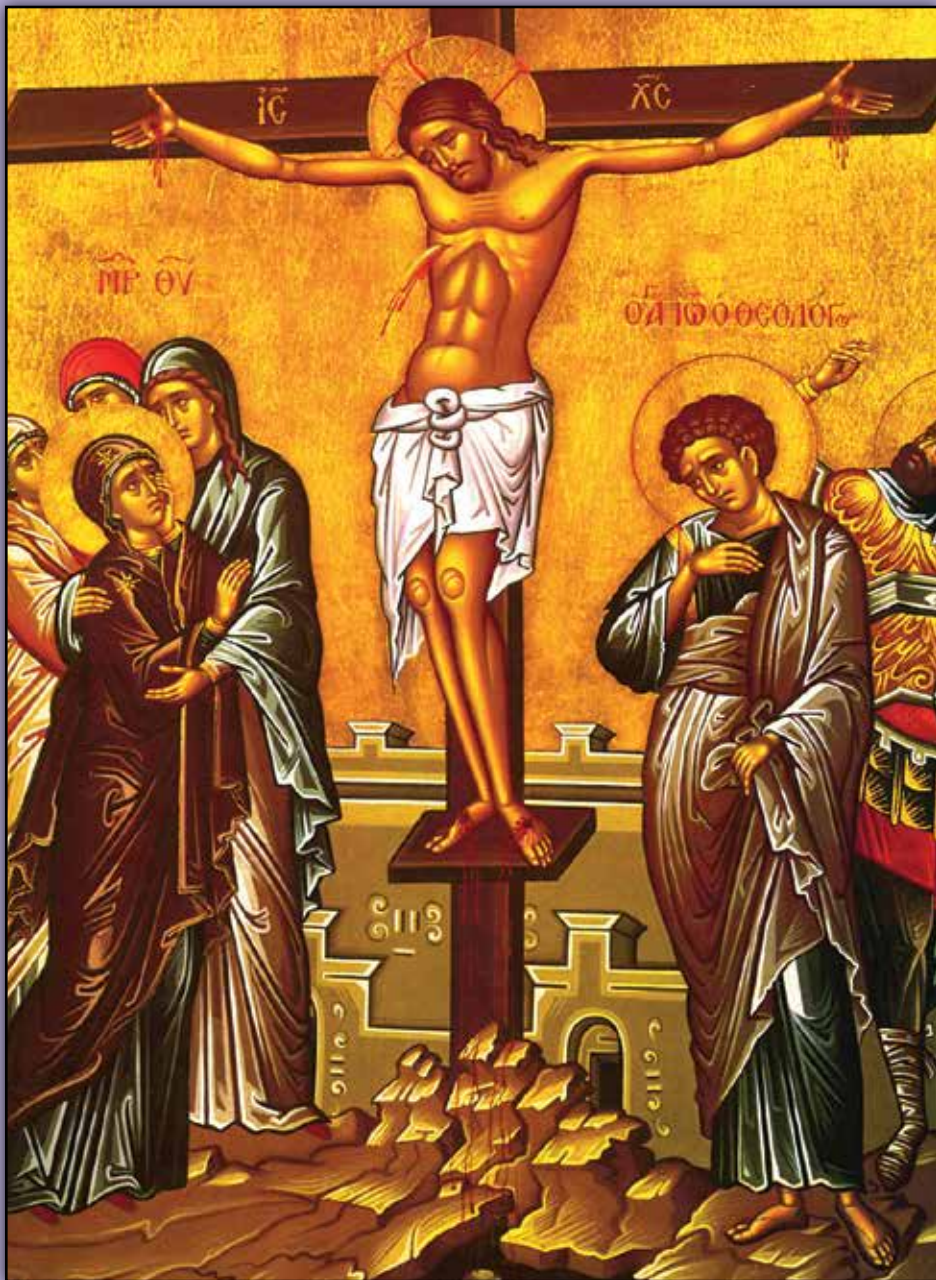


## SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



*Icon of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

<b>September 11, 2022: Sunday Before the Exaltation</b>		
Epistle: Gal. 6: 11-18		Gospel: Jn. 3: 13-17
<b>Mon., Sept. 12</b>	9:00	+ Dorrie Wargo (Teleps)
<b>Tues., Sept. 13</b>	9:00	+ Victor Minajew (Maria Gornik)
<b>Wed., Sept. 14</b>	<b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Solemn Holy Day)</b>	
	9:00	+ Andrew & Anna Smagula (Son, Joseph)
<b>Thurs., Sept. 15</b>	9:00	+ Donna Gula (Gloria Jablonski)
<b>Fri., Sept. 16</b>	9:00	+ Johnathan Sawko (Rosemarie Sember)
<b>Sat., Sept. 17</b>	<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b>	
	2:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00 pm	+ Robert Harris (Wife, Jule)
<b>Sun., Sept. 18</b>	10:30	For Our Parishioners

## NEVER FORGET 9/11



also 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

For years, those numbers simply meant a call for help. Now they on September 11 will remain in our thoughts and prayers forever.

## OUR HIERARCHY ON 9/11



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

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 one years have passed, but we still feel the consequences of

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!

## **THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

We celebrate 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 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; priceless 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.

### **PRAYER SERVICE FOR UKRAINE**

Bishop Joseph Bambera invites everyone to a Prayer Service for Ukraine. The service will take place on Sunday,

September 25th at 2:30 pm at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN**

Religious Education for the school year 2022/23 will begin on Saturday, October 8, 2022. Grades 3 through 8 will take place in the Church as in previous years beginning at 9:00 am and dismissing at 10:00 am.

Grades 1 and 2 will take place in the rectory basement. Grade 1 will begin at 10:30 am and dismiss at 11:30 am. Grade 2 will begin at 9:00 am and

dismiss at 10:00 am. All children already registered in our program are expected to return.

**To receive First Penance, all children must attend two years of Religious Ed classes.** Please contact Sandra Berta at 570-383-9487 to register your child who should be coming to our first grade program.

### **SCHEDULING DIVINE LITURGIES FOR 2023**

Recently we have received some requests to schedule certain Divine Liturgies in 2023. **We have not yet received the Calendar Scheduling Book for 2023**, and therefore, we do not yet have anywhere to schedule

them. As soon as the book arrives, notice will be made in the Church Bulletin. **Please wait until then to submit your requests for 2023.** Thank you for your understanding.

## **FALL PYSANKY EGG WORKSHOP**

Saturday, September 17 / 2:00 P.M. / Carbondale Public Library

As part of the Pysanky Egg Series, Tammy Budnovitch will teach participants how to create a Fall-themed Ukrainian pysanky egg at the Library. The workshop is limited to 10 participants. Registration is \$30 per person,

and is required to attend.

For more information, contact the Library at 570-282-4281.

*This is not the workshop that is held in our Parish Hall. It is a different workshop sponsored by a different organization and at a different location.*

## **VALLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY'S FAMILY FUN DAY**

The Valley Community Library will be holding its inaugural Family Fun Day event on September 18, 2022, from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM. There will be food, face painting, games, and more! Rob the Juggler will have a special performance at 4:00 P.M., along with music by DJ Donna Diva.

Tickets for this event are on sale now at the Library or online through Eventbrite. Prices are \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door, with kids 2 & under free. Follow our event page on

Facebook for ongoing updates on the event. For more information, please call the Library at 570-489-1765.

The Valley Community Library, which is a member of the Lackawanna County Library System, is located at 739 River St., Peckville, and serves residents in Archbald, Blakely, Dickson City, Jessup, Throop, and Olyphant. The library is open Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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

The annual Pilgrimage to the Mother of God on the grounds of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great will be held on Sunday, October 2, 2022.

The theme of this year's Pilgrimage is "Mary, Mother of God, Our

Protectress, Protect Ukraine." The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by His Grace, the Most Rev. Borys Gudziak and the homily will be delivered by the Most Rev. Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, the Eparch of Stamford. Moleben will

be celebrated by His Grace, the Most Rev. Borys Gudziak and Fr. Volodymyr Radko will deliver the homily.

A flyer is posted on the Bulletin

Board in the Vestibule of the Church. For further information about the Pilgrimage, call Maria Panczak at 215-379-3998 x. 17.

## **Harvest Festival**

The Annual Harvest Festival of St. John Vianney Parish will be held at Corpus Christi Church, 704 Montdale Road, Scott Township, Sunday, October 2, from noon to 5:00p. Due to supply issues this year we will have a Pork Dinner drive-thru take out. The meal includes pork roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, stuffing, applesauce, our homemade sau-

erkraut relish, pie & roll. Dinners are \$15. Outdoor booths will include a huge bountiful baskets stand, wreath stand, bake 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!

## **FROM THE CHANCERY: SAVE THE DATE...**

Sunday, October 9, 2022 at the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center in Jenkintown, PA.

Please join Metropolitan Borys Gudziak for this fundraising event as the Archeparchy continues to serve its faithful and support humanitarian

efforts in Ukraine.

More information will be available soon. A portion of the proceeds of this event will be given to His Beatitude Sviatoslav for his highest priorities in the Church.

## **COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...**

The Collection Processing Team for the month of September 2022 is Team

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

**Sunday Collection for Sept. 3 & 4, 2022: \$2,182.54**

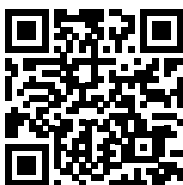
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### *The Foolish Cross is the Power of God*

Every action of Christ glorifies the Church, but the cross is the glory above all glory. Paul understood that well when he said: 'I will glory in nothing else but the cross of Christ' (Gal 6:14). That a blind man should have been able to regain his sight by the pool of Si-loam is certainly a marvelous fact. But what does this single episode add up to, when you think of the blind all over the world?

The resurrection of Lazarus who had already been dead four days was a miraculous event, overcoming all the forces of nature. But this favor granted to him alone could not be any comfort to all those who had died through their own sin. It was a miracle to feed the

five thousand with five loaves. But what use could that be for all the ignorant people starved of truth?

The glory of the cross, by contrast, has enlightened all those who were blinded by ignorance. It has set free all those who were slaves of sin. It has redeemed the whole human race.

Let us glory in the cross of the Savior. 'The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.' (1Cor 1:18)

*Catechesis of St. Cyril of Jerusalem*