

*“But far be it from me to glory
except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ...”*

(Galatians 6:14)

The Cross is the guardian of the whole world!

The Cross is the beauty of the Church!

The Cross is the dominion of kings!

The Cross is the confirmation of the faithful!

*The Cross is the glory of the angels
and the wounding of the demons!*

(Hymn of Light from Matins of September 14th)

September 14th is the Holyday of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

BULLETIN FOR SEPTEMBER 13-26, 2020

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS

Sunday, Sept. 13	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy Panachida: ++ <i>Komisin Family</i> ++ <i>Klutcher Family</i>
		EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (<i>Strict Fast</i>)
Monday, Sept. 14	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, Sept. 16	6:00 PM	Moleben to the Cross <i>Prayers of Special Intention for the Living</i>
Thursday, Sept. 17	8:30 AM	Divine Liturgy ++ <i>Ristvey Family (Perpetual)</i>
Saturday, Sept. 19	6:00 PM	Vespers
Sunday, Sept. 20	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy Panachida: ++ <i>Helen Repasky (Per.)</i> ++ <i>Frank Guzi (Per.)</i> ++ <i>Joseph & Katherine Pavlick,</i> <i>In Memory of 70th Wedding Anniversary</i>
	<i>After Liturgy</i>	September Board Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 22	8:30 AM	Divine Liturgy ++ <i>Rebecca Kapusta, by her Sisters</i>
Sunday, Sept. 27	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy Panachida: ++ <i>Charles & Mary Rowlands (Per.)</i> ++ <i>Frank & Connie Hall (Per.)</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

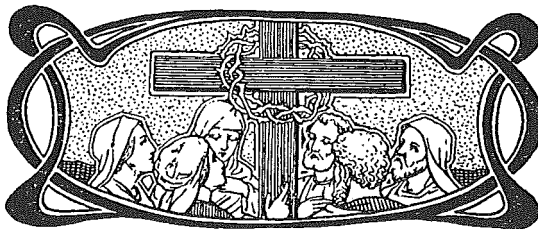
September 14th is the holyday of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Divine Liturgy on Monday will be at 9:00 AM. At the start of Liturgy, the Holy Cross will be brought to the middle of the church and “exalted” (elevated) for all to see. Also, please remember: as we honor the Cross of Christ on this day and hear the Gospel account of His Holy Passion and Death, we keep a **strict fast**. No meat or dairy products are to be consumed on September 14th.

September 14th is the **LAST DAY** to support our **Mercer County team in OCMC’s “Trek4Missions”!** So far, the team has raised \$1900 of its \$2000 goal. Proceeds go directly to OCMC to help their ministry. To contribute, you can either go online to OCMC.org/trek4missions and under the “DONATE” tab, search for “Mercer County PA”, OR you can give a check made out to “OCMC Trek4Missions” to a team member, such as Henry Van Zanten or Kathy Piston.

Moleben (Prayer Service) in honor of the Holy Cross will be served on Wednesday, September 16 at 6:00 PM. Prayers for the **special intention of the living** will be offered. Lists that were submitted in August will be used again. New lists (available in the vestibule) can also be brought to the service, or e-mailed to father.david@stjohnnacroc.org.

ACRY Lots-o-Luck Calendar Tickets are available for a donation of \$25.00. Proceeds benefit Diocesan Funds. Please stop by the office to get yours today!

Can You Help? Pani Eleanor is looking to identify an individual/individuals from our parish who would be interested in periodically sitting and visiting with Fr. Michael for 1-2 hours when she has to run errands. *(And if you play pinochle, Fr. Michael would love that!)* If you can assist, call Pani Eleanor at 724-981-2520.



THIRD ISSUE OF SPF50 NOW AVAILABLE

The Fall 2020 edition of SPF50 is now available digitally on acrod.org. This issue runs from September 20 through November 14, and includes a Scripture reading guide and prayers designed specifically for families.

If you haven't tried SPF50 yet, consider joining in now. Even the busiest of families can make a commitment to read from the Bible and pray together for 50 minutes a month. Don't forget to fill out the Commitment Card which is available in the SPF50 Section of the Diocesan Website, and return the Card to your priest.

To access this material or to find out more about how SPF50 can help your family grow in Christ, visit the Diocesan Website at acrod.org and look for the SPF50 logo.

SPF50

SCRIPTURE ▪ PRAYER ▪ FAMILY



THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP *by Dan Hromyak*

"For if we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." - Roman's 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship - everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

"So the last will be first and the first last." - Matthew 20:16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

Calling All Diocesan Youth Ages 5-18 (Kindergarten - 12th Grade)
To Come Be A Part Of

The Vine and the Branches

A First-of-its-Kind Diocesan Youth Event

When: Sunday, September 27, 2020

6:30pm – 8pm

Where: Online

See your friends and be together
Have some fun
Learn a Little
Hear from His Eminence Metropolitan Gregory
And Much More

The Event is Free-of-Charge

Pre-Register at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUIf--trzgrE9FZAtxyE1kEWLVkKcFMMMy1D>

Father David, Father Michael
Deacon John and all church
family.

Mary Jane thanks you
for all your prayers, cards
and phone calls to her.

She is getting better
every day.

I also appreciate your
kindness to us.

May God Bless all of
you



Katie Hardley
+
family

Dear parishioners,

We are grateful for the well-wishes, cards, and the floral arrangement (which was anonymously given) in honor of our 12th wedding anniversary on September 6th. May God bless you all for your kindness!

Fr. David and Pani Vikkie

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Sacramental and Membership Information

Sick Calls can be made at any time. Please phone the rectory (724-346-4457) when a family member is admitted to the hospital, or to request a home visit. Hospitals do *not* call to alert the parish when someone is admitted.

Marriages are solemnized on Saturdays or Sundays. Circumstances may require a dispensation from the diocesan bishop. Consult the pastor at least six months in advance and before any plans have been made for the wedding reception. Marriages cannot be celebrated during the fasting seasons of the church, or on Fridays.

Baptisms are usually scheduled on Saturdays or Sundays. Consult the pastor. Two godparents (godfather and godmother) are required, at least one of whom must be a practicing Orthodox Christian in good standing at an Orthodox parish, and the other (at least) a practicing, baptized Christian.

Church Funerals are, under ordinary circumstances, provided for practicing Orthodox Christians who are current in their spiritual and material obligations to the parish; otherwise, the funeral service is conducted at the funeral home. The Church does *not* permit cremation.

Parishioners in “good standing” are those Orthodox Christians who, as members of Saint John's Orthodox Church, strive to live according to the teachings of the Orthodox Church; participate in the life of the parish through regular church attendance, regular reception of Holy Communion and periodic Holy Confession (and receive these sacraments no less than once a year); if married, having been married in the Orthodox Church; and financially support the parish (especially through an annual “pledge”).

Prospective members and returning members are asked to fill out an application form, copies of which are available in the church office.

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