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OCTOBER 4, 2020  
**AFTERFEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS**  
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Epistle Readings**  
Galatians 2:16-20  
2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

**Gospel Readings**  
Mark 8:34-9:1  
Matthew 15:21-28

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

**Troparion** (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

**Troparion for the Afterfeast 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** (Resurrection)

By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One!

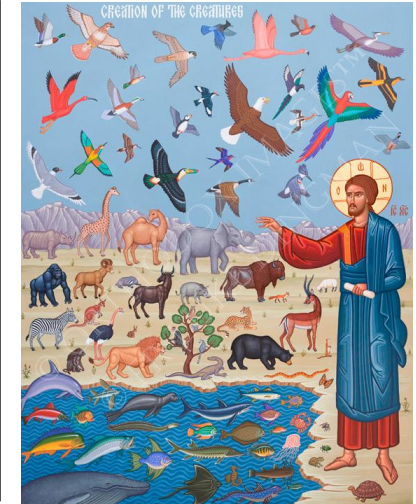
**Kontakion** As Thou wast voluntarily raised upon the cross for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Thy Name, O Christ God; make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power, granting them victories over their adversaries, by bestowing on them the Invincible trophy, Thy weapon of Peace.

**St. Luke Stewardship and Building Fund**

Your financial support is vital to our parish health and is a gracious blessing as we endure these challenging times together. Thank you for your faithful stewardship. Secure online donations can be made [By Credit Card or ACH Bank Transfer](#).

**ST. LUKE'S BLESSING OF PETS**  
Saturday, October 10  
4:00 PM

Metropolitan Tikhon gave his blessing for Fr. John to celebrate St. Luke's first-ever service for the Blessing of Pets next Saturday at 4PM. It will take place in the back patio and picnic area on our church grounds. People are welcome to bring whatever pets they want, as long as they remain close to their owners (leash, cage, tank or other containment). And we will of course maintain social distancing and wear masks.



**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 Divine Liturgy.

**"What is it to be Human? Revisiting Genesis in the Light of Christ" - Sunday**

Please join St. Mary's (Falls Church) on October 4th for a virtual afternoon retreat from 2-4PM presented by Fr. John Behr, former Dean of St. Vladimir's Seminary. He will be considering why it is that in Genesis God creates males and females, yet in Christ "there is neither male nor female." It will be an enlightening presentation on the Orthodox understanding of man and woman with plenty of time for Q&A. [Link to St. Mary's Calendar](#) ~ [Direct Link to Zoom Registration Page](#)

**Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, October 7 – 7PM**

This is the final week of the in-depth discussion on "The Great Divorce" by C.S. Lewis. Fr. John will email the study notes and Zoom link for all to join in.

**27<sup>th</sup> Ancient Christianity and African-American Conference – Fri.-Sat. October 9-10**

The Annual Ancient Christianity and African-American Conference is online this weekend to explore themes on Proverbs 29:18 "Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keeps the law, happy is he." Join in for thoughtful and spiritually enriching conversations. Register [here](mailto:stmosesbrotherhood@gmail.com). [stmosesbrotherhood@gmail.com](mailto:stmosesbrotherhood@gmail.com)

**God Grant You Many Years!**

God bless Nevenka Milosevich, Ron Kecman and Youssef Zaki as they celebrate their birthdays! Mnogaja ljeta!