

September 22, 2019
14th Sunday After Pentecost

Gal: 6: 11-18
John 3: 13 -17

Upcoming Services:

Sun. Sept. 22, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45
Fri. Sept. 27, 9:30 am. - Divine Liturgy, Elevation of the Cross
Sat. Sept. 28, 6:00 pm. - Great Vespers
Sun. Sept. 29, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45
Sat. Oct. 5, 6:00 pm. - Great Vespers
Sun. Oct. 6, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45

Reader Schedule:
Sun Sept. 22 - Wesley Hatch
Sun Sept. 29 - Greg Kuzmenchuk
Sun Oct. 6 - Cynthia Neff
Sun Oct. 13 - Kurtis Lauser

A monk asked a holy man: How can we perform miracles? The Holy Saint answered:
If you teach a person to read the Gospel, you have opened the eyes of the blind.
If you teach a person to help the needy, you have healed the paralyzed.
If you teach a person to go to Church, you have healed the crippled.
If you lead someone to repentance, you have raised the dead.
Now go and perform miracles
(Unknown)

September 27 - Elevation of the Cross

Feast Day of the Elevation of the Cross, coming so close to church New Years, reminds us the cross' central role to our lives as Christians throughout the year.

We admire the persistence of St. Helen, mother of Emperor Constantine, who despite her age traveled through the holy land, establishing churches in places that had special meaning in the life of Christ, one of the most important of these being the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, erected in Golgotha, outside the city walls of Jerusalem. There Helen had workers excavate beneath the old temple of Venus to uncover the tomb of the lord. Not far from it were three crosses, along with a board with the inscription ordered by Pilate, with four nails on it.

In order to discern the cross of the savior from that of the two thieves who were crucified with him, the Bishop of Jerusalem Macarius alternately touched the crosses to a corpse. When the cross of the lord touched the dead one, he came to life. Having beheld the raising of the dead man unanimously convinced everyone that the life-giving cross was found.

The icon of the feast shows the church, standing in the midst of the city of Jerusalem. The cross is central to the icon, with St. Helen and Emperor Constantine standing on either side, both with crowns. Saint Macarius is shown elevating the cross for believers to venerate. These figures are joined by a group that includes bishops, priests, monastics, and people who live in the city.

The epistle (I Corinthians - 1:18) for Cross Elevation day states, "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

Birthdays:

None this week

Upcoming Events:

Thur. Sept. 26 - 6:30 pm - Change Altar cloths
Sat. Sept. 28 - Annual Sisterhood Tea Party
Wagontown Hall 2- 4 pm
Sun. Sept. 29 - Parish Meeting after Liturgy in the church hall
Sat. Nov. 9 - Holy Ghost Fall bazaar 10 - 2pm

Upcoming Bazaar Cooking Events:

Mon. Sept 23 – 6:30 pm Halupki Prep.
Tue. Sept 24 – 8:30 am. Halupki Making
Mon. Sept 30 – 6:30 pm. Nut Roll Prep
Tues. Oct. 1 – 8:30 am. Bake Nut Rolls
Fri. Oct. 4 – 8:00 am. Haluski Making
Tues. Oct 8 – 6:30 pm Halupki Prep.
Wed. Oct 9 – 8:30 am. Halupki Making
Fri. Oct 11 - 8:00 am. Potato Prep.
Sat. Oct 12 – 8:30 am. Make Pierogies
Fri. Oct 18 – 6:30 pm. Nut Roll Prep
Sat. Oct. 19 – 8:30 am. Bake Nut Rolls

Food sales will be suspended as of October 1st until the Holiday Bazaar in November.
Volunteering at 3 cooking sessions is required to be able to purchase food Fri. night and Sat. morning before the Bazaar.

Holy Confession

Confession will be heard by Father Nicholas after Vespers on Saturdays, no later than 8:30am on Sunday, and by arrangement.

Anniversaries:

None this week

Weddings:

Saturday October 5th - Matthew Mark Estes Sr., son of the late William and Betty Estes to Sherry Lynn Hostetter, daughter of Gerald and Dhelma Hostetter

Notices:

Sisterhood Tea Party & Fashion Show
St. Anastasia Sisterhood is holding its' annual Tea Party on Saturday September 28, 2-4 pm at the Wagontown Fire Dept. Hall. Doors open at 1:30 PM

Sobor of the UOC of USA
The 22nd Regular Sobor of the UOC of USA will be held in South Boundbrook, New Jersey, October 16-19. Illaria Steele and Ron Hershey are selected as our delegates and Katie Thomas is the alternate.

Coffee Hour- Chicken corn noodle soup will be available for purchase after church on Sunday, September 29. Samples will be available as part of the coffee hour refreshments.

We need families to sign up and host our Sunday Coffee Hour.

September Charity
Sneakers for Soldiers

Prayer Corner:

For the Health of: Joe Domsohn Sr., Erin Bove, Olga Ward, Richard Ziegler, Sandy Knisley, Peter Roccia, Toby Seip, & Max Bostic