

The Baptism of St. Cornelius

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HOLY MYSTERIES

VISITATIONS OF THE SICK AND INFIRM – If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Father Stephen at the Rectory. Our hospitalization code for Christiana and Wilmington Hospitals is **UKR**.

EMERGENCY CALLS – Please call the Rectory anytime (day or night) in an Emergency!

BAPTISMS – Celebrated by appointment.

CROWNING IN MARRIAGE – Please discuss timing with Father prior to setting a date. At least six months notice is needed. There are three 2-hour courses that must be attended prior to the Wedding.

BULLETIN DEADLINE – The deadline for getting information printed in the Weekly Bulletin is Wednesday.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS – For the Needs of the Parish; 2nd Youth Ministry

September 25, 2022
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of September 25 – October 2, 2022
Celebrating our 95th year of Service to the Lord

Sunday, September 25 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross - Tone 6

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhyda: +Charles Tyrawsky (3 Yr.), +Paul Hnatow (8 Yr.), +Sam Kulp (24 Yr.), +Olga Mahaney (7 Yr.) – Linda Hnatow and Michael Tilson

Coffee Hour

Monday, September 26

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

7:00 PM – Bible Study

Tuesday, September 27 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Strict Fast Day)

7:00 AM – Matins

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Thursday, September 29

7:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Panakhyda: +Ella Kurtasz (35 Yrs.) – Pani Elizabeth & Fr. Stephen Hutnick

Saturday, October 1 – UOL Retreat

9:00 AM – Registration – Continental Breakfast

10:00 AM – Akathist for Our Youth

10:30 AM – First Conference with Q & A

12:00 Noon – Lunch

12:30 PM – Stump the Priests

1:00 PM – Second Conference

2:00 PM – Q & A in the Hall and Dismissal

Sunday, October 2 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday after the Exaltation, of the Cross - Tone 7

8:30 AM - Confessions .

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhya: +Right Rev. Protopresbyter Father Paul Hrynshyn (18 Yrs.)

Coffee Hour,

SCRIPTURAL READINGS

15th Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday before the Cross – Matins: Luke 24:1-12; 2; Liturgy: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15; Matthew 22:35-46; Sunday before the Cross: Galatians 6:11-18; John 3:13-17

Monday – Galatians 4:28-5:10; Mark 6:54-7:8; Vespers: Exodus 15:22-27; 16:1-2; Proverbs 3:11-18; Isaiah 60:11-16.

Tuesday – Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Matins: John 12:28-36; 1 Corinthians 1:18-24; John 19: 6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35; Day: Galatians 5:11-21; Mark 7:5-16

Wednesday – Galatians 6:2-10; Mark 7:14-24

Thursday – Ephesians 1:1-8; Mark 7:24-30

Friday – Ephesians 1:7-17; Mark 8:1-10

Saturday after the Exaltation – 1 Corinthians 1:26-29; John 8:21-30; Day: 1 Corinthians 10:23-28; Matthew 24:34-44

16th Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday after the Exaltation – Matins: Luke 24:12-35; Exaltation: Galatians 2:16-20; Mark 8:34-9:12; Day: Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 25:14-30

THE UNIVERSAL EXALTATION OF THE LIFE-CREATING CROSS

(September 27; 14)



Not long after the Nativity of the Most Holy Birth-giver of God, the Church celebrates the Exaltation of the Most Precious Cross of the Lord. The Savior Himself had spoken of His death on the Cross, saying: **“As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:14-16).** This was accomplished on Holy Friday, when the Lord was “crucified under Pontius Pilate,

suffered and was buried" as the Creed proclaims. And just before He died, He proclaimed **It is finished** (John 19:30)!

Truly, the Nativity of the Mother of God was seen as the beginning of our salvation and the Cross is seen as the culmination of our salvation. By Christ's death on It, our salvation was accomplished. Mary is also closely associated with the Cross, for she was the "mystical paradise" in whom the Tree of Life sprouted; this Tree of Life, Christ our Savior, then "planted on earth the life-creating Tree of the Cross" (from the Feast). And as He suffered and died on the Life-giving Tree of the Cross, so too we are called upon to take up our own crosses on our shoulders and to die daily for the sake of Him who died for us.

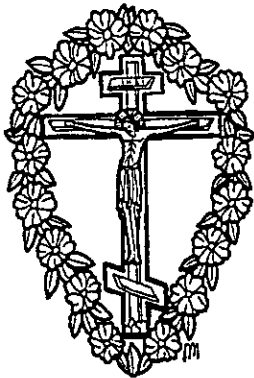
The Feast itself came about because of certain historical events. After the voluntary suffering and death on the Cross of the Lord, the sacred place of His suffering was scorned by the pagans. When the Roman Emperor Titus in 70 AD conquered Jerusalem, he destroyed the city and leveled the Temple on Mt. Moriah, not leaving even a stone upon a stone, as had been foretold by the Savior in a dialogue with His disciples (Mark 13:1-2).

The Emperor Hadrian (117 - 138 AD), a backward and zealous pagan, constructed in place of the Jerusalem destroyed by Titus a new city, which he named Helio-Hadrianopolis. Further, it was forbidden for this city to be called by its previous name of Jerusalem. He commanded that the Holy Grave of the Lord be covered with earth and stones, raising on it an idol. On Golgotha, where the Savior was crucified, in 119 AD he erected a temple dedicated to the goddess Venus. Sacrifices were offered before the statue and pagan rites were celebrated, accompanied by prostitution. In Bethlehem, where the Savior had been born of the Most-Pure Virgin, the impious monarch erected an idol to Adonis. All of this he did intending that the people completely forget about Christ the savior and nevermore recollect the place where He lived, taught, suffered and arose in glory.

When Constantine the Great, Equal to the Apostles (306-337) ascended the throne (being the first of the Roman Emperors to recognize Christianity) he, together with his pious mother, Queen Helena, decided to restore the city of Jerusalem, and in the place of the suffering and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ to erect a new Church, to cleanse all of the places connected with the memory of Jesus from the pagan cult, and again consecrated all of them. The Orthodox Queen Helena left for Jerusalem with a great quantity of gold, and the Emperor sent a letter to Patriarch Macarius I (313-323) in which he asked every kind of aid in the holy task of restoring the Christian holy places.

Having arrived in Jerusalem, the pious Queen destroyed all the idols and cleansed the city of pagan cult objects, consecrating the defiled places. She burned with the desire to raise up the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ and so she commanded that the digging proceed at the place where the Temple of Venus had stood. There the covered Grave of the Lord was discovered, as well as the place of execution, not far from which were found three crosses and four nails, as well as the sign board which had been nailed over His head.

In order to determine which of the three crosses belonged to the Savior, Patriarch Macarius ordered that all the crosses, in turn, be placed on a dead person who was being brought to a place of burial. When the Cross of Christ touched the dead one, he immediately came to life. With great joy, the Orthodox Queen and Patriarch together lifted up the Life-creating Cross and showed it to all the people standing by. Later the Church of the Holy Sepulcher was constructed on the site, enclosing within its walls the place of the crucifixion of the Savior as well as His Tomb and a Feast was instituted for September 14(27) commemorating the glorious Exaltation of the Cross



Tropar - Tone 1

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance. Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by virtue of Your Cross, preserve Your habitation

Kondak - Tone 4

As You were voluntarily crucified for our sake; grant mercy to those who are called by Your name; make all Orthodox Christians glad by Your power, granting them victories over their adversaries, by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Your weapon of peace.

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TRUST IN GOD

Jeremiah the Prophet speaks of trust in God when he told his people, "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his arm and strength . . . Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, to whom the Lord is his confidence" (Jeremiah 17:5, 7).

What Jeremiah deplors is not mutual confidence among people but the replacement of faith in God with total trust in human resources. The problem with relying solely on human resources is that it doesn't work and is fruitless. It can be

compared with a desert shrub, dwarfed and stunted in growth because of a lack of water. It remains a shrub and not a tree.

Similarly, the lack of trust in God lowers the spiritual energies and dwarfs the whole life of a person. Those who are dwarfed from a lack of trust in God and live only with confidence in themselves and in human resources do not avail themselves of blessings that God sends to be able to grow to maturity and yield fruit.

On the other hand, the person who places his trust in God is blessed. He or she is not like a shrub but a tree, nourished and refreshed because he or she is planted by the waters of life, of God's blessings. A tree planted by running water always yields fruit, a sign of good health. "How happy is the man who has not walked in the counsel of the wicked . . . For he is like a tree planted by streams of water, that yields its fruit in its season, and whose leaf does not wither; whatever it bears comes to maturity" (Psalm 1:1-3).

Feast Day of the Holy Cross

There are two stories surrounding the precious and life-giving Cross of our Savior that bear repeating as we commemorate the Feast Day of its Exaltation and Elevation. The first centers on how it came to be found by Saint Helena in the first place. It seems that the mother of the Emperor Constantine led an expedition to Jerusalem, determined to find the greatest of all Christian relics. Nearly 300 years had passed since Christ's Crucifixion: who would remember what happened to the Cross? After inquiring of scores of Christians and Jews alike, an elderly Hebrew named Jude was able to shed some light on this clouded picture. He believed that the Cross was buried under a pagan temple dedicated to Venus. The temple was destroyed and the Cross discovered! After witnessing a dead man being brought back to life and a sick woman cured instantly after being touched by the Cross, Jude himself declared his belief in Christ and was baptized into the Faith. This humble man received the name "Cyriacus" and later became Bishop of Jerusalem, suffering a martyr's death during the reign of Julian the Apostate.

The second story would occur 300 years later. In the 7th century, the Cross was seized and taken from Jerusalem to Persia. When it was later recaptured and returned to Jerusalem, the Emperor Heraclius, gloriously arrayed in his imperial crown and finest purple robes, attempted to carry it back into the church of the Resurrection. An invisible force, however blocked his path! The Patriarch Zacharias pointed out that the One Who originally carried the Cross to Golgotha

did so with great humility. It was only when the Emperor removed his lavish garments that he was able to make his entrance into the Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to Sebastian Krauthauser, 9/26 & Nicholas Czernik, 9/28. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

UOL RETREAT - is scheduled for Saturday, October 1 beginning with a continental breakfast and registration at 9AM. Very Rev. Robert Holet, our Dean, will be giving the retreat on the topic: **"Stewardship: It's More Than Show Me the Money"** talking about the Spirituality of Stewardship and its meaning in the life of Orthodox Christians. Donation will be \$20 which will include a Continental Breakfast, Lunch and snacks. Our UOL invites all to attend.

MEETINGS

PARISH BOARD - Wednesday, October 18 @ 6:30 PM

UOL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - Speaking of our UOL, it is time to renew your membership or start a membership. They are always willing to work for the Church. One of their many charitable works is to take care of our Parish Library. Dues are \$20 per member (please see Treasurer Nancy Hlywiak. Please join and help support our UOL.

SCHEDULING FOR THE PARISH - Please remember that all events, work parties, use of the hall must be cleared through the calendar kept by Father Stephen so that dueling events may not occur.

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 25 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick
October 2 - Jean Roeth
October 9 - John Plachuta
October 16 - Andrew Duncan
October 23 - Thomas
October 30 - Linda Hnatow

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 25 - David and Eve Lazaration
October 2 - Zina Twardus
October 9 - John and Sandy Cramer
October 16 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik

CUB SCOUT PACK 527 – of Our Church invites your son or daughter from grades K – 5 to join them for adventures like: Pinewood Derby, Tent and Cabin Camping, Fishing, Rocket Launching, and so much more!! Where: Every Thursday from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. Where: Forwood Elementary School Cafeteria, 1900 Westminster Drive, Wilmington, DE 19810 (park behind the school near the cafeteria. Pack and Den Leaders are available for questions and Answers. Sign up in person or on-line Visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2210005572585455/> or e-mail: depack527cubscouts@gmail.com for more information.

DONATIONS (CREDIT CARDS) ACCEPTED – for those who are interested, we can accept donations to the Church through credit cards. See Mark Andreas or Lorraine Neff for details.

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of September 26 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of October 3 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of October 10 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of October 17 - John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of October 24 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of October 31 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

DO YOU SHOP ON AMAZON? – Did you know that if you would get on Smile Amazon and choose our Parish as your beneficiary that Amazon would donate a percentage of your purchase to us? Search on Orthodox Wilmington and choose SS Peter & Paul Ukrainiaan (yes it is misspelled and we've tried to correct it). Try it and help our Parish Family benefit from your shopping experience!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

(Please find a substitute if you cannot make a given week)

September 25 – Ann Duncan and Linda Hnatow

October 2 – Ann Duncan and Linda Hnatow

October 9 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin

October 16 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin

October 23 – Lorraine Neff and Ann Duncan

October 30 – Lorraine Neff and Ann Duncan

BAZAAR NEWS

CALLING ALL BAKERS – We need your help to fill the Bake Table. Please plan to make your extraordinary confections!!! Thank you!!

DONATIONS NEEDED – of cases of water, Coke products, paper towels and bathroom tissue.

WORK SCHEDULE – WE NEED YOUR HELP

Thursday, September 29 – making rolls (10 AM)

Monday, October 3 – Butter/Onions 100 lbs.

Friday, October 7 – peeling potatoes, prepping filling balls

Saturday, October 8 – making pyrohy (last time before the Bazaar – 8AM)

Monday, October 17 – Baking Bread

Monday, October 24 – Baking bread

Friday, October 28 – Butter and Onions – 150 lbs.

Saturday, October 29 – Making holubtsi

Tuesday, November 1 – Making sauerkraut

Thursday, November 3 – Frying cabbage – cutting vegetables for soup

Friday, November 4 – making the soups, gathering the bake goods, setting up the hall

TENTATIVE CALENDER OF EVENTS

October 1 – UOL Retreat (See Announcement)

October 12 – 15 – UOC Sobor

Saturday, October 22 - Boy Scout Car Wash – Silverside and Foulk Roads 9AM – 2PM

Saturday, November 5 – Fall Bazaar

Tuesday, November 22 – Community Thanksgiving Service (Sts. Peter & Paul)

Sunday, December 18 – UOL Cookie Sale

PATRON'S PATH – We will be taking orders for replacement bricks that will be engraved and placed in the Path. Just as before, each brick can have the clip art of a three bar Cross or it can be plain. The donation for the bricks is: 4" x 8" engraved brick is \$150 – with the clip art \$175; 8" x 8" engraved brick is \$200 - with the clip art \$225; 12" x 12" engraved brick is \$250 – with the clip art \$275. If you didn't get the chance to be a part of the Patron's Path before, take the opportunity now and tell your family members as well. Please see Father Stephen if you would like to place an order. Orders will be taken until September 25.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father George Bazylevsky, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Mark Odell, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Matushka Andrejuk, Matushka Laura Odell, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Galina, Dolores, Julian, Madison, Maria, Matt, Michele, Mykola, Penelope, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Maria Borowenski Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, Thomas Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Betty Charney, Mildred (Myrophora) Christo, Erik Colazo, Patricia Crystal, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Peter DiVirgilio, James Dudrick, Kathleen Dugan, Margaret Durell, Mary Eagleton, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, Archantula Fanjoy, Pam Ferguson, James Garrett, Lisa Gee, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovniyov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Richard Haslam, Rick Hastings, Celeste Heiser, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Alicia Hlywak, John Hlywak, John Hnatow, Michael Hnatow, Daniel Holoziak, Jennifer Huertes, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Elizabeth Kaliakin, Rosalie Ann Kane, Michael Kapelus, Sandra Kasch, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Volodymyr Krasnopera, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Genevieve Luchejko, Alla Lyshenko, Jeremy Madea, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Frederick McCarthy, Beth McKirachan, Fred McKirachan, Victor Melnychenko, Ronald Michel, Mary Ann Michalcewicz, Michelle Michalcewiz, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Linda Muldoon, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Lorraine Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Janylyn Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, Daphne Pantelopulos, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Jeff Rozwadowski, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Isaac Schmidt, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Kimberly Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Natalia Stanford, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley, Jack Ziegler & James Zook.

*** * * A SOLDIER BELIEVES IN CHRIST * * ***

The ancient Roman Empire, within which political framework the Christian Church emerged, had plenty of soldiers. Since the empire itself was pagan in religious belief, the bulk of the military was heathen. However, that was not always the case. One example was Longinus, the centurion who cried out at the crucifixion of our Lord: "Truly this was the Son of God!" In the years that followed, more soldiers came to faith in Christ and membership in His Church.

Among these was the centurion CORNELIUS, featured today. He was a "devout man who feared God with all his house, who gave much alms to people, and who prayed always." The Book of Acts further tells that Cornelius had a vision one day, an Angel appeared to him, instructing him to send people to Joppa with a message for Simon-Peter the Apostle.

Peter then came to Cornelius in the city of Caesarea. He preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the centurion and his people, and the Holy Spirit came upon them all. They were baptized into the Christian Faith. And so it came that the doors of the Christian Church were opened to the Gentiles of the world, having been restricted til then to the Jewish converts. No wonder a day has been set aside in the Christian Calendar to commemorate St. Cornelius.