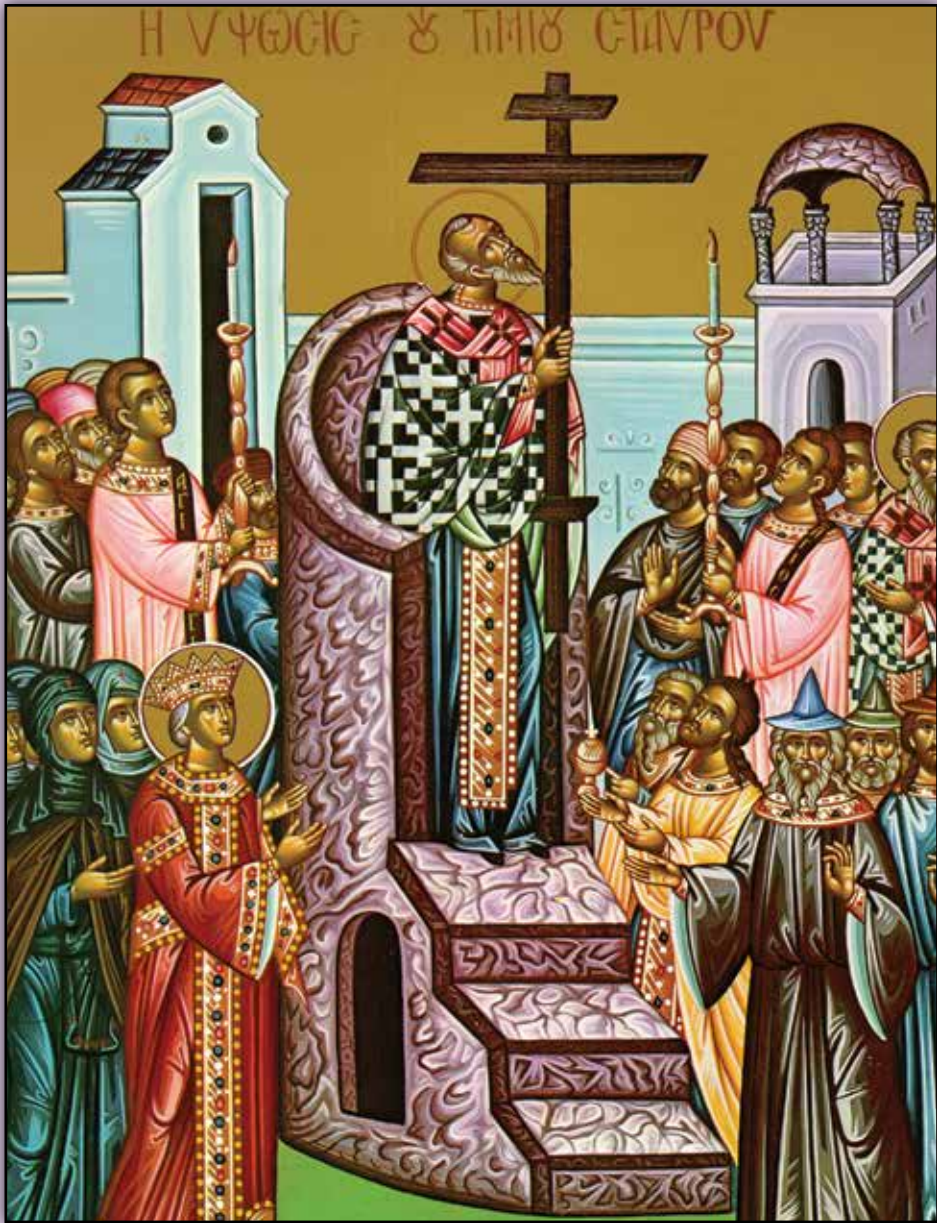


SUNDAY BEFORE THE  
EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



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

<b>September 12, 2021: Sunday Before the Exaltation</b>		
Epistle: Gal. 6: 11-18		Gospel: Jn. 3: 13-17
<b>Mon., Sept. 13</b>	9:00	+ Roger Barren (Elaine Crambo)
<b>Tues., Sept. 14</b>	9:00	<b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Solemn Holy Day)</b> + John T. Novak (Wife, Andrea Novak)
<b>Wed., Sept. 15</b>	9:00	+ Dr. Guido Boriosi (Pat, Cathy & Patrick Marcinko)
<b>Thurs. Sept. 16</b>	9:00	+ Johnathan Sawko (Rosemarie Sember)
<b>Fri., Sept. 17</b>	9:00	+ Emmett & Zenia Hooper (Family)
<b>Sat., Sept. 18</b>	<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b> 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm For Our Parishioners	
<b>Sun., Sept. 19</b>	10:00	+ Mildred Gongliewski (John & Mary Ann Turko); Baptism of William Crew Krenitsky

## NEVER FORGET 9/11



remind us of Sept. 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. Those whose lives were lost on September 11 will remain in our

For years, those numbers simply meant a call for help. Now they also thoughts and prayers forever.

## OUR HIERARCHY ON 9/11



Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

On September 11, 2001, the United States of America experienced the darkest hour in its recent history — the deadly terrorist attack that claimed the lives of nearly 3,000 people.

Twenty years have passed, but we still feel the consequences of the tragedy that shook the world and caused profound trauma in the global community. In one day we lost our sense of invulnerability. After

September 11, we — our nation and all humanity — became a deeply wounded people.

But this is not where the story ends. After September 11, 2001 we saw suffering and death, pain and sorrow but also courage, sacrifice, unity, and resurrection. During the attacks, evil manifested itself to be conquered by heroic love.

“Here in New York, we just don’t remember 9/11 — we celebrate 9/12,” commented Cardinal Timothy Dolan quoting one of the New York priests. This is our most precious memory — we remember the unspeakable tragedy and we remember what

happened next. We remember solidarity, witness, prayer, service, and hope. In his appeal issued right after the attacks Metropolitan Stefan Soroka focuses on hope. “Christians are called to be primary instruments of hope and comfort to our fellow brothers and sisters... as opposed to be avenues of despair”. “Choose to be messengers of compassion and hope,” he asked our fellow faithful of Philadelphia Metropolia. We believe that this call is relevant today. The world has changed but many challenges remained, particularly the struggle for

basic human rights and human dignity. Just as 20 years ago, we need peace and justice, which cannot be attained without repentance and forgiveness, faith and sacrifice.

Today the whole world is united in prayer for those who lost their lives during the attacks. We join the global supplication remembering in a special way before God twelve 9/11 victims of Ukrainian descent.

We encourage our priests and faithful to join together in prayer

to remember those who died, were injured, or lost loved ones. Let us pray for strength, healing, and consolation. Let us pray for hope that conquers despair, peace that overcomes war, good that is stronger than evil, love that lives longer than hatred, life that triumphs over death. Let us put our hope and faith in Him who trampled death by death and gave eternal life to those in the tombs.

Eternal memory!

+ Borys Gudziak

Archbishop of Philadelphia for Ukrainians  
Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the United States

+ Paul Chomnycky, OSBM  
Eparch of Stamford

+ Benedict Aleksiychuk  
Eparch of St. Nicholas in Chicago

+ Bohdan J. Danylo  
Eparch of St. Josaphat in Parma

+ Andriy Rabiy  
Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2021/2022**

Religious education for children attending grades one through eight will begin on Saturday, October 9,

2021. Times and location for classes will be forthcoming in future bulletins. If anyone has any questions regarding

their children or grandchildren attending these classes, please call

Sandra Berta at 570-383-9487 and she will be more than happy to help you.

## **ST. NICHOLAS FLEA MARKET**

Rev. Dr. Eduard Shestak and the parishioners of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, 320 Vine St., Old Forge, Pa. is having their Annual Flea Market on Saturday, September 18th from 8am-4pm; Sunday September 19 (Half Price Sale) 10am-2pm and Saturday September 25th (Bag and

Box Sale) 10am-2pm. The event will be held rain or shine at the Church Hall. Antiques, household items, furniture, children's items and much more! A variety of ethnic food items, baked goods, and refreshments will also be available.

## **FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL**

We will be hosting the third of the 2021 Food Truck Festivals on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm each day. The Festival will be held in the church parking lot at 207 River Street in Olyphant. Featured will be nine food trucks: R & R Potato Pancakes, Grumpy Grab, BellaRose, Murts Diner Truck, 2 Wayz/One Passion, Roseanna's Pizza, Pop-Pop's Grill, Lou's Funnel Cakes, and Murts Desserts. In addition to the food trucks, Capra Collina Winery will sell wines by the glass and bottle. Several craft vendors will offer various hand-made

items: Tammy's Pysanky, Wreaths by Cheryl, and Rose Glass by Mary Glen. For the children, there will be seven different games of chance, face painting and free balloons. This is a modern twist on the church picnics of years gone by arising out of accommodation to the pandemic. Raffle tickets will be available. DJ entertainment on both days, with live music on Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00. Social distancing and masks are suggested. All are welcome. Please come and enjoy!

As always, we are looking for volunteers to help out with this Parish Fund-Raiser.

## **PILGRIMAGE TO THE MOTHER OF GOD**

The Sisters of St. Basil the Great invite everyone to their 2021 Pilgrimage to

the Mother of God. The theme for this year's Pilgrimage is: "Heart to



Heart: the Love and Unity of the Holy Family.” It is scheduled for Sunday, October 3, 2021. For further

information contact the Sisters at 215-379-3998 or [basilcenter@stbasils.com](mailto:basilcenter@stbasils.com).

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

The Annual Harvest Festival of St. John Vianney Parish will be held at Corpus Christi Church, Route 438, Montdale, Sunday, October 3, from noon to 5:00p. The Turkey Dinner will be a drive-thru take out that includes all of the “fixins”. Dinners are \$13 adults, \$6 children. Outdoor booths

will include a huge Bountiful Baskets Stand, wreath stand, and raffles including a \$5,000 raffle. Directions: I-81 to Exit 201, turn east, 3-4 miles on right. COME ENJOY THE FALL FOLIAGE AND THE WONDERFUL FESTIVAL!

## **FALL ‘21 RUMMAGE/FURNITURE SALE FUNDRAISER FOR THE 11TH YEAR!**

The 11th annual FALL ‘21 Rummage/Furniture Sale fundraiser for St. Cyrils Church will be held on Friday, October 1st, and Saturday, October 2nd, 2021 at St. Cyril’s school gym and the driveway behind the rectory from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily. Save the date, and plan to volunteer.

Schedules and information will be updated in the bulletin every week. All parishioners are welcome to be a volunteer along with family and friends of St. Cyrils Parish for this Church event. The men of the parish are always, welcomed!

Starting on Monday, September 13th the school gym is open from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. We will be CLOSED ONLY on Tuesday, September 14th. We will re-open the school gym on Wednesday, September 15th, Thursday, September 16th, and Friday, September 17th and Saturday, September 18th, starting at 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. + daily.

The following week of September 20th through September 24th, the hours to volunteer will be 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Come for a few hours! If 5 additional people volunteer for 2 hours each, it is an additional 10 hours of preparation for the Sale. Every hour helps!

Please, do not leave boxes outside at the school gym/rectory, because of the weather, especially if it rains. Call Father Nestor at 570-291-4451 or Lauren, cell 646-241-9443 to open the doors to the school gym to leave the merchandise inside. We have begun the setup and pre-rummage sale

preparation for the FALL '21 Sale. Look forward to seeing you in the next 3 weeks.

## COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

The Collection Processing Team for #1: Jerry Sereditch, Michaelene the month of September 2021 is Team Davis, and Gloria Jablonski.

**Sunday Collection for Sept. 4 & 5, 2021: \$**

## SECOND ANNUAL MUM SALE

This year's mum sale will be different from last in that it is a voucher sale. Vouchers costing \$10 each can be redeemed for a **9-INCH JUMBO MUM** of your choice at *Jerry's For All Seasons* in Dunmore. Mums will be available from September 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>.

To order your vouchers: call Jule (570) 357-6171 or Michaelene (570) 209-2026. Or, fill out the following form, enclose your payment and drop in the collection basket. (Alternatively, mail the form to St. Cyril's MUMS; 135 River St., Olyphant, PA 18447. Please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope to receive your voucher by return mail.) Make checks payable to: St. Cyril's.

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### ST. CYRIL'S FALL FUNDRAISER -- MUM ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of mums: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount @ \$10 each: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:** St. Cyril's; 135 River St., Olyphant, PA 18447 (Enclose payment and a stamped self-addressed envelope.)

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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

### ***Paradox of the Holy Cross***

A hardened criminal was moved from his prison cell to solitary confinement because he deserved additional punishment. In the corner of his new cell, he saw something wedged into the corner of the room. Upon closer inspection, he discovered that it was a copy of the New Testament left there by the inmate before him. Out of curiosity, he began reading the Bible for the first time in his life and was drawn again and again to the account of our Lord's suffering and crucifixion. Our Lord suffered on the cross for the good of many. Thinking of his own present sufferings, the inmate then wondered how his own life would have been different if he had used all of his energies for good instead of evil. Then he realized that even he was among the

many for whom Jesus died on the Cross! Because of the Cross, the inmate repented and found a place for God in his life!

The Cross is the instrument of Christ's suffering and passion, however it is also the Trophy of Victory and the means by which Christ conquered death by His death. The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross places before us this most profound mystery of suffering and its undeniable paradox: that in death there is life and that in suffering there is glory. As we continue to celebrate this holy feast may we turn our own sufferings over to Jesus and ask Him for the grace to bear them with resignation to His divine will for those who bear the Cross are also sheltered by it.