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SEPTEMBER 27, 2020
FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Reading
1 Corinthians 1:18-24

Gospel Reading
John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!**

Troparion for the Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance. Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries. And by virtue of Thy Cross, preserve Thy habitation!

Kontakion As Thou wast voluntarily raised upon the cross for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Thy Name, O Christ God; make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power, granting them victories over their adversaries, by bestowing on them the Invincible trophy, Thy weapon of Peace.

† Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, †
and Thy holy Resurrection, we glorify.

The St. Luke Gift Case is Open

Even though we are not yet gathering in the parish hall, we still have access to the beautiful Gift Case with its religious art and jewelry, monastery-made items, books and greeting cards. Louise Romanchak welcomes inquiries and will send photos to help “shoppers” make selections. Call her at 703-409-1168 or leave a message at the Gift Case. Purchases can be mailed or picked up at church. She comments on the most popular item: “I highly recommend the new Orthodox Prayer Book, which has been selling out with every new printing. We have six or so left and they are \$20/each. This is a great gift.” As Archimandrite Sergius says: *“May all who make use of it...be led more deeply into true and eternal union with the Bridegroom of our souls.”*

TODAY THE CROSS IS EXALTED

Church historians agree that two events brought about establishment of this blessed holy day: the finding of the Holy Cross of our Lord in the 4th century by St. Helen, mother of Emperor Constantine, and the return of the Cross to Jerusalem in the 7th century after it had been taken away by Persian invaders. It was treated with great reverence both times and held high for proper veneration. Due to the suffering of our Lord on the Cross, this day is a strict fast day.



Welcome to everyone praying with us today in person. Thank you for following our safety guidelines. May all who are in the Church and those livestreaming experience the great joy of the Festal Divine Liturgy.

Memory Eternal

We remember Mary Phillips on the seventh anniversary of her repose. May her soul dwell with the blessed, may her memory be eternal! Većnaja pamjat+

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, September 30 – 7PM

Two weeks remain in the thought provoking discussion on “The Great Divorce” by C.S. Lewis. Fr. John will email the study notes and Zoom link for all to join in.

Online Ancient Faith Women's Retreat - Nov. 14-15

“Seven Holy Women and You: Walking with the Saints” is the name of a new book and the upcoming online interactive webinar retreat. Seven women speakers will lead participants on a journey into the lives of seven women saints and the ways they foster our own spiritual identity. This event is created to be both a deeply personal and enriching communal experience. The \$70 registration fee includes a copy of the book. [Register here.](#)

God Grant You Many Years!

My God bless Dianna, Maximus and Marcus Damjan along with Jovan Glomazic as they celebrate their birthdays! Mnogaja ljeta!