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SERVICES: September 8, 2019 – September 15, 2019

Sunday, September 8, 2019.....9:00 am – Hours; 9:30 am - Liturgy; Coffee Hr.; 12:00 - Bible Study

UNIVERSAL EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Friday, September 13, 2019.....6:00 pm – Vespers

Saturday, September 14, 2019.....9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 14, 2019.....5:00 pm – Vespers

Sunday, September 15, 2019.....9:00 am – Hours; 9:30 am - Liturgy; Sunday School; Coffee Hr; 12:00 - Bible Study

September 8, 2019

Philippians 2:5-11 (Epistle)

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 (Gospel)

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Prayer List

We offer our prayers for all of our shut-ins who are unable to attend church services, especially: Vera Tatusko and William Tellep Jr. Also offer your prayers for those in need especially Helen Baburchak, Jessica Barton, Mat. Joanna Bohush, Lydia Boras, Laura Chapin, Elaine Costello; Bill Dranchak, Marilee Driggs; Tony Fiaco; Thanos Fotiou, Jack Francisco, Justin Garcia, Kristine Garner; Kathy Gregory; Marge Herciga; Stella Holowatch; Natalia Karlgut; Sue Kocenko, Olga Kulasza, Robert Kushner, Alicia Laskowski; Linda Main; George Murphy, Alexander Newsom; Tanya Pylypciw, Janeel Rahman, Sheila Ransom, Joni Mitchell, Tyler Sunday; Millie Sviatyla, Dorothy Tarasevich, Rachelle Vitale, Elayna Volock, Jack Wanchisen, Olga Warski, Bob Wartonik, Frank Urban & all of our parishioners who are ill. To add or remove names from the prayer list in the bulletin, please let Fr. Alexey or Fr. Timm know. Thank you!



COFFEE HOUR: Come downstairs and socialize with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Today: Rita Kushner, Nadine Fedones, Anne Sawchak, Ellen Baxendale, Patty & Dave Deamond

September 15: Allan/Elaine Costello, Dick/Jeannie Sura, Mat Michele Holowatch, Mike Pylypciw

September 22: Dorks

Sunday Adult Bible Study - The Epistles of James and Peter

Do we fully live out our faith? Members of the early Church (just like us) faced the temptation to live in worldly ways. They were also (just like us) under pressure from a powerful secular culture. The epistles of St. James and St. Peter are packed with guidance on how to swim against the secular tide and become an "overcomer" in Christ. Join us downstairs each Sunday at 12 noon (after coffee hour). Classes continue through the month of September.

ANNUAL 2019 CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE WORKSHOPS –This coming week Sept 10 it's going to be a 5 p.m. workshop. Scooper 4 pm pinchers 5 pm. The following week Tuesday Sept 17 it'll be an 8 am scoopers 9AM pinchers workshop. The last Tuesday Sept 24 will be a 5 p.m. workshop. We are really in need of everyone's help to make this a successful fundraiser. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the workshops! ☺ ☺

2019 – 2020 SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019. The children will begin studying the Book of Luke in preparation for the "Bible Bowl" in November. We encourage all of the parents to bring their children to church and Sunday School.

Dear Parishioners and friends, Glory to Jesus Christ!

Our parish is known throughout the Diocese for its charitable outreach and character. We always respond most generously to the needs of others, especially when it comes to the needs of children and youth, within and outside our parish. This is one of those times that we are reaching out and asking for your generous charitable contribution for a most worthy and needed cause. Please see the attached to your July Monthly Mailing the Appeal Letter and architectural plans for our diocesan St. Andrew's Camp. Your generous donations for this Major construction campaign are truly appreciated! May God bless you for your charity and love for the youth of our parish, deanery, and diocese!

With love in Christ, Fr. Alexey

STEWARDSHIP REMINDER!!- Now that we are in the 2nd half of our fiscal year, we ask that all of our parishioners review their stewardship contributions to the church and if they have fallen behind, please take this opportunity to catch up. Your church depends on you! Our parish is assessed \$145 per adult member by the Diocese and the National Church (or 10% of our annual non-designated regular revenue) and this constitutes a minimal financial obligation per our by-laws to be considered a member of the parish. None of this \$145 assessment remains in the parish to support the work and ministries and outreach of our parish family. If you need a total of your contributions to date, please contact us at sspeterandpauloffice@gmail.com, or see Fr. Alexey. Thank you for your generosity!

"MAKING GOOD MARRIAGES BETTER THROUGH RESOURCES OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH"

FRIDAY EVENING * SEPTEMBER 20, 2019 5:00 pm – 10:00 PM ARRIVAL, REGISTRATION, DINNER, SOCIAL RECEPTION SATURDAY * SEPTEMBER 21, 2019 MORNING PRAYER IN THE CHAPEL BREAKFAST SESSION ONE LUNCH SESSION TWO EVENING PRAYER IN THE CHAPEL DINNER SOCIAL GATHERING SUNDAY * SEPTEMBER 22, 2019 DIVINE LITURGY IN THE CHAPEL BREAKFAST DISMISSAL Saint Andrew's Camp and Religious Center is located on the shore of Lake Oneida in upstate New York, about 30 minutes north of Syracuse NY. Couples attending the retreat will receive lodging, meals, and all retreat materials as part of their registration. We are honored to feature Dr. Mary and Dr. David Ford of Saint Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary as retreat leaders. Following on-line registration, participants will receive further details and travel information. Saint Andrew's Camp website: <http://saintandrewscamp.org/>

THE FEAST OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

After the Emperor Constantine had a vision of a cross in the sky on the eve of a decisive battle, the terrible era of persecution of Christians came to a close. Inspired by this divine sign, the Emperor took to heart the words that surrounded the cross in his vision: "BY THIS SIGN YOU WILL CONQUER." Constantine placed his empire under the protection of the Cross, and was determined to find this greatest of all Christian relics.

In 326 A.D., an expedition set out for Jerusalem, headed by St. Helen, the mother of Constantine, to fulfill the Emperor's dream. After conversing with an elderly Jewish man named Judas, it seemed evident that the Holy Cross had been buried with debris in a cave, with a pagan temple built over it. Helen ordered the temple to be destroyed and the site excavated. Three crosses were found, along with the discarded inscription: "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." According to tradition, a funeral procession was passing by. A dead man was placed on each of the crosses - when he was placed upon the third one he immediately came back to life! The Cross of Christ had been found!

By now, a great crowd had gathered. In order for everyone to have the opportunity to see the Holy Cross, it is said that Patriarch Makarios took it to a high place, where he "elevated" it, making it visible to all. It is no wonder that the faithful instantly fell to their knees and humbly exclaimed: LORD HAVE MERCY! A great church was then built over this sacred spot, forever honoring the place where Christ gave His Life for us upon the Cross.



to all our visitors and guests who participate in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy! While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross & receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. We invite all of our guests to join us for our Fellowship Hour & to visit our Bookstore.

For bulletin inputs, contact Fr. Alexey, Fr. Timm or e-mail us at sspeterandpauloffice@gmail.com

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