

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross, Sept. 13, 2020

9:00 AM - Lit. God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

11:30 AM - Lit. + Faustino Rodriguez

r/by Ana & Ron Mascenik

Monday, September 14, 2020**Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

8:00 AM - Lit. God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

7:00 PM - Lit. + Anton J. Massopust

r/by Charles & Glenys Biloholowski and Family

Tuesday, September 15, 20208:00 AM - Lit. + Louis Nucci (40th Day)

r/by Romanetz and Nucci Families

Thursday, September 17, 2020

8:00 AM - Lit. + Joseph Neubauer - Legate

Friday, September 18, 2020

8:00 AM - Lit. + Harold & Olga Lawley - Legate

Saturday, September 19, 2020

8:00 AM - Lit. + Joseph & Anna Sobczyk r/by Children

5:00 PM - Lit. + Mary Ann Smereka r/by Stanley Stempinski

Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross, Sept. 20, 2020

Epistle - Gal 2:16-20; Gospel - Mk 8:34-9:1

9:00 AM - Lit. + Bill Adamshick r/by Joyce & Sons

11:30 AM - Lit. God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

Donation to Church

\$111.00 - Stanley Stempinski, in memory of

+ MARY ANN SMEREKA

Adult Catechetical Education

Exciting and educational free live webinars in the series "*Eastern Catholic Theology in Action*" from September 3 - November 12, 2020, 5:00 p.m. (PT) presented by The Lumen Christi Institute and the Godbearer Institute. No preparation is necessary and participants can attend according to their availability.

Distinct in their liturgy, theology, spirituality, and discipline of Church life, 23 Eastern Catholic Churches are in communion with the Roman Catholic Church. The Second Vatican Council urged the Eastern Catholic Churches to cultivate and promote their unique share of the tradition. This series responds to that mandate and features leading scholars in the field to offer their theological perspectives drawn from the wisdom of Christian East. In view of broadening our understanding of the Catholic intellectual tradition, this series draws attention to the vantage points of Christians who worship, think, and pray in continuity with the first 1,000 years of the undivided Church.

This series is co-sponsored by the Beatrice Institute, the Calvert House Catholic Center, the Institute for Faith and Culture, the Harvard Catholic Forum, the Nova Forum, the Orthodox Christian Studies Center at Fordham University, the Saint Benedict Institute, and the St. Paul University Catholic Center.

-Thursday, September 10, 5 p.m. PT. "A Theology of Wonder: An Introduction to the Poetry of Ephrem the Syrian." Andrew Hayes (University of St. Thomas, Houston).

-Thursday, September 17, 5 p.m. PT. "Christ the Lover of Mankind: Philanthropia, Mystery, and Martyria in Eastern Christianity." Robin Darling Young (Catholic University of America).

-Thursday, September 24, 5 p.m. PT. "Eastern Churches, Latin Territories: Ecclesial Catholicity and the Notion of Diaspora." Alexander Laschuk (Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies at University of St. Michael's College).

-Thursday, October 1, 5 p.m. PT. "Expanding the Archive: Syriac Literature and the Study of Early Christianity Today." Erin Walsh (University of Chicago).

-Thursday, November 12, 5 p.m. PT. "Quo Vadis: the Direction of Eastern Catholic Theology, a Pastoral Perspective for the 21st Century." Archbishop Borys Gudziak (Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia and Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the USA).

*** Register for each event on the event page:
<http://lumenchristi.org/news/2020/08/Eastern-Catholic-Theology-in-Action>

TODAY: Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross

(John 3:13-17)

A week before the feast day of the Universal Elevation of the Holy Cross, the Orthodox Church prepares the faithful through Scriptural readings, prayer and acts of good deeds to celebrate the event of the finding of the precious and life-giving Cross of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Among the many symbols of the Christian Faith the Holy Cross is considered the most important. It is the symbol of Christianity. It is the symbol of Christ's victory over death. It is the weapon against all evil forces. It is the power of the Saints. It is the flag under which the righteous fought against Satan.

THE STORY OF THE FEAST: The Holy and Life-giving

Cross of Jesus was discovered in Jerusalem by Helena and Patriarch Macarius of Jerusalem in 326 A.D. The Cross was lifted up by the Patriarch and venerated by the people who proclaimed "Lord, have mercy!" Each of the Twelve Major Feasts has something to teach us about The Mission of the Messiah (Virtue of Faith). Each Feast points our minds and hearts to Jesus and His saving mission on earth. Many Old Testament prophecies and signs were fulfilled by Jesus and His Holy Mother. In this feast we remember that the Holy Cross is the instrument of our redemption. Jesus carried His cross through Jerusalem and up to Golgotha, where He was executed through crucifixion by the Romans at the request of the Jewish leaders. The Cross which was an instrument of death became the "Tree of Life" for the New Adam. Through the Cross, Jesus conquered sin and death by taking on its power through His own suffering and death. This victory would be made complete when Jesus rose from the dead on the third day

Calling All Substitute Teachers.

If you have a bachelor's degree in any field, we need you! We invite you to be part of our Catholic school family by becoming a short or a long time substitute teacher. For more information, call the church office 732-826-0767 or Assumption Principal Mrs. Shumny 732-826-8721.

PASTOR'S CORNER : Learning to Trust....

We have a light fixture over our front door that glints in the sun and is attractive to birds. Every year without fail, a bird tries to build its nest on that light. Because I know that any nest that is built there is bound to fall, I always break up the nests just as the birds begin to make them. After several frustrating attempts, they move to a large maple tree in our garden, and there safely build their seasonal home far from any danger of falling. Like those unknowing feathered creatures, we too, oftentimes find that our dreams and plans are frustrated and lead to failure. We cannot help but wonder why God allows the earthly nests that we struggle so hard and work to build to fall apart and crumble before us. But the fact is that we cannot see as God does; if we too could judge events from the perspective of eternity, we would come to understand that God seeks for us a higher destiny, and a place of true serenity and provision for our deepest needs. Scripture teaches us that God led his people of Israel out of Egypt and into a forty-year journey of hardship in a lonely and forbidding wilderness. And yet, at the end of that journey, they were led from bondage to a glorious land that flowed with milk and honey. From down trodden slaves, He transformed them into a mighty nation envied by others. How wonderful it would be if we could each learn to trust God in those times when we too experience the dark passages that enter our lives. How reassured we would be if we never questioned God's wisdom and goodness, even at those times when we find him disturbing the nests that we try to build. When we come to accept the providential care of God with childlike simplicity we soon discover that the barriers we encounter in our lives can in retrospect, come to be numbered among our greatest blessings.