

September 23, 2018
17th Sunday After Pentecost

2 Corinthians 6:16 - 7:1
Matthew 15: 21 - 28

Upcoming Services:

Sun. Sept. 23, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45
Wed. Sept. 26, 5:00 pm - Small Vespers
Thur. Sept. 27, 9:30 am. - Divine Liturgy, Elevation of the Cross
Sat. Sept. 29, 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sun. Sept. 30, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45
Sat. Oct. 6, 5:00 pm - Great Vespers
Sun. Oct. 7, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours at 8:45

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Reader Schedule:</u></p> <p>Sun, Sept. 23 - Joe Crescenz Sun, Sept. 30 - Wesley Hatch Sun, Oct. 7 - Greg Kuzmenchuk Sun, Oct. 14 - Cynthia Neff</p>

Cross Elevation

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." The Kontakion for that day proclaims, "As you were voluntarily raised upon the cross for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by your name, O Christ God. Make all Orthodox Christians glad by your power, granting them victories over their adversaries, by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, your weapon of peace."

Birthdays:

None this week

Anniversaries:

None this week.

Notices:

A Celebration of the New Liturgical Year
On Sunday, September 23 the Executive Board is hosting a celebration during coffee hour to welcome in the new church year. We would like to use this time to kick off a year of opportunity to grow as a parish family in our faith and fellowship. Our first initiative will be the beginning of religious education for children and adults. Everyone interested in learning about new ideas for increasing our knowledge of Orthodoxy please attend.

Upcoming Events

Sun. Sept. 23 - Sisterhood Meeting canceled
No meeting this month
Wed. Sept. 26 - 5 pm - Small Vespers
Thur. Sept. 27 - 9:30 am - Elevation of the Cross
Divine Liturgy
Sat. Oct. 6 - 1 pm - Blessing of Pets
Mon. Oct. 8 - 7 pm - Bazaar Meeting
Tues. Oct. 16 - 7 pm - Executive Board Meeting

Cooking Events:

Sept. 24, Mon.- Halupki prep., 6:30 pm
Sept. 25, Tues.- Halupki rolling, 8:30 am & packing 6:30 pm
Sept. 29, Sat. - Halushki making, 8:30 am
Oct. 2, Tues.- Nut roll prep 6:30 pm.
Oct. 3, Wed.- Nut roll baking, 8:30 am
Oct. 9, Mon.- Halupki prep., 6:30 pm
Oct.10, Tues.- Halupki rolling, 8:30 am & packing 6:30 pm
Volunteering at 3 cooking sessions is required to be able to purchase food Fri. night and Sat. morning before the Bazaar.

Food sales will be suspended as of October 1st until the Holiday Bazaar in November.

Bazaar Cooking Calendars

Bazaar cooking calendars are available in the church hall. Your help is needed and appreciated.

Blessing of Pets

As part of the "Year of Creation" celebration Holy Ghost will hold a Blessing of Pets in the church's side yard on Saturday Oct. 6, 1 pm.

Fall Bazaar

The Holy Ghost annual Fall Bazaar is coming on Saturday Nov. 10.

Coffee Hour Signup

Hosts are needed for Sunday coffee hour. Check the posted list for openings.

September Charity

Coatesville Schools teaching supplies - Vocabulary Boxes

Bulletin Additions

For bulletin additions please contact Fr. Mike or Wesley Hatch by Friday at 4 pm.

Prayer Corner:

For the Health of: Lillian Maskula, Matthew Sparano, Michael Panaski, Richard Ziegler, Mary Kay Wroblewsky, Sandy Knisley, Rose Dmytryk, & Erin Bove