



SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 | 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | TONE 6
FOREFEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE PRECIOUS CROSS

SCRIPTURE READINGS

GALATIANS 6:11-18 | EPISTLE (215)

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

JOHN 3:13-17 | GOSPEL (9)

No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

WISDOM FROM THE FATHERS

"Let us then not be ashamed of the Cross of our Saviour, but rather glory in it."

ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM † CATECHETICAL LECTURES

"It was fitting for the Lord to spread out His hands, that with the one He might draw the ancient people, and with the other those from the Gentiles, and unite both in Himself."

ST. ATHANASIUS THE GREAT † ON THE INCARNATION

MANY YEARS!

ANNIVERSARIES

23RD – Rick & Shirley Sandbothe

OCT 12TH – Steven & Sarah Dumler

BIRTHDAYS / NAME'S DAYS

13TH – Doreen Himelrick

14TH – Cassandra Head

17TH – Trevor Hendrix

20TH – Kassiani Krueger

20TH – Noah Scott

22ND – Bill Stevens

24TH – Dave Guy

29TH – Eilidh Robinson

29TH – Penelope Krueger

29TH – Bodie Glover

29TH – Michael Mikita

OCT 2ND – Daryl Mikita

OCT 3RD – Michael Hlatki

OCT 8TH – Rita Evanoika

OCT 13TH – Theo Nelson

CALENDAR

SAT, SEP 12TH

Catechesis Class, 5:15–6:15 PM; Great Vespers, 6:30–7:30 PM

SUN, SEP 13TH

Divine Liturgy, 9:30–11:00 AM

Coffee Hour & Church School, 11 AM (Team 12)

Slavic Fest Prep — Pierogi & Noodles, 12 PM

Altar Server Orientation, immediately after Liturgy
Vespers with Cross Procession — Exaltation of the Cross, 6:30–7:30 PM

MON, SEP 14TH

Divine Liturgy — Exaltation of the Cross, 7:00–8:30 AM

WED, SEP 16TH

Prayer Service for Rain, 8:00–8:30 AM (St. Tikhon's Chapel)

THU, SEP 17TH

Slavic Fest Prep — Bag Noodles, 6:30–8:30 PM

SAT, SEP 19TH

Catechesis Class, 5:15–6:15 PM; Great Vespers, 6:30–7:30 PM

SUN, SEP 20TH

Divine Liturgy, 9:30–11:00 AM

Coffee Hour & Church School, 11 AM (Team 1)

Slavic Fest Prep — Pierogi & Noodles, 12 PM

ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION † ORTHODOX CHURCH

THE CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION AT JERUSALEM

After the Lord's Passion, the Roman authorities buried the holy places of Jerusalem. Hadrian levelled the city, renamed it Aelia Capitolina, and raised pagan temples over Golgotha and the Sepulchre, so that for nearly two centuries the sites of the Crucifixion and Resurrection lay hidden under earth and stone. In the fourth century the Emperor Constantine, with his mother the Empress Helen, resolved to recover them. The pagan structures were pulled down and the ground cleared, and there were found the Sepulchre, the place of the Skull, and three crosses; the Cross of the Lord was made known by a miracle worked through it.

Over the Sepulchre and Golgotha Constantine then built a great church, the Church of the Resurrection, ten years in the building. St. Helen did not live to see it finished. It was dedicated on September 13, 335, while the bishops gathered at the Council of Tyre were assembled, and from that dedication the Church has kept this day each year — fittingly on the eve of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross, since it was in the clearing of this very ground that the Cross was found.

TROPARIA & KONTAKION

TROPARION — TONE 6 (RESURRECTION)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, // glory to Thee.

TROPARION — TONE 4 (FOUNDING OF THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION)

Thou hast revealed the beauty of the holy dwelling place of Thy glory on earth to be like the splendor of the heavenly firmament, O Lord. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, strengthen it for ever and ever and accept our supplication which we ceaselessly offer Thee therein, // the life and resurrection of all!

TROPARION — TONE 4 (FOREFEAST)

We offer in supplication the life-creating Cross of Thy goodness, O Lord, which Thou hast granted to us although we are unworthy. // Through the Theotokos, save all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of man!

KONTAKION — TONE 6 (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 — TONE 4 (FOUNDING OF THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION)

The Church has been revealed to be a heaven filled with light, which enlightens all the faithful. // Standing within it we cry: "Establish this house, O Lord!"

PRAYER LIST

DEPARTED:

John, Shirley
Katherine OLYEJAR (44 Years) † Memory Eternal!
Michael Daniel (65 Years) † Memory Eternal!
Elizabeth Hlatki (111 Years) † Memory Eternal!

LIVING:

Met. Tikhon, Abp. Benjamin, Bp. Vasily, Fr. Andreas, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Zechariah, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Silouan, Fr. Ambrose, Fr. George & Family, Mother Cassiana, Dcn. Herman & Family, Muriel, April, Madalyn, Makenzie, Makiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Russ, Kade, Laura, Vanessa, Sheila, *Zach*, Christopher, Pavle, Layla

WITH CHILD:

Kelsey, Kelly, Vana

CONFINED:

Basil, Hannah, Theodore

TRAVELING:

Fr. Andreas

italics = pending expiration

COMMEMORATIONS

Forefeast of the Elevation of the Venerable Cross, Commemoration of the Founding of the Church of the Resurrection (Holy Sepulcher) at Jerusalem, Hieromartyr Cornelius the Centurion, Martyr Chronides of Alexandria and those with him, Martyrs Macrobios and Gordian at Tomi in Romania and those with them, Hieromartyr Julian of Galatia, Saint Peter of Atroe, Greatmartyr Ketevan Queen of Georgia, Venerable Hierotheus the Younger of Iveron, Mount Athos, Saint John of Prislop

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Slavic Fest Food Prep Workdays — Helpers are welcome at every session. *Sundays at noon:* Sept. 13 prune pierogi & noodles; Sept. 20 cottage cheese & noodles; Sept. 27 potato pierogi & noodles; Oct. 4 extra pierogi & noodles if needed. *Thursdays at 6:30 PM,* bagging noodles: Sept. 17, Sept. 24, Oct. 1.

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