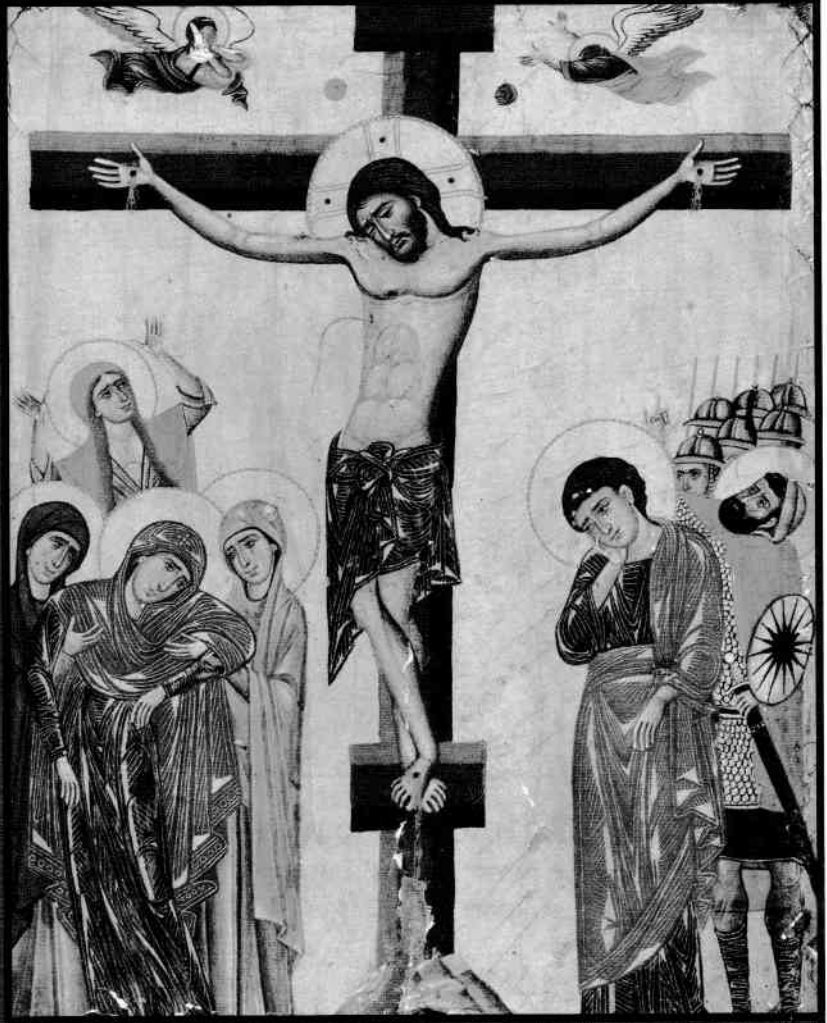


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Third Sunday  
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### **HOLY MYSTERIES**

**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; 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Ministry

**March 31, 2019**  
**Volume 55: Number 13**  
**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of March 31 – April 7, 2019**  
**Celebrating our 92<sup>nd</sup> year of Service to the Lord**

Sunday, March 31 – 3rd Sunday of the Fast – Holy Cross - Tone 3

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Panakhyda: +Basil Hlywiak (25 Yr. An.); +Anthony Serednicki (21 Yr. An.)  
& +Paul Hambiski (57 Yr. An.) – Nancy Hlywiak

Panakhyda: +Judith Maciey

Coffee Hour

4:00 PM – Vespers – St. George (Antiochian) – Upper Darby, PA

Monday, April 1

7:00 AM – Matins

6:30 PM – Akathist to Our Lady Softener of Evil Hearts

7:00 PM – Bible Study

Tuesday, April 2

7:00 AM – Matins

6:30 PM – Parish Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 3

7:00 AM – Matins

10:00 AM – Steaming Cabbage

6:00 PM – Community Lenten Service: St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

Thursday, April 4

7:00 AM – Matins

10:00 AM – Viewing: +Judith Maciey

11:00 AM – Funeral Service

7:00 PM – Boy Scouts

Friday, April 5

7:00 AM – Matins

6:00 PM – Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, April 6

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy (Holy Trinity – Whaleyville, MD)

Sunday, April 7 – 4th Sunday of the Fast – Annunciation - Tone 4

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

4:00 PM – Vespers – Holy Assumption (South Philadelphia)

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### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Third Sunday of the Fast - Veneration of the Cross - Matins: Luke 24:36-53; Liturgy: Hebrews 4:14-5:6; Mark 8:34-9:1.

Monday - Genesis 8:21-9:7; Proverbs 11:19-12:6; Isaiah 14:232

Tuesday - Genesis 9:8-17; Proverbs 12:8-22; Isaiah 25:1-9

Wednesday - Gene 9:1-10:1; Proverbs 12:23-13:9; Isaiah 26:21-27:9

Thursday –Genesis 10: 32-11:9; Proverbs 13:20-14:6; Isaiah 28:14-22

Friday - Genesis 12:1-7; Proverbs 14:15-26; Isaiah 29:13-23

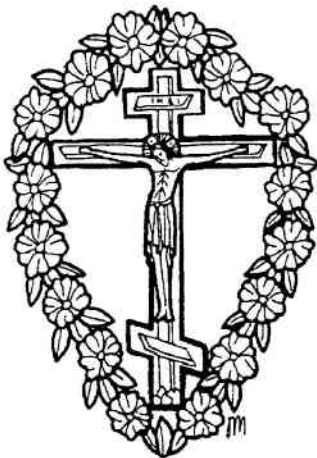
Saturday - Hebrews 6:9-12; Mark 7:31-37; All Souls: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; John 5:24-30

Fourth Sunday of the Fast – St. John of the Ladder – Annunciation of the Mother of God - Matins: Luke 1:39-49; 56; Liturgy: Hebrews 2:11-18; Luke 1:24-38; Sunday – Hebrews 6:13-20; Mark 9:17-31

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### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - ADORATION OF THE CROSS (Mark 8:34-38; 9:1).

This Sunday commemorates the venerable Cross and the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The Cross as such takes on meaning and adoration because of the Crucifixion of Christ upon it. Therefore, whether it be in hymns or prayers, it is understood that the Cross without Christ has no meaning or place in Christianity. The adoration of the Cross in the middle of Great Lent is to remind the faithful in advance of the Crucifixion of Christ. Therefore, the passages from the Bible and the hymnology refer to the Passions, the sufferings, of Jesus Christ: The passages read this day repeat the calling of the Christian by Christ to dedicate his life, for "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me (Christ)" (v. 34-35). This verse clearly indicates the kind of dedication which is



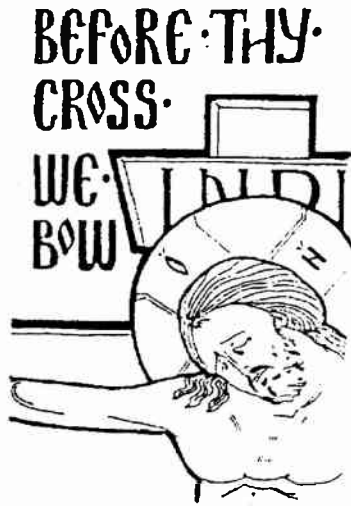
needed by the Christian in three steps: (1) To renounce his arrogance and disobedience to God's Plan, (2) To lift up his personal cross (the difficulties of life) with patience, faith and the full acceptance of the Will of God without complaint that the burden is too heavy; having denied himself and lifted up his cross leads him to the (3) Decision to follow Christ. These three voluntary steps are three links which cannot be separated from each other, because the main power to accomplish them is the Grace of God, which man always invokes. The Adoration of the Cross is expressed by the faithful through prayer, fasting, almsgiving and the forgiveness of the trespasses of others. On this Sunday the Adoration of the Cross is commemorated with a special service following the Divine Liturgy in which the significance of the Cross is that it leads to the Resurrection of Christ.

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**THE CROSS: OUR SOURCE OF SPIRITUAL STRENGTH**

The Great Fast is a lengthy period of prayer, fasting and penance. It is a spiritual struggle that begins with great personal expectations and often ends with feelings of discouragement over what we perceive as a lack of accomplishment on our part.

The Church knows our weaknesses well. On the Third Sunday of the Great Fast, to assist us in our attempt to travel the course of Lent in the proper manner, the Cross is placed before us as a powerful incentive for us to persevere in our quest for a fulfilling celebration of our Lord's Resurrection.



Today, our Holy Orthodox Church encourages us to venerate the Cross of our Lord in a very special way, so that we may

be strengthened in spirit. It is significant for us to note that in the services prescribed for this day, almost no mention of the Cross is made as being an object of suffering and death. Instead, we speak of it today as a symbol of joy, victory and life. One of the hymns from Vespers for this Sunday proclaims: Rejoice, O Life-giving Cross, most beautiful paradise of the Church, the Tree of Immortality which gave us the joy of everlasting life.

It is customary on the Third Sunday of Lent to carry out the Cross in solemn procession and place it on the tetrapod for veneration by the faithful, as we sing: "Come all you nations, let us extol the Cross of the Lord with hymns of praise."

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## **SUNDAY OF THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS**

As we celebrate the Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross, we stand at the mid-point of the Great Fast. By this time our resolve may be waning, so the Church places into the center of our worship community, the ultimate symbol of love, commitment and sacrifice to re-energize our Lenten journey. The cross is set in our midst to motivate, inspire and give us the grace we need to continue.

"The evil bows before the good, the wicked at the gates of the righteous" (Proverbs 14:19). Evil has been and is a part of the reality of life on this earth. The power of evil in the world has been conquered by Jesus upon the tree of the cross. However each of us must struggle with this concept. God created His people good, yet evil lives in each person because of brokenness. At times there are those urges which seem to control our very desires and needs. Then there are those nasty feelings which one has towards one another. What about those slips of the tongue which we really didn't mean? Does that mean that we therefore are not responsible? Or can something be done?

As one grows in a relationship with God, the various faces and forms of evil become more easily discerned. A growing, living relationship enables one to face the unknown, the fear, the evil within. This relationship is called prayer. Prayer can be words from a book, memorized or recited in a group, yet this is only the first step of the relationship. More advanced prayer is an animated relationship with God where there is mutual acknowledgment, expression, emotionally, spiritually and psychologically. In such a relationship God is a real, living Person! The season of the Great Fast calls us to prayer: to intimate prayer with God when one listens and hears. Prayer is as necessary for our lives as breathing.

Like germs of sickness, could it be true that evil when hidden grows in power and strength? Such things as shame, guilt and ignorance provide the same dark atmosphere to grow. The Lord reveals this world to us and its possession of us at times. Sharing in God's power enables us through prayer and fasting, to place the evil outside our world. Only with God's grace can this be identified and cast out as Jesus shows us with the possessed child in Mark: "This kind you can drive out only by prayer and fasting" (Mark 9:29).

### **FROM VESPERS**

Hail! life-giving Cross unconquerable trophy of the true faith, door to Paradise succor of the faithful rampart set about the Church. Through you the curse is utterly destroyed. The power of death is swallowed up, and we are raised from earth to heaven: invincible weapon, adversary of demons, glory of martyrs, true ornament of holy monks, haven of salvation bestowing on the world great mercy.

Come, Adam and Eve, our first father and mother, who fell from the choir on high through the envy of the murderer of man, when of old with bitter pleasure you tasted from the tree in Paradise. See, the Tree of the Cross, revered by all, draw near! Run with haste and embrace it joyfully, and cry to it with faith: O precious Cross, you are our succor partaking of your fruit we have gained incorruption; we are restored once more to Eden, and we have received great mercy.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to the following: Michael C. Synczyszyn, 4/1 & Katelyn Hamilton, 4/2. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES** – are offered to the daughters and their families on the falling asleep in the Lord of their Mother, +Judith Macey. Funeral Services will begin on Thursday with a Viewing at 10AM and the Funeral Service at 11AM . Let us pray, asking God to place the soul of His newly departed Servant, +Judith, in the abode of the Saints, where there is no pain, sorrow nor mourning but only life everlasting. Let us also pray for the family that God ma give them His strength in this, their hour of need.

**UOL LENTEN SOUPS** – will be available for purchase from March 17 – April 21. A list of the soups will be announced. Soups are sold at \$8.00 per quart. Order yours today!

### **MEETINGS - MINISTRIES**

**PARISH BOARD MEETING** – Tuesday, April 2 @ 6:30 PM

**WE ARE COLLECTING FOOD FOR THE CLAYMONT CIVIC CENTER** – For Easter. We are collecting turkeys, hams, non-perishable foods to help supply Easter Dinners for those less fortunate than us. Please help!

### **TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

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

March 31 – Linda Hntaow and Lorraine Neff

April 7 – Victor Kaliakin and Ann Duncan

April 14 – Victor Kaliakin and Ann Duncan

April 21 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

April 28 - Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

May 5 – Lorraine Neff and Victor Kaliakin

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**PASKA ORDER FORM – ORDER BY April 14**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Small Round (\$7)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Large Round (\$10)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Butter Lamb (\$3)**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please give to Father Stephen or Kathy Duncan with payment  
Paskas will be ready for pickup on Palm Sunday, April 21**

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**THE POWER OF PRAYER** – Please remember your daily prayer for our country.  
Today, we begin Day 16.

**GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

March 31 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

April 7 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

April 14 - John and Sandy Cramer

April 21 - David & Eve Lazaration

**GOOD FRIDAY – PASKA SIGN UP SHEET** – Will soon be in the back of the Church.  
We shall have a few extra hours to fill since I shall be celebrating Paska with Holy Trinity  
Parish in Whaleyville, MD on Holy Saturday at 4:00 PM. Please make plans to give up an  
hour to be at the Tomb of Our Lord!!

**READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

March 31 - Thomas Kasprzak

April 7 - John Plachuta

April 14 - Irene Maskaly

April 21 - Andrew Duncan

April 28 - Jean Roeth

May 5 - Linda Hnatow

May 12 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

May 19 - Jean Roeth



## **ORTHODOX CLERGY BROTHERHOOD LENTEN MISSIONS**

**(All Services Begin at 4:00 PM)**

March 31 – St. George (Antiochian) – Upper Darby, PA

April 7 – Holy Assumption (OCA) – Philadelphia, PA

April 14 – Mother of God Church (Georgian) 412 Philmont Ave., Feasterville, PA

### **BAZAAR WORK SCHEDULE – PLEASE PLAN TO HELP**

Monday, April 8 – **8:00 AM** – Butter and Onions (250 Lbs.)

**3:00 PM** – Frying Sauerkraut

Tuesday, April 9 - **7:00 AM** – Peeling potatoes

**6:00 PM** – Making potato Balls

Wednesday, April 10 – **9:00 AM** – Making holubtsi

Cutting vegetables – frying cabbage

Thursday, April 11 – **7:00 AM** – Making pyrohy

Friday, April 12 – **8:00 AM** – Making the mushrooms soup

Getting the kovbassa ready

**2:00 – 4:00 PM** – Bake table donations

Set up

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**DONATIONS FOR THE BAZAAR** – of Coke products and water as well as Bounty (Paper Towels) and Bathroom tissue will be graciously accepted.

### **99<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICE**

**6:00 PM Service – Light Lenten Supper to Follow**

**ALL SERVICES ARE ON WEDNESDAYS**

April 3 – St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church 801 Lea Boulevard, Wilmington

April 10 - Chester-Bethel United Methodist Church 2619 Foulk Road, Wilmington

**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 Ukrainian (yes it is misspelled and we've tried to correct it). Try it and help our Parish Family benefit from your shopping experience!

**DONATIONS FOR FLOWERS FOR PASCHA** - We shall be taking donations to help pay for the flowers that we order to decorate the Tomb for Good Friday and the Church for Pascha. You can donate in memory of a loved one or for the health of a loved one(s). If you are interested, please see Linda Hnatow. Thank you!

**Tentative 2019 Schedule**

Saturday, April 13 – Spring Bazaar  
Sunday, April 28 – Pascha  
Sunday, May 5 – St. Thomas Sunday – Cemeteries  
Sunday, May 12 – Mother’s Day Dinner  
Saturday, June 15 – Visit by Weeping Icon from Taylor, PA  
Sunday, June 16 – Father’s Day Dinner  
Monday, June 24 – First Day of the Apostle’s Fast  
Sunday, July 14 – Patronal Feast Dinner  
Monday, July 15 – 19 – Summer Camp  
Saturday, August 3 – UOL Flea Market  
Saturday, November 2 – Fall Bazaar  
Tuesday, November 26 – Community Thanksgiving Service (Holy Rosary)  
Sunday, December 15 – UOL Cookie Sale

**CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Week of April 1 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson  
Week of April 8 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus  
Week of April 15 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly  
Week of April 22 – Dawn Daniels, David Duncan & Kathy Duncan  
Week of April 29 – John Plachuta and David Lazaration  
Week of May 6 - Mark & Laura Andreas, Paul Andreas  
Week of May 13 - John Cramer, Victor Melnychenko & Joseph Thurstlic



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL** – Metropolitan Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father Paul Bigelow, Father John Bohush, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Nestor Kowal, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Victor Wronskyj, father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Pani Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Charles, Galina, Dolores, Krystyna, Julian, Madison, Mykola, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Mary Berbick, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Betty Bosland, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, George Burns, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Betty Charney, Mildred (Myrophora) Christo, Erik Colazo, Mary Crystal, Patricia Crystal, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Peter DiVirgilio, John Dmytryk, James Dudrick, David Duncan, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, Stephen Farrell, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Mary Eleanor Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Dolores Helms, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Anthony Hnatow, Betty Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Rosalie Ann Kane, Josephine Kapelus, Sandra Kasch, Thomas Kasprzak, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Diane Keyser, Barbara Kirylic, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Emma Krasnopera, Volodymyr Krasnopera, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Andrew Makolynyk, Paul Markow, Natalia McDonough, Ronald Michel, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Michael Moroz, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Lynn Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Fred Royer, Alla Rudawsky, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Maria Russak, Dana Sargent, Charles Scully, Doris Scully, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Wasyl Szeremeta, Tatiana Szvec, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Anna Tur, Charles Tyrawsky, Richard Twardus, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, John Wardigo, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley, & James Zook.

## THE CROSS: OUR BEACON ON LIFE'S JOURNEY

**A**s we come to the mid-point of the Great Fast, the Church in her wisdom honors the Cross of Our Lord, to spur us on in spiritual warfare. On the Third Sunday of the Fast, it is the Cross that is set before our eyes and minds as we come to the Lord's temple for worship.

The Cross is a great symbol of the Christian faith. It serves as identification. When located on the height of a building, it reveals that structure to be a house of worship. When worn on a lapel or on a chain, the Cross identifies the person as a follower of Jesus Christ. From the moment we are reborn in the waters of Holy Baptism to the time when we fall asleep in Christ, the sign of the Cross is made a multitude of times over our bodies.

But the Cross also represents a special philosophy of living. In fact, it is the secret of an abundant life. There are many prescriptions for happiness that this world projects on its people. The church has never had so much competition as it has today. Advertising agencies pour forth their ads promising success, happiness and fulfillment, if certain products are bought.

Still, it is the Cross that is life's greatest teacher. It is only as we come to know and understand the Cross that we learn how to live. Jesus said: "Whoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his Cross, and come and follow Me." We make a free choice to follow Christ, this in turn involves discipline, a denying of the passions of the flesh which is compared to cross-bearing. Doing this, we live as Jesus lived. We follow Him. We can truly wear a Cross and identify ourselves as one of His!