

SUNDAY AFTER
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 20, 2020: Sunday After the Exaltation

Epistle: Gal. 2: 16-20

Gospel: Mk. 8:34 - 9:1

Mon., Sept. 21	10:00	Funeral: + Jonathan Sawko
Tues., Sept. 22	10:00	Funeral: + Bea Zator
Wed., Sept. 23	9:00	+ Souls in Purgatory
Thurs. Sept. 24	9:00	+ Theresa Tehensky (Family)
Fri., Sept. 25	9:00	+ Jacob & Ann Jablonski (Gloria Jablonski)
Sat., Sept. 26	No Morning Divine Liturgy	
	2:00	Confessions.
	4:00	+ Diann Yuhnck (Mary Ann Spryn)
Sun., Sept. 27	10:00	For Our Parishioners

Antiphon 1

O God, my God, hear me; why have You forsaken me?
The words of my transgressions put salvation far from me.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.
O God, I will call to You by day but You will not listen;
and by night, yet it will not be foolish of me.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.
But You, the praise of Israel, dwell in the holy place.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

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Antiphon 3

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.
Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!
Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.
Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!
For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.
Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

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Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Son of God, crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to You: Alleluia

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Hymn to the Mother of God

O my soul, magnify the most precious cross of the Lord. You are a mystical Paradise, O Mother of God, who though untitled, have brought forth Christ. He has planted upon earth the life-giving Tree of the Cross.

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Communion Hymn

Let the light of Your countenance, O Lord,* shine upon us.*

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

**WHEN THE QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS ARE
LIFTED, THE DISPENSATION THAT EXEMPTED US
FROM GOING TO CHURCH WILL BE REVOKED**

Even during quarantine, we understand that participating in the Liturgy online is a temporary solution. We may spend some time praying online, but it is wrong to completely refuse to go to church. This position of the Church was expressed by His Beatitude Sviatoslav, Father and Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, in a commentary for the UGCC Information Department.

“I hope that the state authorities will one day declare victory over the coronavirus and lift all quarantine restrictions. Then it will be the time

to resume the public celebration of Divine Liturgy,” His Beatitude Sviatoslav added.

The Head of the Church explained that God’s commandment to celebrate the holy day exists even during lockdown and no one can cancel it. For us, Christians, observing a holy day means attending the Liturgy, and neither secular nor church authorities can remove this by their order. But since there are now objective, insurmountable obstacles to visiting worship services, the Church, as a good mother, meets her children and

gives certain dispensations (exemptions) so we may celebrate the holy day not in the temple but at home.

“The gift of the Eucharist gives rise to a church commandment that obliges us to participate in the Sunday Divine Liturgy. Since there is an exemption from this obligation during the quarantine, we do not need to confess missing Sunday service,” explained His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

At the same time, the Patriarch emphasized that a person who

participates in prayer online should not be like an outsider watching this broadcast as a spectacle, but an active participant, as if he were in church.

“When the quarantine restrictions are lifted, the dispensation from the obligation to participate in the Liturgy will be revoked,” the Head of the Church said.

*The UGCC Department for
Information*

A DROWNING MAN PRAYED FOR HELP. GOD SENT A FLOATING TIKI BAR FILLED WITH PRIESTS.

When Jimmy Macdonald found himself floundering in the waters of Lake George in New York next to his tipped kayak, he thought he might die.

He had been enjoying a relaxing August day on the lake with his family, meditating and snapping pictures. He kept his lifejacket in the boat - he didn't think he would need it, he told Glens Falls Living.

But his kayak ended up drifting, and suddenly he found himself far from shore and from his wife and stepchildren. Despite the rough waters, he still thought he could make it back to shore, and so he waved on several boats that had stopped to offer help.

But when his kayak tipped and his hastily-donned lifejacket came up to his ears, Macdonald knew he was in real trouble.

“I thought I was going to die. I was absolutely powerless and wished I had asked for help earlier. I was waving my hand and asked God to please help me,” he said.

God answered his prayers - but not in the form of Jesus walking on water.

“And then, out of the corner of my eye, I saw the tiki boat.”

Aboard the floating bar boat were seminarians and priests of the Paulist Fathers from St. Joseph's Seminary in Washington, D.C. The Catholic religious

community had been on retreat nearby and were taking a break on a boat rented from Tiki Tours.

A handful of the seminarians and priests helped the Tiki Tours staff hoist Macdonald to safety.

Noah Ismael, one of the seminarians aboard the boat, told NBC Washington that it was “a movement of the Holy Spirit” that they happened upon Macdonald at the right time.

Chris Malano, another seminarian, told WNYT that as Paulist seminarians, they are missionaries, and “that day, that

was our mission, to be present and to help someone in need.”

Macdonald told WNYT that he took the rescue as a “sign from God” that his life still has a purpose on earth.

He also added that he found the rescue funny, in an ironic sense. Macdonald is an addict in recovery who counsels others through addiction recovery.

“How funny is it that I’ve been sober for seven years and I get saved by a tiki bar?” he said.

-- Catholic News Agency

OUR CONDOLENCES

In your Christian Charity, please remember the souls of these Parishioners who recently fell asleep in the Lord:

+ **Jonathan Sawko** will be buried from St. Cyril’s on Monday, September

21st.

+ **Bea Zator** will be buried from St. Cyril’s on Tuesday, September 22nd.

May their memory be eternal! Вічна Память!

PILGRIMAGE TO THE MOTHER OF GOD CANCELLED

I am very sorry to share with you that the Pilgrimage to the Mother of God scheduled for Sunday, October 4, has been **CANCELLED. However Live Stream is available on YouTube.**

We were hopeful that a modified schedule and comprehensive safety precautions would allow us to host pilgrims in person. However, after further prayer and consideration, we have made this difficult decision to

eliminate any possibility of spreading illness. Your health and the health of our Sisters are of paramount importance.

The Pilgrimage is a beloved occasion that has continued for generations, and we look forward to resuming it in 2021.

Thank you in advance for your understanding. Be assured that we will continue to remember your intentions and pray for an end to the pandemic.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Sr. Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM

Provincial

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 you 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.

CONTINUING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Eastern Catholic Education Directors (ECED) will again present free online course offerings as part of the God With Us online faith formation program during the fall and spring 2020-2021.

To register visit EasternCatholic.org or GodWithUsOnline.org. At these

websites you can access recordings of previous God With Us online webinars as well as find further study resources, the Byzantine Gospel reflections, make donations and sign up for upcoming events and webinars. It will be a valuable religious education resource.

THE OTHER SIDE

A sick man turned to his doctor, as he was leaving the room after paying a visit, and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side." Very quietly the doctor said, "I don't know."

"You don't know?" the man said. "You, a Christian man, do not know

what is on the other side?"

The doctor was holding the handle of the door, on the other side of which came a sound of scratching and whining. As he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor

said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear." "I know little

of what is on the other side of death," the doctor continued, "but I do know one thing: I know my Master is there, and that is enough. And when the door opens, I shall pass through with no fear, but with gladness."

FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Our second Food Truck Festival is this weekend, Saturday, September 19th and Sunday, September 20th. The first one was successful; but, this one has the appearance of being even better. We have secured several excellent vendors: R and R Potato Pancakes prepare their delicacies from an old family recipe. Grumpy Crab will be back, as will Russen's, Roseanna's

Pizza, Krista's Creations and Lou's Funnel Cakes. 2WayzOne Passion will offer Mexican/American food. We will feature a Kids' Korner, selling toys and treats. On Sunday, Texas BBQ, Murtz Desserts, and Chilly Willy will join the vendors. There will be music and free balloons for kids. Please join us; tell your friends and neighbors; and, help support our Parish.

PASTA DINNER & \$5,000 RAFFLE

St. John Vianney Parish, Montdale & Royal, is having a Drive Thru Pasta Dinner & \$5,000 raffle on Sunday, October 4th noon to 3:00p.m. Dinner tickets are \$10 and raffle tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100. Pasta Dinner tickets must be purchased by September

27th and can be purchased outside of the Church at Masses on September 19-20 & 26-27 or by contacting the Parish Office 570-254-9502, ext. 1 ccrc402@comcast.net. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the drive thru.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of September 2020 is Team

#1: Jerry Sereditch, Michaelene Davis, and Gloria Jablonski.

Sunday Collection for Sept. 12 & 13, 2020: \$3,042.10

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Whatever Their Size, Carry Them

“Whoever loses his life for my sake and the Gospel’s will save it.” One who knew the meaning of Jesus’ words so well was Flannery O’Connor, the distinguished Catholic novelist who died in 1964 at the age of 39. From the age of 25 she lived with the knowledge she had a terminal disease, Lupus, – not to mention her sufferings from bone disintegration, shingles, anemia, and a tumor. Yet it was during fourteen years of sickness and suffering that she produced her greatest works of literary art. Her strong faith enabled her to say: “I have never been anywhere but sick. In a sense sickness is a place, more instructive than a long trip to Europe. Sickness before death is a very appropriate thing and I think those who don’t have it miss one of God’s mercies ...”

Those are strong words! How could a young woman call sickness one of God’s mercies? Yet Jesus’

words in the Gospel are just as strong: “If a man wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and follow in my steps.”

In some way Flannery O’Connor was able to accept the cross of her sickness and follow in the Lord’s footsteps. But she didn’t do it with a nice sweet smile on her face. She did it with strong courage and conviction. She realized that her own sickness was the very thing that helped her to look at life around her with the eyes of faith; and to translate that life into literary pages that would win her international fame as a writer. Each one of us is called upon to carry a cross in our life at some time. For some it may be the cross of emotional or spiritual suffering, rather than physical suffering. Sometimes there are big crosses, sometimes small. Whatever their size, Jesus calls upon us to carry them.