

The Cross Raised for All the World to See

The cross is raised and appears above the earth, which until recently malice had kept hidden. It is raised, not to receive glory (for with Christ nailed to it what greater glory could it have?) but to give glory to God who is worshiped on it and proclaimed by it.

It is not surprising that the church rejoices in the cross of Christ and robes herself in festal clothes, revealing her bridal beauty as she honors this day. Nor is it surprising that this great throng of people has gathered together today to see the cross exposed aloft and to worship Christ whom they see raised upon it. For the cross is exposed in order to be raised and is raised to be exposed.

What cross? The cross, which a little while ago was hidden in a place called "The Skull" but now is everywhere adored. This is what we rejoice over today; this is what we celebrate; this is the point of the present feast; this is the manifestation of the mystery.

For this hidden and life-giving cross had to be exposed, set on high like a city on a hill or a lamp on a stand, for all the world to see.

Saint Andrew of Crete

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SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of the Elevation of the Holy Cross

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Schedule for Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Vespers: 6:00 p.m.

Day of Feast: 10:00am and 6:00 p.m.

Confessions: See calendar or at any time by request.

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September 10, 2023

Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross

This Sunday: Epistle Galatians 6:11-18

Gospel John 3:13-17

Next Sunday: Epistle Galatians 2:16-20

Gospel Mark 8:34-9:1

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday 9/11

No Liturgy

Tuesday 9/12

8:00am Liturgy: H/S Maria Marginean - Happy Birthday!

Wednesday 9/13

8:00am Liturgy: H/S Vassa Delis-Parker by Jacqui Oprean

Wednesday 9/13

6:00pm Great Vespers: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Thursday 9/14

10:00am Divine Liturgy: Holy Day of Obligation

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Friday 9/15

8:00am Liturgy: H/S Sarah Jo Oprean and Baby Rose

Amelia by Jacqui Oprean

Saturday 9/16

No Liturgy

Sunday 9/17

10:00am Divine Liturgy: Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross

Parastas: +Mary Cornea and +Georgeta Barcutian by Craciun Family

Church Bulletin donated in September by Bob and Nancy Maciag.

Scheduled services will be held and can be viewed and prayed with at <https://stgeorge.click2stream.com/>. Make sure to click on the volume to unmute at the bottom right-hand corner. The obligation to attend Liturgy for Holy Days and Sundays **In-Person** has been reinstated.

Coffee Hour in the Large Hall this week donated by Ana and William Galida. Thank you!

Sunday Collection: September 3, 2023

Loose	\$9.00
Sunday envelopes	\$1,870.00
Candles	<u>\$54.00</u>
Total	\$1,933.00

Donation: +Amelia Botean by sons, +John Michael and Mark

To the Sf. Maria Ladies Auxiliary	\$100.00
To St. George Cathedral	\$100.00

Someone lit a candle and prayed for you last Sunday:

In memory of all Zagan Family Members	The Zagan Family
+All family members	Del and Sandy
H/S All family members	Del and Sandy
In loving memory of daughter +Trisha Schock	Del and Sandy
H/S Family	Nicu and Marcela Greavu
H/S Ileana, Nicusor and Angelica	Nicu and Marcela Greavu
H/S Ashley Walsh	Walsh Family
H/S Terri Wilhite	Walsh Family
H/S Barbara Makuch	Walsh Family
H/S Bob and Nancy Maciag	Mark Botean
H/S Bob and Nancy Maciag	John Puia
H/S Fr. Deacon Viorel	Ana and William Galida
+Patricia Galida	William Galida
H/S Bob Maciag	Ana and William Galida
Happy Birthday Fr. Ovi!	Dave and Debbie Murari

Special Intention for Emily
Health of Bob Maciag
Health and salvation
Special Intention
Health and salvation

Dave and Debbie Murari
Dave and Debbie Murari
Mihai and Elena Florea
Mihai and Elena Florea
Ioan and Maria Marginean

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Special Announcement:

Prayer requests: Bob Maciag, Ana Marie Wilson, Safe travels for Fr. Ovi and P-sa Gabi, Ann Fosnaught and Baby, Ukraine, Lopez Family, Zeddelensky Family, Ashley Hodkinson, Debbie Maier, Rose Maier, Ray Cockran, Beverly Campian, Mark Botean, Rose Karavolas, Tiffany McCormick, Mary Franchini, Vicky Dash (Doug Babb's sister), Tim Shocksnyder, Timothy John, Troy Kilpatrick, Sadie Dexter, Neil Weakland, Edward Sutek, Lanette Fliger, Friedrich Neading, Clore Family, Rodriguez Family, Patron Family, Seesan Family, Liviu Barcutian, Suzie Dragos, Virginia Rogers, Bob and Barbara Greavu and all who need our prayers.

Always in our prayers: Esther Dershaw (Sprenger Health Care Rose Lane Nursing and Rehabilitation), Alex and Theresa Gonyias (Home), Sr. Agnes Scalero (St. Joseph Center), Ann Stimer (Home), Doris Rotar (home in Florida)

Altar Candelabrum for September 2023 is donated by **Scott and Jaime Parker** in honor of our wedding anniversary.

Left Iconostasis Candelabrum for September 2023 is donated by **Mircea Cristea**.

Right Iconostasis Candelabrum for September 2023 is donated by ...

Blessed Virgin Mary Candelabrum for September 2023 is donated by ...

Prescura for 2023: Annie Collins, Esther Dershaw, Suzie Dragos, Elena Florea, Ann Fosnaught, Mariana Greavu, Ana Heim, Grete Heatherly, Ileana Hotiu, Nancy Maciag, Maria Marcu, Debbie Murari, Virginia Rogers, Kathy Walsh, P-sa. Patricia Wendt, Dodi Zbuka and P-sa. Gabriela Marginean

Announcements:

Ann has **new office hours**: Tuesday through Friday from noon to 4pm. This will be for September 2023.

Would you be interested in 1, 2 or 3 of **the old cash registers**? See Ann or Emil if you would like any number of them. Please respond by September 19.

2023 Life Conference: the political, medical, moral and philosophical aspects of life. Saturday, September 30 at St Mary Byzantine Catholic Church Hall in Marblehead, Ohio. Registration at 8:00 a.m. conference 9:00am to 5:00pm. Continental breakfast and lunch included. Tickets are \$60 per adult and \$30 per student. Scholarships are available. Deadline to register is Wednesday, September 27. Call 419-626-0375 or email lifeconference2023@yahoo.com. Additional information at www.stmarymarblehead.com.

You're invited to the **Bridegroom's Banquet**, it is a benefit dinner for the nuns of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery, on Saturday, November 4th, at the Astrodome Event Center in Parma, Ohio. There is no cost to attend the dinner, but registration is required by October 16. Adults 21 and older may attend. Enjoy the dinner, entertainment, and the evening the nuns and their guests. Watch the premiere of the nuns' new video which will complete the three-part series on property, chastity, and obedience. Learn more about and support the nuns in their life of prayer and hospitality. Donations given at the event or designated ahead of time will be doubled by matching donors. For more information into register, please visit www.christthebridegroom.org. with questions, call 440-834-0290.

Parish events

Announcing the Theology Power Hour: The first meeting of the study group reading and discussing *The Orthodox Church* by Metropolitan Kallistos Ware took place last Sunday, September 3. Fifteen people came to kick off the discussion, choose a name, and plan the format and schedule for upcoming meetings. The discussion was lively and promises to be even more engaging as time goes on. We will continue discussing this book through the end of the year, meeting twice a month after the Sunday coffee hour (or around 3:00 PM). Depending on availability, we will meet either in the small hall or the big hall. The days currently scheduled are **today**, September 10, October 1 and

22, November 5 and 26, and December 12 and 17. (The sessions will be included in the parish calendar distributed with the bulletin and available as a public calendar you can subscribe to on Google.) *You are welcome to join any time*, and there is no commitment involved other than your own desire to deepen your understanding of Byzantine Christianity, the Eastern Catholic Churches, and our liturgy.

SAVE THE DATE:

Sf. Maria Ladies Auxiliary present "**VIVA IL VINO**", an Italian wine and food pairing event. October 14, 2023. See Debbie Murari for your invitation.

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS:

Thank you to Ana Heim-Galida for donating and arranging the beautiful flower vases for the Dormition Feast. Thank you, Ana, for donating the mum flowers for the Nativity of the Mother of God Feast.

Happy Birthday! La mulți ani!

Annie Collins – September 11th

Hieromonk Seoirse – September 12th

Barbara Smith – September 13th

Debbie Maier – September 14th

Deacon Viorel Badiceanu – September 14th

Tickle Your Funny Bone:

A just out of seminary pastor was about to conduct his first wedding and was worried sick. An elderly preacher gave him some advice, "If you lose your place in the ceremony book or you forget your lines, start quoting scriptures until you find your place."

The wedding day came. And, sure enough, the young man forgot where he was in the ritual. Unfortunately, the only verse he could think of was "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Wisdom of the Saints by Matthew Kelly

And while we sing, remembering to sing is to doubly pray. At once in our hearts and our tongues, we offer double prayer sent heavenward on winged notes to praise God dwelling there. *St. Cecilia*

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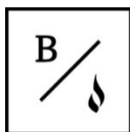


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6pm			Great Vespers 6pm - 7pm	Liturgy: Holy Day of Obligation 6pm - 7:30pm			
7pm							

Stewardship

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving

October 2023

There is a story about a prosperous farmer who was a very poor financial supporter of his church, his pastor went to visit him in hopes of getting him to increase his giving. The pastor pointed out to him that the Lord had given him a fertile piece of land and had blessed him with sunshine and rain so that his crops would grow.

The preacher added, “You know, this farm and everything you have is really on loan to you from God. You should be more grateful.” The farmer replied, “I don’t mean to complain, Reverend, but you should have seen what a mess this place was when the Lord was running it by himself!”

Most of us can sympathize quite well with that farmer. On one level, we would probably agree that the preacher was right in saying that everything we have comes from God, but on another level we may well feel that whatever worthwhile has been made of what we have been given is our own doing.

From God’s hand

There is a natural sense of pride we feel when we have accomplished something and that makes us reluctant to share the credit, even with God. But to say that all things come to us from God’s hand is to acknowledge that behind everything is God. Without God’s grace, blessings, and mercy, we literally could not exist. God is, in the ultimate sense, the King of our world.

There have always been people who felt as this farmer did, however. Many of the kings we read about in the Bible

were very concerned to have the record of their accomplishments widely known and revered. Some even wanted to be treated as gods themselves and have their subjects worship them.

But common people in the Bible were infected with this “look at what I’ve



done” attitude as well. Thus, many people sought such status symbols as large land holdings, abundant flocks, several wives, and large numbers of children, especially sons.

Against this prevalent feeling, King David’s attitude about his own status before God stands out in stark contrast. In his final days, as he prepared to turn the

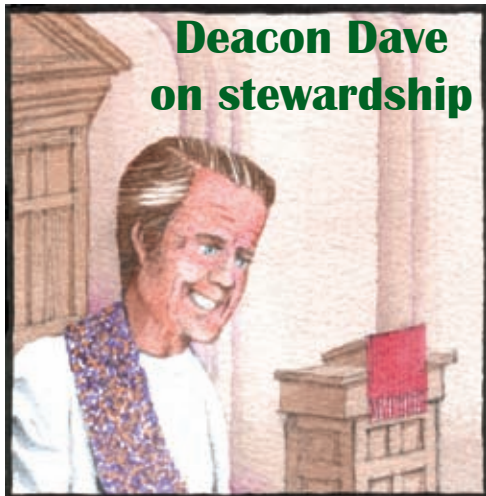
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“It is God’s power to provide you richly with every good gift; thus you will have ample means in yourselves to meet each and every situation, with enough to spare for every good cause.”

II Corinthians 9:8



Deacon Dave on stewardship




Money is deeply and significantly symbolic. It isn't just a silver coin or a piece of engraved paper; it represents our time and our talents as well. It is symbolic, because when we give of our money, we are giving of ourselves. And the contrary is also true: when we withhold our money, we are withholding of ourselves.

The dictionary defines “time” as a period during which something exists or can be accomplished. We live in twenty four hour increments. We live one day at a time, one hour at a time.

We make time for work, recreation and rest. If you are like me, all of our time is accounted for. Most of us run through our days like that character in Alice in Wonderland, crying “I’m late, I’m late.” I challenge you to get still for a moment and take a good long look at your typical day and count how much time you allot to the giver of life.

If you’re really serious about this challenge, we agree that time is a gift given freely from our creator. It is life itself. Yet, sadly we misuse this gift. Typically, we foster the attitude of self-service, rather than other service, including service to our church.

If we are honest, we can see areas in which we can improve our response to God, for God’s astonishing gift of time. You might say “I do give.” I invite you to take a closer look at your giving habits. When you give, in what spirit do you give? Is it to give loudly so all those within striking range know of your gift? When you show some kindness or use your talent, are you pompous and pumped up? Then the reward


is superficial. The gift is given in the spirit of self-service. As the words of scripture remind us to be “doers of the Word, not hearers only.” 

Abundant Life!

Did you ever notice how much bigger a check for \$100 looks in the offering plate than in the envelope to the electric company, or at the supermarket checkout counter? Most of us would not consider sending the power company only what we have left over. And, canned beans and white bread would be a large portion of our weekly fare if we only bought groceries with what is left over. Yet, many are willing to return to God only what is left over after we satisfy our other desires. I have actually heard church officials categorize their giving to the church with “other discretionary spending”!

Giving to the church isn’t the same as giving to the poor; churches have fixed expenses too! Only a portion of what churches receive is actually used to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the imprisoned, etc. Yet, experience shows that members who are not generous with the church are not generous with other organizations and causes either.

Live more joyfully

It’s all a matter of “an attitude of gratitude.” People who acknowledge God as the source of whatever wealth they have, generally share it with pleasure and wish they could give more. People who are convinced that whatever they have is solely the fruit of their own efforts, generally are more comfortable with an “I’ll take mine first” attitude. Each dollar given away looms large as self-denial. Is there any doubt about who lives more joyfully? Christ promised not wealth, but abundant life! 

Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor:

They looked like a small parade coming down the street from the cul-de-sac. Five little boys and girls on their very first two-wheel bikes were obviously on a mission. They pulled a red wagon loaded with a blanket holding precious cargo ... dolls? Stuffed animals? Free kittens?

But what made this entourage stand out was the method they had devised for pulling the wagon. Two ropes, both probably ten feet long, were tied to the wagon handle. Each rope led to a different bicycle, onto which it was securely knotted. Clever! Two bikes pulled the wagon. By riding side by side, a few feet apart, the “pullers” kept the wagon from veering unsteadily or tipping over. The other three bikers seemed equally intent on this mission, with communication at 100%. Because the children were good “stewards” of their “treasure,” the wagon rolled smoothly down the street toward the goal.

We Christians use stewardship in similar ways: Start with the Gospel, and the need to “take it into all the world.” Use material and spiritual gifts from God to accomplish this. Trusting God’s leadership, we know where we’re going and how to get there. Keep moving, without veering off course. Pull together and share the load, remembering that the Bible says we are, “working together with him...” (2 Corinthians 6:1) God leads and loves each of us more than we can possibly understand! Enjoy the stewardship journey!

Cathy

The Good Steward

In laboring to grow more faithful Christians whose giving reflects and in-forms their faith, we are doing more than just raising money. We seek to help believers understand that gifts to the church are qualitatively different from those sought by United Way or our alma mater.

The grateful response of a Christian to the love and grace of God is not primarily motivated by emotional reactions to pictures of starving children, battered women, or derelict men, although these will surely touch a Christian’s heart. Rather, we give because we recognize that without God’s gifts of our time and our talents ... our very lives ... we would have nothing.

We give because through our giving we witness to our understanding of Christ’s priorities for our world and we know that without our gifts, these priorities will not be realized. We give because it gives us joy. We give because Jesus told us, “It is more blessed to give than to receive,” and we know that Christ was telling us that it is in our own best interest to give.

We are created in God’s image. In our Baptism, we become, in St. Paul’s words, “new persons in Christ Jesus.” We bear the giving nature of our creator. Giving to the church, to the many agencies of God’s reconciling love in the world, is part and parcel of our very being.

Christians cannot not give, it’s just not in them. ☩



There is a difference between ownership and possession. We may claim to own things, but as between man and God, we own nothing. God owns all things. We simply use them or possess them temporarily.

As stewards or trustees, we must administer God’s property in a way pleasing to him, and acknowledge God’s ownership by setting apart a portion of time and income for the extension of his kingdom.

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There is a story about ...

throne of Israel over to his son, Solomon. David also laid the groundwork so that Solomon could build the Temple in Jerusalem. He had all of the materials needed to do the job gathered.

He contracted with skilled craftsmen to serve his son. And he donated not only income from the royal treasury, but also huge sums from his personal fortunes toward the project.

Finally, he challenged the people themselves to offer not only from their own possessions, but also to offer their skills and talents to the task that lay ahead. The people responded generously in both ways. David then prayed a prayer that has to be considered remarkable for a king in that age. The whole prayer is recorded in I Chronicles 29:10–19, but consider the implications of just two verses.

First of all, David ascribed to God the attributes that were normally used to speak of a king. He said, “Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou are exalted as head above all.” (v.11) There were not many kings who would say that their kingdom really belonged to someone else.


The second remarkable thing was that David acknowledged that ultimately, the people had God and not the king to thank for everything they had. He said, “But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from thee, and of thy own have we given thee” (v.14).

Everything is on loan

That admission is an appropriate text for us today. As we think about things that we label as our own, it is always

helpful to recognize that whatever we have is really on loan to us from God. That is the real meaning of stewardship.

It is vitally important that each of us view stewardship as the Christian way of life and not just a plea for our money. We agree with Clarence Stoughton’s definition that “Stewardship is what I do after I have said I believe.” That includes what we do with our wallets, but also a lot more. Stewardship is our attitude toward everything that God has placed at our disposal during our stay on this earth. It is a lifelong struggle on our part to overcome our tendency to get and to keep and to develop our God-given potential to care and share.

But even more, it is our humble acknowledgment that all good things come from God. With David we pray, “But who are we that we should be able to offer willingly? For all things come from thee, and of thy own have we given thee. 



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