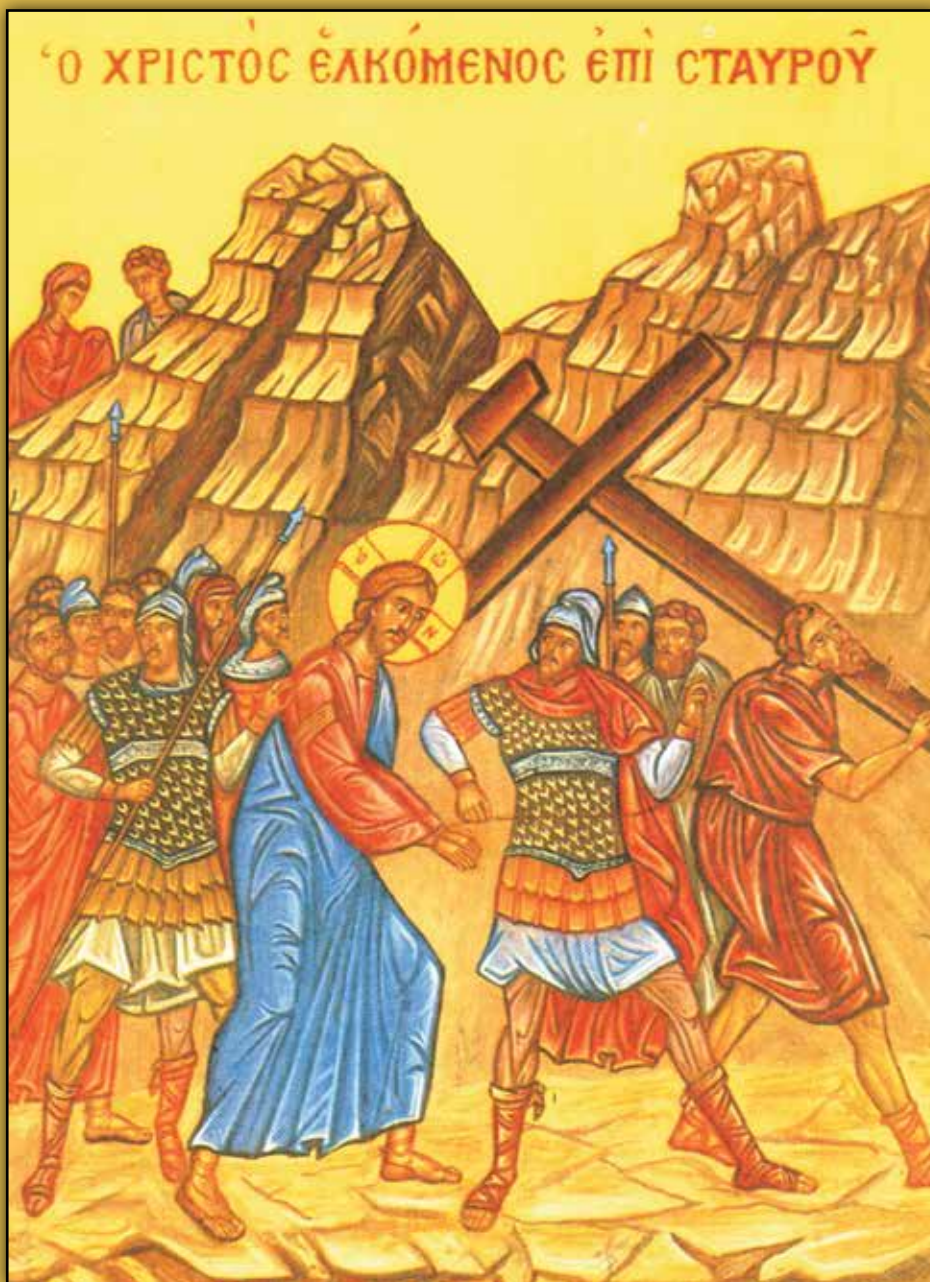


SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of Simon Carrying the Cross of Christ

September 18, 2022: Sunday After the Exaltation		
Epistle: Gal. 6: 11-18		Gospel: Jn. 3: 13-17
Mon., Sept. 19 to Thurs., Sept. 22	No Divine Liturgies Due to Annual Clergy Retreat	
Fri., Sept. 23	9:00	+ Theresa Tehensky (Family)
Sat., Sept. 24	No Morning Divine Liturgy 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm For Our Parishioners	
Sun., Sept. 25	10:30	+ Jacob, Ann & Karen Jablonski (Gloria Jablonski)

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.

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).

FIVE POINTS WHY ANGELS ARE IMPORTANT

In these trying times, it's wise to reflect on the great gifts we have received in our Faith, and how they can help us meet the challenge of maintaining our religious life and inner peace. Let us consider five points about the importance of one of these gifts: our heavenly helpers, the Holy Angels.

1. Angels are real. This seems obvious, but do we relate to the angels like they are real? The Holy Scriptures, the writings of the saints, and the experience of Christians for over 2,000 years demonstrate the countless ways that the holy angels watch over our lives, protecting and guiding the faithful, the Church, and the nations of the world.

2. They have one task: to do the will of God. And in relation to us, what is that will? That we, as Saint John the Baptist is described, become earthly angels and heavenly men and

women. The angels are ever attentive to protect us in our path through life, awaken our conscience, and lead us on the path to heaven.

3. They are the real "first line of defense." At a time when evil seems to be having its way throughout our country and the rest of the world, we need to call upon the help of this heavenly army.

4. There is nothing too small or too great for the Holy Angels. We are all familiar with Bernhard Plockhorst's famous painting of two toddlers crossing a rickety bridge in the forest, followed by a tall, attentive angel.

5. They are ever with us, always listening. The more we call upon the help of the Holy Angels, the more it will become apparent to us. Let us be wise and seek their help!

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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

All 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 19th

through Thursday, September 22nd. Please remember all of us as we recharge our "Spiritual Batteries." In case of an emergency, please call any Catholic Priest.

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 pre-

vious 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 be-

gin 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.

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 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. 10 & 11 2022: \$

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Carrying Your Cross or Your Cross Carrying You?

Turn, rather, to these teachings, my very dear friend: take up your cross and follow the Lord. For, when I noticed that you were being slowed down in your divine purpose by your preoccupation with domestic cares, I felt that you were being carried and dragged along by your cross rather than that you were carrying it.

What else does the cross mean than the mortality of this flesh? This is our very own cross which the Lord commands us to carry that we may be as

well armed as possible in following him. We suffer momentarily until death is swallowed up in victory. Then this cross itself will be crucified.

The cross will be nailed to the fear of God. We would hardly be able to carry it now if it forever resisted us with free and unfettered limbs. There is no other way for you to follow the Lord except by carrying it, for how can you follow him if you are not his?

From the Letters of St. Augustine