall I give you in return for this, Master?

Glory to you, Lover of mankind! Glory to you, O Merciful! Glory to you, O Long-suffering! Glory to you, who pardon every fault! Glory to you, who came down to save our souls! Glory to you, incarnate in the Virgin's womb! Glory to you, who were bound! Glory to you, who were scourged! Glory to you, who were crucified! Glory to you, who were buried! Glory to you, who were raised! Glory to you, who were proclaimed! Glory to you, who were believed! Glory to you, who were taken up! Glory to you, who were enthroned with great glory at the Father's right hand, and are coming again with the glory of the Father and the holy Angels to judge every soul that has despised your holy

sufferings in that dread and fearful hour, when the powers of heaven will be shaken; when Angels, Archangels, Cherubim and Seraphim will come all together with fear and trembling before your glory; when all the foundations of the earth will tremble, and everything that has breath will shudder at your great and unendurable glory.

In that hour your hand will hide me under its wings and my soul be delivered from the fearful fire, the gnashing of teeth, the outer darkness and unending weeping, that blessing you, I may say, Glory to the One, who wished to save the sinner through the many acts of pity of His compassion.

St. Ephrem the Syrian

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