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## AFTERFEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### Epistle Readings

Galatians 2:16-20  
II Corinthians 4:6-15

### Gospel Readings

Mark 8:34-9:1  
Matthew 22:35-46

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

### Troparion (Resurrection)

The angelic powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Your grave, seeking Your most pure body. You took hell captive, not being tempted by it. You came to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

### Troparion (Afterfeast of the 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)

When Christ God the Giver of Life, raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand, He bestowed resurrection on the human race. He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

### Kontakion (Afterfeast of the Cross)

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.

### Kontakion (St. Luke)

Let us praise the godly Luke: he is the true preacher of piety, the orator of ineffable mysteries and the star of the Church; for the Word, Who alone knows the hearts of men, chose him, together with wise Paul, to be a teacher of the gentiles!

### Matthew 22:35-40

Then one of the Pharisees, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing him and saying, “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”



**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.

### Thank You

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross was celebrated here last Sunday. We extend our thanks to Christina Urso and Jillian Rogers for making the traditional flower arrangement that decorated the Cross for veneration. Like many others, they offered their time and talent for the good of our parish community.

### Sisterhood Meeting – Today

All women of the parish are invited to join the Sisters’ meeting after Coffee Hour. There will be consideration of the October 31 Slava celebration during current Covid time. The next stages in coordinating the December 11 Holiday Bake Sale will also be discussed.

### Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, October 6 – 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 – October 9 at 5PM

Come for Vespers this Saturday to pray and prepare for Sunday’s Liturgy and the Eucharist.

### FOCUS Family Care Drive – Today and Sunday, October 10 (See the Display in the Hall)

The October Diaper Drive is underway and making progress. Its sponsors are FOCUS of the DC Metro Area in partnership with Grace Episcopal Church in Alexandria, VA. Local needy families will benefit by our support as well. They are 40% of the way to the \$5000 goal and 14,800 diapers goal. Other [Wishlist](#) items are needed. [Donate online](#) or write checks to “FOCUS NA-DC Drive” and bring them and other items here next Sunday. See [FOCUS DC](#).

### God Grant You Many Years!

God bless Nevenka Milosevich & Youssef Zaki on their birthdays! Mnogaja ljeta!