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FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

FOURTEENTH 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.

Memory Eternal +

We offer prayers for Mary Phillips, Donna Karabin's mother, on the eighth anniversary of her repose. May her soul dwell with the blessed. Večnaja pamjat +

Orthodox Bishops to Meet in Washington, DC – Sat.-Tues. October 2-5

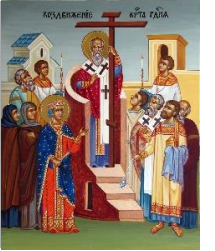
The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops will hold its 10th anniversary meeting here in the DC area next weekend. The faithful are invited to the public events:

- Sat., October 2 6PM Vespers at SS Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church
10620 River Road, Potomac, MD 20854
- Sun., October 3 8AM Matins, 9:30AM Divine Liturgy, Reception St. Sophia Cathedral
2815 36th Street NW, Washington, DC 20007
5-8PM Networking Charity Event at the Museum of the Bible
400 4th Street SW, Washington, DC 20024

[Registration](#) for one or all events has been extended to Wednesday, September 29.

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.



Welcome to all guests with us today in person and by livestream as we celebrate the Divine Liturgy. Join us for light refreshments at Coffee Hour immediately following Liturgy. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with us and Fr. John.

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, September 29 – 7PM on Zoom

Join this week's discussion on Elder Thaddeus' teaching "On Spiritual Struggle" from *Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives*. Fr. John will email the link and notes.

Saturday Great Vespers – Schedule Change

We will not meet for Vespers here on October 2. Vespers will be served on October 9 at 5PM.

FOCUS Family Care Drive – Sundays, October 3 and 10 (See the Poster in the Hall)

The Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve of the DC Metro Area is partnering with Grace Episcopal Church in Alexandria, VA for an October Diaper Drive for local needy families. [Donate online](#) or write checks to "FOCUS NA - DC Drive" to support a bulk purchase of diapers. Bring checks and infant care items here next Sunday. Find more information on [FOCUS DC](#).

Sisterhood Meeting – Sunday, October 3

All women of the parish are invited to next Sunday's Sisterhood meeting following Coffee Hour. The agenda will include further planning for the December Bake Sale and other Fall and Winter events.

Orthodox Church of St. Matthew Icon Raffle – November 16

St. Matthew's resident iconographer, Wayne Hajos, has hand written and donated an icon of the "Three Holy Youths" for a Raffle on November 16. See the flyer on our bulletin board describing this spiritually inspiring image (9.5" x 12" valued at \$400). Tickets are \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00. Make checks payable to "Orthodox Church of St. Matthew" and mail to: The Orthodox Church of St. Matthew, P.O. Box 2003, Columbia, MD 21045, attention: DR

Coffee Hour Hospitality Volunteers

Our Coffee Hour tradition is important to parish life not only to share refreshments but as a time to enjoy fellowship with one another after Sunday Liturgies. Two volunteers per week are needed to host Coffee Hour. Check your calendars and talk with Rada Carmichael or go to [Sign Up Genius](#).

God Grant You Many Years!

God bless the children and their families celebrating their birthdays this week: Jovan Glomazic and Dianna, Maximus and Marcus Damjan. Mnogaja ljeta!