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ST. BASIL THE GREAT MELKITE GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross

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Saturday 3:30–4:30 P.M.,
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months should be given to the
pastor, before the proposed
wedding date to arrange for the
required interview and instructions.

Antiphon Prayer

Christ God, enthroned with the Father and the Holy Spirit, when You extended Your arms on the Cross, You attracted the whole world to Your knowledge. Illumine us today by its light. Sanctify us by its power. Comfort us by its Exaltation. And make us worthy to partake of Your divine glory. For You are our salvation, O Christ God, and to You we render glory and to Your Eternal Father and Your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

TROPARION OF THE FEAST (Tone 1) 3 times, As modified by our Synod:

“O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance,
granting peace to the world. And preserve Your
community by the power of Your Cross.”

Kontakion of the Feast (Tone 4)

O Christ God, who chose by Your free volition to be elevated upon the holy cross, grant Your mercies to Your new people who are called by Your name. In Your power gladden the hearts of our public authorities. Strengthen them in every good deed so that Your true alliance may be for them a weapon of peace and a standard of victory.

HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS: Hirmos of the 9th Ode of the Feast (Tone 8)

O Mother of God, you became a mystical paradise when without tilling you brought forth Christ our God by Whom the life-giving tree of the Cross was planted on earth. Wherefore we deeply bow before this Cross which is exalted today, and we magnify you.

EPISTLE OF THE FEAST: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-24 PROKIMENON: Ps 98:5,1 (Tone 7)

Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool, for He is holy.

Stichon: The Lord is reigning: let the peoples rage; He is enthroned upon the Cherubim: let the earth quake.

READING from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians

BRETHREN, the doctrine of the cross is foolishness to those who perish, but to those who are saved, that is, to us, it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and the prudence of the prudent I will reject (Is. 29: 14; 33: 18).” Where is the

صلاة الأنديفونة

أيها المسيح الإله، يا من علّق على الصليب حُبّاً
لنّا، طَهَّرنا من خطايانا. وطلّنا بالإيمان. ثَبِّتْنا
بالرجاء. وأحزم نفوسنا بمحبة صليبك، لكي نصبح
هياكل لروحك القدوس لأنك أنت نورنا وحياتنا،
ولك أن تُخلّصنا، أيها المسيح الإله، وإليك نرفع
المجد والشكر والسجود، وإلى أبوك الأزلي ورجك
القدوس، الصالح والمحيي، الآن وكل أوان...

نشيد الصليب الكريم المقدس باللحن الاول (ثلاث مرات)

خَلِّصْ يا رب شعبك وبارك ميراثك مانحاً العالم
السلام، واحفظ بقوة صليبك رعيّتك.

قنداق الختام لرفع الصليب (اللحن الرابع)

يا مَنْ رُفِعَ على الصليب طوعاً، ايها المسيح الإله،
امنح رأفتك لشعبك الجديد الملقّب باسمك.
فَرِّجْ بقدرتك ملوكنا المؤمنين. مانحاً إياهم الغلبة
على محاربيهم. لتكن لهم نُصْرَتُكَ سلاح سلامٍ
وشعار انتصار.

النشيد لوالدة الإله باللحن الثامن

يا والدة الإله، انت الفردوسُ السري، اذ انك انبت
المسيح بغير فلاحه، الذي به نُصِبَتْ في الارض
شجرة الصليب الحامل الحياة. فالآن نسجدُ له
مرفوعاً، وإياك نعظم.

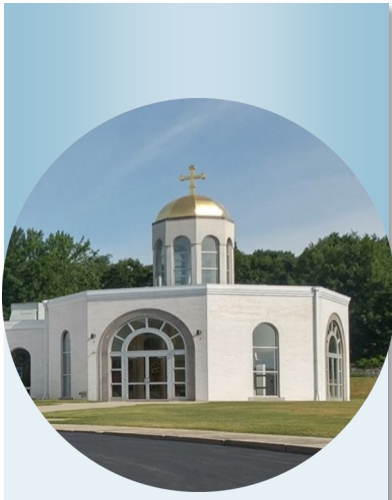
رفع الصليب الكريم المقدس مقدمة الرسالة

ارفعوا الربّ الهنا واسجدوا لموطى قَدَمَيْهِ، فانه
قَدُوس
الربُّ قد ملك فلنستخيط الشعوب، هو جالسٌ على
الشروبيم، فلترتجف الارض

الرسالة (1 كورنثس 1: 18 – 24)

يا اخوة، ان كلمة الصليب عند الهالكين جهالة.
واما عندنا نحن المخلصين فهي قُوَّة الله. لأنه قد
كُتِبَ: سَابِئُ حِكْمَةِ الْحُكَمَاءِ، وَأَرْذَلُ فَهْمِ الْفُهَمَاءِ.
اين الحكيم؟ اين الكاتب؟ اين محجاج هذا
الدهر؟ أليس الله قد جَهَّلَ حِكْمَةَ هذا العالم؟
فانه اذ كان العالم، وهو في حكمة الله، لم يعرف
الله بالحكمة، حَسُنَ لدى الله ان يُخَلِّصَ بجهالة





Our church organizations:

MAYA: organization of Melkite Catholics ages 18 – 26 (and at least 1 year out of high school) under patronage of our bishop, the Most Reverend Nicholas Samra. <https://melkite.org/maya>

MYO: Provides a common forum for all the young people of St. Basil's Church, and that the Organization initiate, coordinate, and direct religious, social, educational, and humanitarian programs designed to promote the involvement of its membership in the Christian Faith and the Melkite tradition.

www.stbasilthegreatchurch.com/myo.html

NAMW: Promotes and support vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the United States. <https://melkite.org/namw>

****Sunday School and all other church activities are suspended due to COVID-19 .**



"wise man," where is the scribe? Where is the disputant of this world? Has not God turned into foolishness the "wisdom" of this world? For since, in God's wisdom, the world did not come to know God by "wisdom," it pleased God, by the foolishness of our preaching, to save those who believe. For the Jews ask for signs, and the Greeks ask for "wisdom" — but we for our part preach a crucified Christ, to the Jews indeed a stumbling-block and to the Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God.

ALLELUIA: Ps.73: 2, 12 (Tone 1)

Remember Your congregation which You have acquired from the beginning: You redeemed the scepter of Your inheritance.

Stichon: God is our King forever: He brought about salvation in the midst of the earth.

The Holy Gospel

Sunday before the feast of the Holy Cross, John 3: 13-17

The Lord said, "No one has gone up into heaven except the One Who has come down from heaven: The Son of Man Who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that those who believe in Him may not perish, but may have life everlasting." For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that those who believe in Him may not perish, but may have life everlasting. For God did not send His Son into the world in order to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

Special Petitions

- For all your people who have proven positive with the Covina virus, that they may be restored to full health and offer you their praise and thanksgiving, we pray to you, Lord, hear us and have mercy.
- For all those who have died as a result of the corona virus that he may be granted rest with the Saints and the mercy of God in the Heavenly Kingdom, we pray to You, Lord, hear us and have mercy.
- For doctors, nurses, and all in health care, risking their lives to minister to those afflicted with the corona virus, that they remain safe, and in good health as they serve others, we pray to You, Lord, hear us and have mercy.
- For all your people in Lebanon who were hurt during the disastrous explosion, that they may be restored to full health, and for those who died that they may be granted rest among the Saints, we pray to You, Lord, hear us and have mercy.
- For peace throughout the Middle East, especially in Lebanon, Syria, Palestine, and Iraq, we pay to You, Lord, hear us and have mercy.

الكراسة الذين يؤمنون، لان اليهود يسألون آية، واليونانيين بطالبون حكمة، أما نحن فنكرز بالمسيح مصلوباً، شكاً لليهود وجهالةً لليونانيين، اما للمدعوين يهوداً ويونانيين، فالمسيح قوة الله وحكمة الله

هللوا

أذكر جماعتك التي اقتنيته منذ القديم، لقد اقتديت صولجاناً ميراثك
اما الله فهو ملكنا قبل الدهور، أجرى الخلاص في وسط الارض.

الانجيل المقدس (يوحنا 3: 13 – 17)

قال الرب: لم يصعد احد الى السماء، إلا الذي نزل من السماء، ابن البشر الكائن في السماء. وكما رفع موسى الحية في البرية، هكذا ينبغي ان يُرفع ابن البشر، لكي لا يهلك كل من يؤمن به، بل تكون له الحياة الابدية. هكذا أحب الله العالم، حتى إنه بذل ابنه الوحيد، لكي لا يهلك كل من يؤمن به، بل تكون له الحياة الابدية، لأنه لم يرسل الله ابنه الى العالم ليدين العالم، بل ليخلص به العالم.

طلبات خاصة

- من أجل شفاء جميع المصابين بوباء الكورونا، لكي يمجّدوك ويرفعوا إليك الشكر، إليك نطلب يا رب، فاستجب وارحم.
- من أجل جميع الذين توقّفوا بوباء الكورونا، وراحة نفوسهم مع القديسين، وتمتعهم برحمتك في الملكوت السماوي، إليك نطلب يا رب فاستجب وارحم.
- من أجل الأطباء والممرضين والعاملين في المجال الصحي، الذين يعتنون بالمصابين بوباء الكورونا، معرّضين حياتهم للخطر، أن تحميهم وتمنّ عليهم بالصحة الجيدة في خدمتهم، إليك نطلب يا رب فاستجب وارحم.
- من أجل الشفاء التام لأفراد شعبك في لبنان، الذين أصيبوا بجراح من جرّاء كارثة الانفجار، والزّاحة الأبدية مع القديسين لضحايا الانفجار، إليك نطلب يا رب فاستجب وارحم.
- من أجل السلام في ربوع الشرق الأدنى، لا سيما في لبنان وسورية وفلسطين والعراق، إليك نطلب يا رب فاستجب وارحم.





Divine Liturgy Intentions



TODAY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020. FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS.

5:00 p.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **PHILIP P. CIMINI (7th Anniv.)** by his wife Barbara A. Cimini.
- + **THOMAS COREY (38th Anniv.) & ROSE (KANDO) COREY (43rd Anniv.)** by their daughter Barbara A. Cimini.
- + **JOHN AZAR, SR. (39th Anniv.)** by the Family.
- + **ALFRED RENZI (39th Anniv.)** by the Family.
- + **JOHN DURNIN, SR.** by Delores & Lorian Agag.
- + **LORICE H. SENNO** by Mr. Michael J. Senno II.
- + **BARBARA FAGER** by Donna & Roger Ferland.
- + **ROSE B. KAHLA** by her brother George Kahla.
- + **GEORGE P. BANNA, JR.** by Mrs. Elizabeth Massud.
- + **ANITA & JOSEPH BRULE** by the Family.
- + **VINCENT H. CAPALDI, JR.** by Marlene Koury Smith
- + **DONALD AJMO** by Nelly Kishfy & Family.
- + **HON. LOUIS E. AZAR, ESQ.** by Bishara Tahhan & Family
- + **VICTORIA PROCHNIAK** by Dr. Stan & Cheryl Balon.
- + **GEORGE BOUDJOUK** by Nancy & Bill Haddad.
- + **STEVEN KILSEY** by his brother Jeffrey Kilsey.
- + **WAYNE LACY** by Joan T. Ray.
- + **JAY PAUL** by his parents, Dr. & Mrs. Biswa N. Paul.
- + **SADIE SERVIDIO (Birthday Remem.)** by Walter, Jean & John Moon.
- + **WALTER J. ("BILL") LEMAY** by his wife, Shirley.

11:00 a.m. DIVINE LITURGY:

- + **REV. ALBERT AZRAK** by M/M Albert Alba & Family.
- + **YUSEF AGHIA** by Joseph & Najat Charchafiah.
- + **JOSEPH P. AZAR, JR.** by John Alkhoury & Family.
- + **ROSE KHOURY** by Dr. Roland & Micheline Ghanem
- + **MANSOUR KARRAZ** by Paul Ashkar & Family.
- + **YOUSSEF MADOUR** by Thomas Lazieh & Sons.
- + **DR. YUSUF & BLANCHE MUSSALLI** by Ken & Ann Sabbagh.
- + **LENA AZAR DAME** by Elias & Barbara Deeb.
- + **MARY WAKIM TAHHAN** by Samir & Hanaa Boudjouk.
- + **GEORGE DECKEY** by the Attar Family.
- + **GEORGEANNA DECKEY** by M/M V. Edward Fayan.
- + **ELIAS J. KISHFY** by Elias Deeb.
- + **SAMUEL G. RAHEB** by M/M (Myra) Hultquist.
- + **JULIA & FRED KISHFY** by the Family.
- + **ALBERT J. KISHFY** by Thomas & Joanne Sabbagh.
- + **FRANCIS A. SAGGAL** by Gilbert & Ranim Nassar.
- + **RIZKALLAH DEKKI** by Gloria Deckey & Family.
- + **MARK HADDAD** by Mrs. Margaret Haddad.
- + **HALA ASHKAR KARRAZ** by Bishara & Wafaa Tahhan.
- + **MARJORIE & ANTHONY TAGER** by the Family.
- + **JAY PAUL** by his parents, Dr. & Mrs. Biswa N. Paul.
- + **AMANDA ROWEY** by Khalil & Wafaa Hilo.
- + **HOLY & FORGOTTEN SOULS IN PURGATORY** by M/M Joseph Saggal.

For the well-being, health, protection and salvation of the servants of God; Archdeacon George Yany, Steve Sarkis, Sally Gravino, Francine Robat and Frederick & Linda Koussa.



Prayer for the dead

O God of all spirits and of all flesh, who have destroyed death, overcome the devil, and given life to the world: grant, O Lord to the souls of your servants, who have departed from this life, that they may rest in a place of light, in a place of happiness, in a place of peace, where there is no pain, no grief, no sighing. And since You are gracious God and Lover of mankind, forgive them every sin they have committed by thought, or word, or deed, for there is not a man who lives and does not sin: You alone are without sin, your righteousness is everlasting, and your word is true.

For You are the Resurrection and the Life, and the Repose of your departed servants, O Christ our God, and we render glory to You, together with your Eternal Father and your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.





ST. BASIL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

O Jesus, Who has said, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened," through the intercession of the Theotokos, Your Most Holy Mother, I knock, I seek, I ask that my prayer be granted.

O Jesus, Who has said, "All that you ask of the Father in My Name, He will grant you," through the intercession of the Theotokos Your Most Holy Mother, I humbly and urgently ask your Father in your name that my prayer will be granted.

O Jesus, Who has said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away but My word shall not pass away," through the intercession of the Theotokos Your Most Holy Mother, I feel confident that my prayer will be granted.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING: Sept. 6, 2020: Budgets: \$3,603.00; Envelopes: \$3,527.00; Loose: \$76.00; Building Fund: \$155.00. Stipends: \$95. 00; Candles: \$45.00; Addt'l Melkite Diocesan Support: \$70.00; Cemetery: \$437.00

Anyone interested in reading the Epistle in English or Arabic at the Liturgies should contact Father Joe as soon as possible. If you so desire, you must register your name, or you will not be included in the schedule.

Please be advised that the weekly bulletin has not been printed due to the COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions, but presently, information is available online, church face book page and on you-tube.

Today, Saturday, September 12, and Sunday, September 13, we begin a new Liturgy schedule: Saturday at 5 p.m., and Sunday, at 11 a.m. Weekday Liturgies, Tuesday through Friday will be celebrated at 8 a.m. in the Chapel. Please pass on this schedule to all relatives and friends and to all who frequent our church from time to time.

HEARTFELT THANKS: We wish to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to our Community of St. Basil the Great Melkite Greek Catholic Church for the generous contributions amounting to \$3,000.00, as we stand together in prayer for the victims of the massive explosion in Beirut, Lebanon. BEIRUT, GOD IS WITH YOU! O God have mercy on our beloved Beirut, and on its heart-broken people. Do not hide your face from us! What is impossible to man, is possible to God. If God is with us, who can be against us? Amen!!!

REFLECTION: A new broom sweeps clean but an old broom knows the corners.

MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION: The three Mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist are always celebrated together in one ceremony. One month notice is required and one baptismal preparation meeting is required with the pastor.

MYSTERY OF HOLY CONFESSIONS: In one way or another, we have neglected God. None of us have lived a perfect life. No matter what we have done, we can always return home. Available weekly one hour before the Divine Liturgy or by appointment.

MYSTERY OF HOLY CROWNING: Six month notice, an initial meeting with the priest, marriage preparation sessions are required. You must be an active member of the parish.

MYSTERY OF HOLY ANOINTING: Available for anyone who is ill. Please contact Fr. Ephrem

IN GOOD STANDING: For your Pastor to sign letters of recommendation, family and student school related papers, character reference or any civil document for a registered parishioner, one must be in good standing with the Church, spiritually and giving noticeable TIME, TALENT, & TREASURE on a regular and continuing basis to our parish.

ST. BASIL'S FELLOWSHIP will meet after the Divine Liturgy in Cultural Center. Because there was a little hiatus since the last one, we urge and encourage all members to be in attendance. Please mind your social distancing to keep everyone safe.

PLEASE NOTE: There is no charge for the celebration of the Holy Mysteries (Sacraments). However, it is appropriate to offer a gift of thanksgiving. Following are the suggested offerings to the Church for parishioners who request pastoral services. Liturgy \$10.00; 40-Day Memorial \$35.00; Baptism \$75.00; Wedding \$300.00; Funeral \$300.00.

We glorify your cross

MANY OF THE FEASTS we celebrate each year have a special rite connected with them. The Great Sanctification of Water on the Theophany, the *hajme* service on Pascha and the veneration of icons on the Sunday of Orthodoxy are perhaps the best-known examples of these festal observances.

There is also a special rite proper to the feast of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross (September 14) called, appropriately, the Exaltation of the Cross. During the Great Doxology at Orthros the cross, adorned with flowers and herbage is brought in procession to the center of the church where it is placed on a table or analogion. Everyone then makes three prostrations before the cross. After this, the priest raises the cross high and, facing East, intones a petition. The chanters respond by singing *Lord, have mercy* one hundred times as the priest blesses the East with the holy cross. He does the same successively facing North then West then South and then East again as he circles the table. He intones the kondakion of the Holy Cross and blesses the people. The cross is placed on the table and everyone makes three prostrations before it, singing "We bow in worship before Your cross, O Master, and we sing praise to Your holy resurrection." Then everyone in turn venerates the cross. In some churches this rite of exaltation is performed after the Divine Liturgy.

The Discovery of the Cross

This rite is a reenactment of something that happened spontaneously when the cross was first discovered at the excavation for the Church of the Anastasis during St Helena's expedition to the Holy Land in AD 326-328. The fourth-century Church historian Socrates Scholasticus described what took place in his *Historia Ecclesiastica*.

The site of Christ's death and resurrection had been covered over by a pagan temple during the Roman persecutions of the Church. St Helena had the temple destroyed to uncover the sacred site. Three crosses were discovered buried near the Lord's tomb. The title placed on the Lord's cross (Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews) was lying with the crosses but it was not clear on which of the three crosses the Lord had been crucified. The Bishop of Jerusalem, Makarios, had each of the crosses placed in turn on a terminally ill woman. When this woman was healed at the touch of the third cross, it was taken as a sign that this was the cross of Christ.

When local Christians heard of this discovery, they all wanted to see the Lord's cross and to venerate it. Bishop Makarios, took the cross onto a raised platform and lifted it on high, 'exalting' it, for all to see. The people fell to their knees, bowing down before the cross and crying out repeatedly: *Kyrie eleison!*

As Theodoret of Cyr (393-457) described it in his *Ecclesiastical History*, Chapter 17, St Helena "... had part of the cross of our Savior conveyed to the palace. The rest was enclosed in a covering of silver, and committed to the care of the bishop of the city, whom she exhorted to preserve it carefully, in order that it might be transmitted uninjured to posterity."



Veneration of the Cross

We know from the journal of the Spanish pilgrim-nun Egeria that the cross was venerated on Holy Friday, despite an unusual risk:

"Then a chair is placed for the bishop in [Golgotha](#) behind the [liturgical] Cross, which is now standing; the bishop duly takes his seat in the chair, and a table covered with a linen cloth is placed before him; the deacons stand round the table, and a silver-gilt casket is brought in which is the holy wood of the Cross. The casket is opened and [the wood] is taken out, and both the wood of the Cross and the [title](#) are placed upon the table. Now, when it has been put upon the table, the bishop, as he sits, holds the extremities of the sacred wood firmly in his hands, while the deacons who stand around guard it.

"It is guarded thus because the custom is that the people, both faithful and catechumens, come one by one and, bowing down at the table, kiss the sacred wood and pass through. And because, I know not when, someone is said to have bitten off and stolen a portion of the sacred wood, it is thus guarded by the deacons who stand around, lest anyone approaching should venture to do so again.

"And as all the people pass by one by one, all bowing themselves, they touch the Cross and the title, first with their foreheads and then with their eyes; then they kiss the Cross and pass through, but none lays his hand upon it to touch it. When they have kissed the Cross and have passed through, a deacon stands holding the ring of Solomon and the horn from which the kings were anointed; they kiss the horn also and gaze at the ring."

Recovery from the Persians

In 602 the Persian Sassanian Shah began a 26-year long war against the Byzantine/ Roman Empire. In 614 Sassanian troops conquered Jerusalem and appointed two prominent Jews as its rulers. After only a few months Christians in the city rebelled, but the uprising was quickly crushed. The Persians retaliated by seizing the holy cross and taking it to their capitol as spoils of war.

In 628 a new Shah made peace with the Byzantines. Palestine was returned to Roman control and on March 21, 630 the Emperor Heraclius marched triumphantly into Jerusalem bearing the precious cross. The Emperor, taking off his shoes and his imperial robes, carried the cross into the Anastasis where it was once again triumphantly exalted. It was then resolved that the Feast of the Cross be celebrated throughout the empire, for which reason it is called the Universal Exaltation.

All the Earth Glorifies the Cross

When St Helena found the crosses at the site of Christ's tomb she noticed a fragrant plant, then unknown in Rome, which she named basil, the royal plant. In the Middle East the cross is adorned with basil leaves at the ceremony of the exaltation. The basil is then distributed to the worshippers.



SEPTEMBER LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Beginning of the Liturgical Year 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 4:16-22	2 St Mammas 2 Corinthians 13:3-13 Mark 4:35-41	3 St Anthimos of Nicomedia Galatians 1:1-3,20-24, 2:1-5 Mark 5:1-20	4 Holy Prophet Moses Galatians 2:6-10 Mark 5:22-24,35-6:1	5 Holy Prophet Zechariah, father of St John the Forerunner 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Matthew 23:1-12
6 14th Sunday after Pentecost الأحد الرابع عشر بعد العنصرة 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 Matthew 22:2-14	7 Preparation of Nativity of the Theotokos Galatians 2:11-16 Mark 5:24-34	8 Nativity of the Theotokos ميلاد والدة الإله Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28	9 Sts Joachim & Anne Galatians 4:22-27 Luke 8:16-21	10 Sts Menodora, Metrodora and Nymphodora Galatians 3:23-4:5 John 3:16-21	11 St Theodora of Alexandria Galatians 4:8-21 John 12:19-36	12 Saturday before Holy Cross Leave-taking of the Nativity of the Theotokos 1 Corinthians 2:6-9 Matthew 10:37-11:1
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Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.”

At your command, the sick were made well.

Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus.

May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died.

As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected

and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with our priests and spiritual care givers. May they know that they are loved and cared for.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks.

May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few,

Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

For You are a God of mercy, kindness, and love, and we glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

FOLLOWING JESUS—KIDS BULLETIN



Word-find: The Holy Cross

September 14th, Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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L R L N A D A M A R
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J S A V I O U R R E
E S R E V E R Y I T
S K Y H E A V Y F W
U H H E A V E N I O
S K U L L I F E C O
I F E L L E D I E D
N L E T O R T U R E
S O F F E R E D N N



This Tuesday we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Try to find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

After ADAM and EVE sinned, the world needed a SAVIOUR who would free us from the punishment we deserved in HELL. JESUS, Who was the Son of God, LOVED us so much that He OFFERED His LIFE to God the FATHER as a SACRIFICE for our SINS.

When the time came for Jesus to die, the HEAVY WOODEN cross was placed on His shoulders. He was forced to CARRY it to the top of the HILL. EVERY step was TORTURE. He FELL several times, and met His holy mother MARY along the way.

Finally He came to CALVARY, also called the PLACE of the SKULL. The soldiers nailed Him to the CROSS and lifted it up. The SKY became dark as Jesus hung there for THREE hours. Finally He DIED. His soul went to God and He opened the gates of HEAVEN.

Who found Jesus' cross after it had been buried for 300 years? _____

COVID-19 Updates

AS WE GATHER

please note the following



REMAIN AT HOME IF...

Remain at home and self isolate if you are feeling sick. Please use the self-assessment tools at www.alberta.ca before attending.



PHYSICAL DISTANCE

Maintain physical distancing of 2 metres (6 ft) between people who are not from the same household, at all times.



WEAR A MASK

Wear Non-Medical Mask. Sanitize your hands before and after wearing or adjusting your mask.



SANITIZE

Please sanitize your hands before entering or exiting the church. Sanitizing stations are available in the church.



CHILDREN

Children should remain with their parents or guardians at all times.



General Guidelines

- ❖ Temporary maximum capacity is 150 Parishioners!
- ❖ IF you are sick, have been identified to be in a high-risk group or are over the age of 65 PLEASE stay home!
- ❖ A Face Covering is **REQUIRED** at all times once you enter the Church.
- ❖ Parishioners must Enter from the main glass doors by the fountain and Exit from baptistry doors.
- ❖ Prior to entering all visitors will have their temperature taken. Your temperature must be **BELOW** 100 degrees Fahrenheit to enter.
- ❖ Hand sanitizer will be available- You are encouraged to use it when you are not able to properly wash your hands.
- ❖ Collection boxes will be at the entrance of the church, baskets will NOT be circulated during the liturgy.
- ❖ We are suspending the use of Liturgy books and printing of bulletins.
- ❖ Please follow the signs and direction of the ushers during Communion.
- ❖ Congregating of ANY kind will not be allowed!

Family Seating Guidelines

- ❖ Upon request, we will make every effort to seat family members who live in the same home together.
- ❖ You must arrive as a family in order to sit together.
- ❖ We will NOT hold seats for late arriving family members.
- ❖ ALL seats will be assigned by the ushers
- ❖ Once seated, your seat CANNOT be moved.

Phase III Revised: Picking Up Speed

Public health guidance must still be followed: Mask-wearing, social distancing, sanitation and screening are key to stopping the spread of COVID-19. Setting-based public health protocols (table spacing, etc.) from Phase II remains in effect for Phase III.

	Social gatherings	Public events and venues of assembly	Other places of public interaction (businesses, cultural institutions, outdoor recreation)
Examples include	Weddings, parties, networking events	Performances, festivals, religious services	Retail, restaurants, gyms, museums, close-contact business, office-based businesses, parks, beaches
Limits for indoor settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit of 25 people Exception: Social gatherings with licensed catering can have 50 people The smaller the group, the lower the risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit of 125 people Up to 66% capacity with 6-foot spacing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor venues operating at a percent capacity in phase 2 can increase up to 66% capacity with 6-foot spacing Indoor venues operating at a square footage capacity in phase 2 can increase up to 1 person per 100 square feet with 6-foot spacing
Limits for outdoor settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit of 50 people Exception: Social gatherings with licensed catering can have 100 people The smaller the group, the lower the risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit of 250 people 4th of July celebrations subject to beach/park rules. Plans for July 4 required above 250. Masks must be worn. Social distance must be maintained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6-foot distancing and all other public health guidance must be followed

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