

SUNDAY AFTER THE
EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of Saint Euphemia -- September 16th

September 19, 2021: Sunday After the Exaltation

Epistle: Gal. 2: 16-20

Gospel: Mk. 8:34 - 9:1

Mon., Sept. 20

to

No Divine Liturgies

Thurs., Sept. 23

Fri., Sept. 24

9:00 + Theresa Tehensky (Family)

Sat., Sept. 25

No Morning Divine Liturgy

2:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm + Jacob & Ann Jablonski (Daughter, Gloria)

Sun., Sept. 26

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 untilled, 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.

AT LEAST 95 CATHOLIC CHURCHES ATTACKED IN U.S. SINCE MAY 2020, USCCB LIST REPORTS

Please pray for the protection of our churches!

The USCCB recently issued a report listing at least 95 churches vandalized since May 2020 across the United States. According to the report, churches across 29 states fell victim to arson, statue beheadings, graffiti, and more.

The USCCB's website lists the attacks and several article links defending the church and condemning the attacks. The website lists almost 40 attacks this year alone.

"Our nation finds itself in an extraordinary hour of cultural conflict," the USCCB's Bishop Chairman said.

"The path forward must be through the compassion and understanding practiced and taught by Jesus and his Holy Mother. Let us contemplate, rather than destroy,

images of these examples of God's love. Following the example of Our Lord, we respond to confusion with understanding and to hatred with love."

The most recent reported attack occurred in Colorado.

Vandals graffitied church signs, doors, and walls at St. Louis Catholic Church in Louisville, Colo. on Sept. 5, following the passage of Texas' Heartbeat Act.

Bishops call the faithful to pray for vandals. "Whether those who committed these acts were troubled individuals crying out for help or agents of hate seeking to intimidate, the attacks are signs of a society in need of healing," the statement reads.

"In those incidents where human actions are clear, the motives still are not. As we strain to understand the destruction

of these holy symbols of selfless love and devotion, we pray for any who have caused it, and we remain vigilant against more of it.”

The bishops added that the attacks give the church the opportunity “to bear witness to our hope in the Lord.”

“The recent vandalism of churches and their sacred art gives us the opportunity to bear witness to our hope

in the Lord whose beauty is revealed on the Cross.

“Beauty Heals invites us to learn about works of devotional art significant to local churches and how they inspire Catholics to live beautifully.”

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle!

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THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

We should not neglect to mention the need for us to sign ourselves with the Cross when we begin our prayer. We should do this properly and not like those who are ashamed of the Cross of Christ and wave it before their face and chest not even placing their fingers in the appropriate place. Crossing ourselves carelessly saddens our Lord and is taken as a sin of the person of prayer. Such a Cross is not only powerless but it also gives joy to the demons, for then it is not the most terrible weapon against them. The sinner is less afraid of the place of punishment than the demons are of the Cross, for they tremble and flee in fear from the Cross, afraid to even look at its power (for the power of the Cross is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself) which burns them like fire. Armed with the Cross, the holy martyrs went to the most horrible tortures. The saints healed the sick, raised the dead, fearlessly drank

poison, passed through fire and water by the power of the Cross of Christ. One of the old Christian writers, from the first centuries of the Christian Church, testifies that the Christians of that era, following the Apostolic constitutions and traditions, at the beginning of every task or journey signed themselves with the Cross. They did this at departure, putting on robes, putting on shoes, at washing, before and after meals, making fires, before lying in bed, sitting after a journey, in one word: at the beginning of every task, journey or event. Today's Christians, however, taken over by some sort of a shame, even when they visit the home of a friend at their birthday or names day, upon sitting for the meal won't even think to cross themselves as if they don't know the words of the Lord: “For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also

will be ashamed when he comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels” (Mark 3:38).

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.”

CLERGY RETREAT

The active Clergy of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia will be gathering in Long Branch, NJ, for our Annual Clergy Retreat. The Clergy Retreat will last from Monday, September 20th through Thurs-

day, September 23rd. Please remember all of us as we recharge our “Spiritual Batteries.” In case of an emergency, please call any Catholic Priest.

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

The 2022 Divine Liturgy Intention Book has arrived. Divine Liturgy Intentions may be offered for those who are deceased, ill or for family, friends and special occasions for loved ones. I noticed that many people in our parish often “order” the Divine Liturgy for their loved ones on Saturday or Sunday but NEVER come to church for the requested Liturgy,

while there are people who are asking for Liturgies on a weekend and want to come but those days are already taken by someone who called at the beginning of the year and “preordered” Divine Liturgies for the entire year.

In order to be fair to everyone, no more than 4 Intentions from a family will be accepted for the weekend Divine Liturgies

per year. You are always welcome to offer intentions for a weekday Divine Liturgy.

There are plenty of openings during the week.

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.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and Best Wishes to **William Crew Krenitsky**, along with his parents William and Lauren, on the occasion of his initiation into the flock of Jesus Christ. William received the Holy

Mysteries of Initiation during the 10:00 Divine Liturgy on Sunday. William, we welcome you into our Parish Family. May God grant you many Happy and Blessed Years! Mnohaya Leeta!

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.

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 OCTOBER 1ST AND 2ND.

Just 12 more days until the 11th annual FALL '21 Rummage/Furniture Sale fundraiser for St. Cyrils Church, on Friday, October 1st, and Saturday, October 2nd, 2021 only. Being held at St. Cyril's school gym and the driveway behind the rectory. Starting at 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. daily. Save the date, stop by to do some shopping or volunteer.

The week of September 20th, Monday through September 25th, Saturday, 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! We understand: some people can't, some people won't, some people could and just won't, and some people will do all they could to help out. Look forward to seeing you in the next 2 weeks.

Next week, the last days of preparation for the Fall '21 Rummage sale, we will begin to work on Monday, September 27th at 9:30 until 2:00 p.m.+ through Thursday, September 30th, 2021. These days will be setting up the furniture and items that will be outside in the rear of the Rectory and garage. Plus, last-minute setup and merchandising in the gym. WE need you (especially the men of the parish) to volunteer for this event for the Church.

On October 1, and October 2nd the dates for the sale, everyone is welcome to help out: cashier, wrapping the items, jewelry table, selling 50/50 raffle, helping the customers, security, handing out boxes, info. on the outdoor Rent a John, just showing up and lending a helping hand throughout the sale. Arrive between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. The sale starts at 9:00 a.m. Come for a few hours, all your time is appreciated.

Please do not leave your donations outside of the school gym. A few boxes have been ruined due to the rain. Please Call Lauren, cell 646-241-9443 to open the doors to the school gym to leave the merchandise inside.

Unfortunately, there is still a person defacing the Rummage Sale flyer in the vestibule of the Church. They continue to remove the Rummage Sale flyer from the glass door, the right side of the church. Just remember, God is watching!! Vandalism continues in the driveway of the rectory as items are covered with tarps. The Olyphant Police have been notified.

Whoever is committing these petty acts of defiance, you are very immature if you believe your actions will deter the Rummage sale. It is not working. Our Rummage sale Volunteers are the best!! Quote "Should you ever find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, jealousy, lies, and insecurities...Don't be mad. REMEMBER THINGS COULD BE WORSE...You could be THEM" Thank GOD, we (volunteers of the Rummage sale) are not THEM.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

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

Sunday Collection for Sept. 11 & 12, 2021: \$

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Facing Death with Us

There is a legend about a tribe of people who, many years ago, had the custom of offering one of their maidens in sacrifice. When the appointed time arrived, the young girl was placed in a boat and allowed to drift over the falls to her death below. The chief of the tribe was a good man who loved his family very much. He was very saddened when his daughter was chosen to be the next sacrifice. When the day for the sacrifice arrived, the chief was not to be found. Nevertheless, the tribesmen put the chief's daughter in a boat, and set her adrift on the river towards the raging falls.

As the girl floated down the river, she passed the spot where her father secretly waited in his own boat. He paddled quickly

and brought his boat next to hers. When he was close enough, he grasped her hand and pulled her close to him. Then, they both went down the falls together!

It is interesting that the legend does not say that the father rescued the girl. Instead, he gave up his own life so that she should not have to face death alone. The same is true with our Lord, Jesus Christ. He does not take away the reality of death from us. Instead, by His crucifixion and resurrection, He makes death powerless! By His death, Christ has conquered death. Christ is with us at the time of our own death and leads us to eternal life. This is the great victory of the Cross – which we gloriously exalt today!