

SUNDAY AFTER THE
EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of the Holy Apostle Codratus and Jonah the Prophet -- September 21st

Sept. 21, 2025: Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross

Epistle: Gal. 2: 16-20

Gospel: Mk. 8:34 - 9:1

This Weekend	4:00 pm + Anna Marcinko (Andrea & Family) 10:30 For Our Parishioners
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Mon., Sept. 22	9:00 + Mary Patricia Brown (Howard Smith)
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Tues., Sept. 23	9:00 + Robert "Bob" Zelno (Dorothy Zinsky)
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Wed., Sept. 24	9:00 + Theresa Tehensky (Family)
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Thurs., Sept. 25	9:00 + Jacob, Ann & Karen Jablonski (Gloria)
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Fri., Sept. 26	9:00 + Anna Novak (Andrea Novak)
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Sat., Sept. 27	No Morning Divine Liturgy 2:00 pm Confessions. 4:00 pm + Diann Yuhnick (Husband, John)
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Sun., Sept. 28	10:30 For Our Parishioners
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DIVINE LITURGIES TO BE HELD IN CEMETERY CHAPEL THIS WEEK

We wish to inform you that all Divine Liturgies scheduled for this week will take place in our Cemetery Chapel. This temporary change in location is necessary because the installation of our new air conditioning system is set to begin in the Church during this period.

We appreciate your understanding

and flexibility as we make this important improvement to our Church facilities.

Please join us in the Cemetery Chapel for all services this week, and we look forward to welcoming you back to the main church on Saturday and Sunday, once the installation is complete.

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.

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.

Entrance

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

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

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. Therefore today as we raise it on high we bow low and we magnify you.

Communion Hymn

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

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

FIVE POINTS WHY ANGELS ARE IMPORTANT

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

Religious Education classes for grades 3 thru 8 will begin Saturday, September 20, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. in the church under the direction of Mrs. Cathy Marcinko. As of now, there are no classes scheduled for

grades 1 and 2 as we do not have any children to attend. If you have a child in grades 1 thru 8 and were not already contacted by phone or text, please call Sandra Berta at 570-301-7421 to make arrangements.

UGCC SING CON

UGCC SingCon is an annual gathering of cantors, choristers, choir

directors, and anyone interested in the musical tradition of the Ukrainian

Greco-Catholic Church. This year it is being hosted by the parish of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, from October 23-26. The weekend includes workshops on liturgical and musical topics, vocal exercises, mass choir practices, and liturgical services, including Vespers, Matins,

and the Divine Liturgy. For further information, visit the website at <https://ugccmusic.com/>, or the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ugccmusic>. Student rates and scholarships are available. The deadline to apply for the scholarship is September 26th.

PASTIE SALE

Saints Peter & Paul, Ukrainian Catholic Church, North Wilkes-Barre is taking orders for Pasties for pick-up on Saturday, October 4, 2025. Our Pasties are made with seasoned ground beef and potatoes wrapped in a pie crust pastry and are available with or without onions. Pasties are \$9.00 each and Gravy

is available for \$1.00 for an 8 oz. cup. Call (570) 829-3051 to place your order. (Please specify with or without onions.) Pick-up from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in our School Hall, corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, Wilkes-Barre. Remember, when Baba cooks... everybody's happy!

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 5, 2025.

The theme of this year's Pilgrimage is "**Mary, Mother of Hope**." The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by His Grace Most Reverend Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak, and the homily will

be delivered by Mitred Archpriest Peter Waslo.

Moleben will be celebrated by His Grace Most Rev. Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak, and Rev. Ruslan Borovy, Pastor of St. Nicholas Church will deliver the homily. Liturgical and Moleben responses will be sung by St. Nicholas Choir of Philadelphia.

For further information call 17.
Maria Panczak at 215-379-3998 ext.

SIMPSON FUNDRAISER CASH PRIZE BINGO

A fundraiser Cash Prize Bingo is planned for October 12, 2025 at Trinity Hall, Prospect St., Simpson. The Bingo will include 14 games, 3 Specials, and a Jackpot prize. Snacks

and refreshments will be available for purchase. Tickets will be \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

For tickets or more information, call 570-282-5680 or 570-282-0796.

ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE PRAYER BREAKFAST

Autumn's arrival brings with it one of our most cherished traditions: the annual PHL Prayer Breakfast. We invite you to join us for a morning of fellowship, reflection, and renewed commitment to our shared mission.

Event Details

- Date: October 25th
- Time: 9:00 – 11:00 AM
- Location: Fiorelli's, Peckville

We are honored to welcome
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Bobbie Schindler, President of the Terri Schiavo Life and Hope Network, as this year's speaker. Bobbie will share insights and inspiration rooted in the mission to protect human life—from conception to natural death.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at pahumanlife@yahoo.com.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM

The Collection Processing Team for the month of September 2025 is

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

Sunday Collection for Sept. 13 & 14, 2025: \$

Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity.



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Exalting the Cross

For each of us, salvation means no more and no less than taking up daily the same cross of Christ, accepting each day what it brings as the will of God, offering back to God each morning all the joys, works, and sufferings of that day. But those are abstract words. What it means, in practice, is spelled out as always by the poor old body. It means getting up each morning and going to bed exhausted. It means the routine, not the spectacular. It can mean drudgery, pain, putting aside pleasures, happiness, or the love the human heart craves until another time, so that what is necessary at the moment can be done.

It means working for others, touching the lives of others, through the medium of the body. How many times, tired and worn

out and near collapse from the slave labor conditions of the camps, did I think I could not ask another step of the body, did I think in pain and irony of those words "The spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak"? Truly, man is a creature composed of body and soul, and we work out our salvation in this vale of tears through the medium of the flesh.

It is the first gift God and our parents fashion for us; it sustains and supports us through a long life and makes possible both joys and sorrows; and when at last we are parted from it in death, it surely deserves whatever rest it can get before it rises to be glorified at the last judgment.

Father Walter J. Ciszek, S.J.