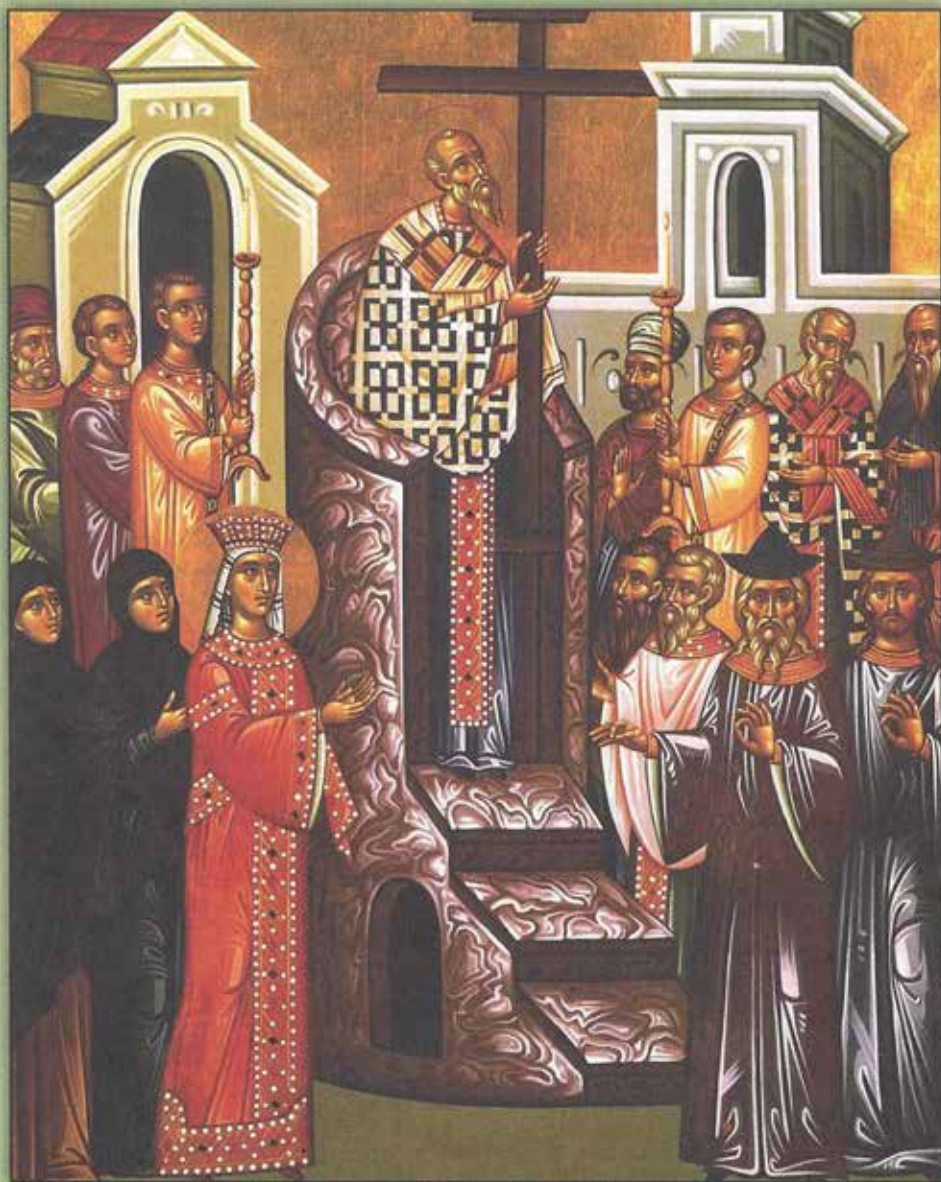


SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION  
OF THE HOLY CROSS



*Icon of the Elevation of the Holy Cross*

## September 9, 2018: Sunday Before the Exaltation

Epistle: Gal. 6: 11-18

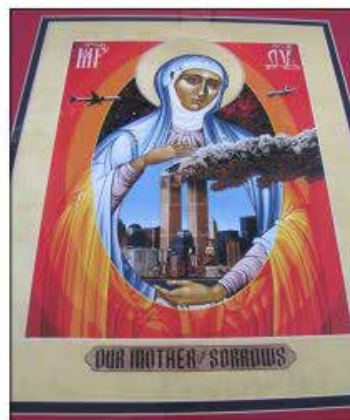
Gospel: Jn. 3: 13-17

<b>Mon., Sept. 10</b>	8:00	+ William Hinko (Fred & Shirley Jacobs)
<b>Tues., Sept. 11</b>	8:00	+ Victims of Terrorism
<b>Wed., Sept. 12</b>	8:00	+ Irene Paczkowski (Leo Danylak)
<b>Thurs., Sept. 13</b>	8:00	+ Mary Zenzel (Theresa Hanichak) <b><i>For the Holy Day:</i></b> 7:00 pm + Pearl Kostic (Lucy Ziman)
<b>Fri., Sept. 14</b>		<b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Solemn Holy Day)</b> 9:00 + Rosalie Namiak (Family & Friends)
<b>Sat., Sept. 15</b>		<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b> 10:30 Confessions 2:00 Confessions 4:00 pm For Our Parishioners
<b>Sun., Sept. 16</b>	9:00	God's Blessings on John & Dorothy Zak (50th Anniversary by John & Kimberly Zak) 11:30 + Emmett & Zenia Hooper (Family)

### September 11, 2001:

## A Dark Day in the History of Humanity A PRAYER FOR HEALING AND CONSOLATION

Let us remember this day with somberness for the loss, but also with admiration for the heroic virtue of many who came to the need of those afflicted by this tragic, sudden, and unexpected act of terror, who even offered their lives in seeking to bring aid. May we always remain one nation under God and may the Holy Spirit of God protect us from all evil. May we, without prejudice, love and respect all people, but at the same time fulfill our responsibility to all citizens, law-abiding and of good will, to safeguard their well-being and safety. May we be healed from the injuries of the past and may God through us continue to offer consolation to the many for their tragic loss.



## The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

We are keeping the feast of the Holy Cross - that Cross which dispelled darkness and restored light. In celebrating this feast we are raised aloft with the Crucified, leaving earth and sin behind and taking possession of heaven. Possess the Cross and you possess a treasure, for surely the most precious object on earth is rightly called a treasure. If there had been no Cross, there would have been no crucified Christ, no Life nailed to the wood, no Immortal fountain of blood and water flowing from a pierced side to purify the world, no declaration of our freedom, no paradise. If there had been no cross, death would not have been slain, hell would not have been robbed of its prey. How immeasurably great and priceless, then, is the cross — great because so much good was wrought through it; price-

less because the Cross was the instrument of Christ's sacred trophy of victory. On it the devil was fatally wounded, and death thereby was slain. The gates of hell were shattered as the Cross became the means of universal salvation. The Cross has also been called Christ's glory and exaltation. It was the cup he yearned to drink, the crown upon the torments he bore for us. Here is how He Himself spoke of it: "Now is the Son of Man glorified! God is glorified in him and shall straightway glorify him again." His words were fulfilled on the Cross. Christ likewise viewed the Cross as his exaltation. "And I, when I am lifted up, shall draw everyone to myself." Clearly, then, we must regard the Cross as Christ's glory and exaltation.

## Our Condolences

In your Christian Charity, please remember in your prayers + **John Sereditch** who recently fell asleep in the Lord. + John was

buried from St. Cyril's on Friday, September 7, 2018. May his memory be eternal! Vichnaya Pamyat!

## Update for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Rummage Sale (September 21, 22, & 23, 2018)

1. Time and dates for this week: September 10 - September 15th (Times may change every week to accommodate our volunteers.) Due to the hot weather, we may close early. To verify the school gym is open, please call Lauren or Michaelene or Father Nestor.

For information: contact Lauren at cell # (646)-241-9443, and Michaelene (570) 209-2026 or Father Nestor (570) 291-4451.

The bulletin announcement is your invitation to volunteer!  
The School gym is open:

Monday(10), Wednesday (12), Friday(14) 10:00 a.m- 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday(11), Thursday (13) Noon to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday (15) 10:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

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2. The Rummage Sale Raffle will be done on Sunday, September 23rd. Tickets are on sale now in the School gym. We currently have 25 gifts, compared to last year of 100+ You can drop off your raffle donations during the week and could include: “Wine and Spirits” and gift cards or products from your favorite restaurant, local business, new items or gifts you received and never used or wanted.

The parishioners are welcome to donate Lottery tickets, their own donations of items (we have the baskets). The “contribution letter” is still available in the Church vestibule and the school gym. We have received gift certificates ONLY from various businesses because of the letters dropped off by Marcella Gawron, Glenda Marcinko and Cheryl Matuszewski.

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3. Father Nestor has been requesting the help of all parishioners who are ABLE to give a few hours of their time for the pre-rummage sale and the actual event.

We let you know the week of April 29th, 2018 bulletin, (5 months ago) the Rummage Sale would be held September 21, 22, 23, 2018. This”fundraiser” is for our church and helps pay the bills.

We need the men of the parish to help with the furniture that is set up in Father’s Nestor garage and eventually moved to the driveway the week of September 17th, 2018

All Parishioners: Men, woman and teen-ages are needed on the 21 and 22 and 23rd during the sale: no experience needed: hand out boxes, give help to the customers, security at the doors, helping wrap and bags the items as they are sold, selling raffle tickets, selling jewelry, serve food and refreshments, young men to help customers carry items to their cars etc... Arrive in the morning or come at noon, just show up and help out at this fundraiser.

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4. Pre-Rummage Sale set-up: On Thursday, September 13th we are receiving a shipment of NEW Sweatshirts and NEW t-shirts as we did last year. This is a donation from a NEPA printing company, through the connection with Michaelene Davis. We need additional volunteers

to come on Thursday at 12:00 p.m. to hang the merchandise.

Volunteers are welcomed every day!!!

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5. The “yellow flyers” for the sale are available in the vestibule of the Church. Everyone can take as many as you need!!! Where ever you go, ask permission to have the flyer posted!!!! If they don’t have a public bulletin board, perhaps they can post it for their employees in their lunch room. Give to everyone you may come in contact with....even the employees of your doctor’s office( we all have those doctor appointments every week) Let’s see those “yellow flyers” EVERYWHERE!

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6. We are welcoming any student that has community service hours for their high school, to come to our pre-rummage sale set-up. We welcome all students from the area. Check the times that the school gym is open or call Lauren Telep CELL 646-241-9443.

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7. Save your newspaper!! We need the “black and white” print newspaper. The color catalogs and flyers size are not conducive to wrapping items at the rummage sale. Drop the newspaper at the school gym.

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8. Stop by the school gym when you see the doors are open. You would be amazed at the fine work all the volunteers have accomplished over the last months. Don’t run to your car after the Divine Liturgy, take a few minutes, walk the 25 feet to support your fellow parishioners. You just might find something among the 10,000 items and even purchase a raffle ticket.

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9.This is the last week (September 10th)to drop off any items to be sold at the rummage sale. We will not have enough of time to open the boxes and price these items. The week of September 17 will be used to get the gym “ready” and the final “tweaking” for TV segments and the Sale.

## Rise and Shine!

On Thursday, September 20, 2018, we are happy to announce that PAHOMEPAGE (channel 28 and 22) will be broadcasting live from St. Cyril’s School gym for our Rummage Sale. We must arrive by 4:30 a.m.- 4:45 a.m. for the morning show with Lauren Hensley. We had the pleasure of PA HOMEPAGE be at the School gym for our 7<sup>th</sup> Rummage

Sale, (we all know how successful that was!) and what great publicity for our Church and fundraiser. We know it’s early, but it’s your chance to be on TV and promote our Rummage Sale. If you plan to attend, and have the St. Cyrils t-shirt or polo shirt, it would be nice of you to wear them. Any questions, Contact Lauren. Bring your family and friends!

## **Rummage, Food & Bake Sale**

“SALE POSTPONED (too much to sort in time) - Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, North River & West Chestnut Streets, Wilkes-Barre will hold a Rummage, Homemade Food and Bake Sale, (NEW DATES) Saturday, September 15th, 2018 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Sunday, September 16th, 2018 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Come out and browse an auditorium full

of Clothing, Furniture, Tools, Toys, Games, Kitchenware, Linens, Sporting Goods, Crafts, Jewelry, Hand Bags, Shoes, Books, Videos, Electronics, Seasonal Decorations and More. Find a bargain and enjoy some good food from Baba's Kitchen. Chances will be sold for our Variety Basket Auction drawing in November.”

## **Holy Name Society Meeting**

St. Cyril's Holy Name Society will meet today (Sunday), September 9, 2018, following the 9:00 am Divine Liturgy. All

members are invited and encourage this meeting.

## **L.U.C. Meeting**

Father Roman Petryshak, pastor of Berwick's SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, extends a warm invitation to the beautiful Prayer Service - Moleben to the Mother of God - on Sunday, September 9, 2018 at 2:30pm to be followed by a church sponsored meeting of our North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catho-

lics (LUC). Schedule of autumn meetings, fund raising plans and the October National Convention in Buffalo/Amherst, New York will be the primary agenda items. This is a public event of SS. Cyril and Methodius parish to which all parishioners and friends are welcome.

## **86<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage to the Mother of God**

### **Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great**

This year's 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage honoring the Mother of God will be held on Sunday, September 30, 2018 on the grounds of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great in Fox Chase Manor, PA. The theme of this year's Pilgrimage is “A Call to Personal Prayer.”

The day begins with the opportunity for confession starting at 9:00 am. A Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 11:00 am by our Ukrainian hierarchy and clergy. The homilist for the Divine Liturgy and Moleben will be His Grace, Bishop Benedict Aleksiychuk, Eparchial Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Ep-

archy of St. Nicholas in Chicago. Lunch will be available afterwards, featuring traditional Ukrainian food. The day will conclude with a prayer service (Moleben) at 4:00 pm at the Grotto.

Special programs on prayer for children and adults!

For further information, please call 215.379.3998 x17 or visit the Sisters' website at [www.stbasils.com](http://www.stbasils.com) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/pages/Sisters-of-the-Order-of-St-Basil-the-Great-Jenkintown-PA/280623061977867?fref=ts](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sisters-of-the-Order-of-St-Basil-the-Great-Jenkintown-PA/280623061977867?fref=ts).

## Wedding Anniversary Celebration

This year, on Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 11:00AM in our Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, Pa. Bishop Andriy Rabyi will join 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 com-

mitment 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 Bishop Andriy will be an opportunity for all to break bread together.

## Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of September 2018 is Team #1:

Roger Barren & Jerry Sereditch

## Sunday Collection for September 1 & 2, 2018: \$

### Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for September 15 & 16, 2018

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Brett Lowe -- Samuel Sczesniak	John Sakson
9:00 am	Patrick Marcinko -- Nicholas Chylak	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Brian Radle -- Jordan Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

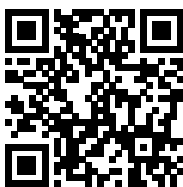
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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

### *The Cross Raised for All the World to See*

The cross is raised and appears above the earth, which until recently malice had kept hidden. It is raised, not to receive glory (for with Christ nailed to it what greater glory could it have?) but to give glory to God who is worshiped on it and proclaimed by it.

It is not surprising that the church rejoices in the cross of Christ and robes herself in festal clothes, revealing her bridal beauty as she honors this day. Nor is it surprising that this great throng of people has gathered together today to see the cross exposed aloft and to worship Christ whom they see raised upon it. For the cross is exposed in order to be raised and is raised to be exposed.

What cross? The cross, which a little while ago was hidden in a place called "The Skull" but now is everywhere adored. This is what we rejoice over today; this is what we celebrate; this is the point of the present feast; this is the manifestation of the mystery.

For this hidden and life-giving cross had to be exposed, set on high like a city on a hill or a lamp on a stand, for all the world to see.

*Saint Andrew of Crete*