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AFTERFEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Readings

Galatians 2:16-20
2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Gospel Readings

Mark 8:34-9:1
Matthew 25:14-39

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

Troparion (Resurrection)

By Thy Cross Thou didst destroy death. To the thief Thou didst open Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers Thou didst change weeping into joy, and Thou didst command Thy disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that Thou art risen, granting the world great mercy.

Troparion (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)

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: “The Savior has come to those in faith; enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

Kontakion (Feast)

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!

Thank You to Louise Romanchak for the floral decorations on the Holy Cross.

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

After Liturgy, the clergy will venerate the Holy Cross bowing down three times to the hymn “Before Thy Cross”. Everyone may do the same (if able).



Welcome to all guests with us by livestream and in person. We invite you to stay for Coffee Hour refreshments and to get acquainted with us. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John today.

Memory Eternal

We offer prayers for Metropolitan Kallistos Ware and Archpriest John Reeves 40 days since their repose. May their souls dwell with the blessed. Memory Eternal+
Go to <https://www.svots.edu/events/remembering-metropolitan-kallistos-ware> to learn about St. Vladimir’s Seminary Panikhida and remembrance on Monday, October 3 at 5PM.

Metropolitan Tikhon Calls for Prayers in the Hurricane Recovery

Metropolitan Tikhon asks all clergy, monastics and the faithful to pray for everyone and every Orthodox parish affected by Hurricane Ian in Florida and along the Atlantic coast. We also pray for the survivors of Hurricane Fiona on the Atlantic coast of Canada. “For those who have already lost their lives we ask that the Lord grant them a place of rest ‘where there is neither sickness, nor sorrow, nor sighing, but life everlasting’.”

First Sunday of the Month Food for the Needy – Thank You!

God bless the men, women and children who will receive the food donated today.

Church Musician Sunday – Today

Today is the first OCA Church Musician Sunday. It is an occasion to recognize the vital role of music in Orthodox Christian worship and to honor directors, singers, chanters, readers, composers. God bless our St. Luke Choir, our directors and readers. Many Years!

St. Luke Sisterhood Officers

Last Sunday, the Sisterhood held its annual meeting with an election of new officers: Radmila Carmichael as President, JoAnne de la Riva as Vice-President, Donna Karabin as Treasurer, and Cindy Volosin as Secretary. God bless the Sisters for their philanthropy and hospitality ministry.

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, October 5 – 7PM on Zoom

Come join in this Wednesday evening to discuss Fr. Lawrence Farley’s commentary on the Gospel of Luke, chapter 16. Fr. John will email the Zoom link and his notes.

God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja Ljeta!

God bless Nevenka Milosevich on her 80th birthday and Youssef Zaki on his birthday!