

SUNDAY BEFORE
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

ST. GEORGE ROMANIAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

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Schedule for Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Vespers: 6:30 p.m.

Day of Feast: 10:00am and 6:30 p.m.

Confessions: See calendar or at any time by request.

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September 13, 2020

Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

This Sunday: Epistle Gal 6:11-18

Gospel John 3:13-17

Next Sunday: Epistle Gal 2:16-20

Gospel Mk 8:34-9:1

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Sunday 9/13

6:30pm Vespers for Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Monday 9/14

10:00am Divine Liturgy: Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday 9/15

8:30am Divine Liturgy: H/S Gabriela Orian–Happy Birthday!

Wednesday 9/16

8:30am Divine Liturgy: H/S Barbara Greavu, Georgeta Barcutian and Mary Cornea

Thursday 9/17

8:30am Divine Liturgy: +Ioan Odesteanu, +Elisabeta and +George Cicort

Friday 9/18

8:30am Divine Liturgy: H/S Ileana Hotiu– Happy Birthday!

Saturday 9/19

No Divine Liturgy

Sunday 9/20

10:00am Divine Liturgy

Parastas: +Ioan Alexandru Odesteanu, +Elisabeta and +George Cicort by Apan and Odesteanu Families

Church Bulletin donated in September 2020 by Ana and William Galida for health and salvation of Barbara Greavu.

All scheduled services will be held and can be viewed and prayed with at stgeorge.click2stream.com. Make sure to click on the volume to unmute at the bottom right hand corner. Also, we are every Sunday on St. George Cathedral Facebook.

All are invited to coffee hour in the small hall and outside provided by the Mircea Cristea. Thank you!

Sunday Collection: September 6, 2020

Loose	\$10.00
Sunday envelopes	\$1,768.00
Candles	<u>\$124.00</u>
Total	\$1,902.00

Someone lit a candle and prayed for you last Sunday:

In memory of all Zagan Family Members	The Zagan Family
+Husband Dan Cseak	Natalie Cseak
+All family members and angel +Trisha	Del and Sandy
H/S All family members	Del and Sandy
Special Intention for Family	Doru Jacobs
Health and Salvation	Mihai and Elena Florea
Special Intention	Mihai and Elena Florea
For Fr. Ovi's birthday	Earl and Amparo Adkins
Special Intention	Aurel Bosca
+Parents and Family	Danny and Cyndi Ardelean
H/S Fr. Ovi – Happy birthday 9/4	Danny and Cyndi Ardelean
H/S Maria Marginean birthday 9/8	Danny and Cyndi Ardelean
+John Lazar, brother-in-law	Mircea Cristea
+Metodie and +Mary Cristea	Mircea Cristea
+John Dragos	Mircea Cristea
H/S Stella, Johnny and Adrian Lazar and Family	Mircea Cristea

+John Dragos, husband
H/S All Family
Special Intention
H/S Stella Lazar
H/S Barbara Greavu
H/S Peggy Rowles
H/S Kathy Walsh

Suzie Dragos
Suzie Dragos
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Suzie Dragos
Harry Walsh
Harry Walsh

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Special Announcement:

Please pray for: Carol Hoge, Veronica Maier, Sr. Agnes Scalero, Earl Adkins, End to Corona Virus attack, Clore Family, Georgeta Barcutian, Grace Mary Fein, Barbara Greavu, Connie McAdams, Suzie Dragos, Doris Rotar, Virginia Rogers, Stella Lazar and all who need our prayers.

Sick and homebound: Magdalene Florian (Florida), Alex and Theresa Gonyias (Home), Ann Stimer (Home), Maria Poplacean (Canton Regency Rm.#256), Aurelia Lupsor (Canton Christian Home) Natalie Cseak (St. Joseph, Louisville), Eugene Popa (St. Joseph, Louisville) and Irene Pontones (Chapel Hill Retirement Community)

For holy Baptism contact the parish office at least one month prior to the date requested.

For First Reconciliation contact the parish office when your child turns 7.

For Weddings contact the parish office at least six months prior to the date requested.

To guarantee announcements for the bulletin, they need to be given to the office by Wednesday prior to the Sunday bulletin. Thank you!

To facilitate **accurate counting**, please use separate checks/cash for the special collection, candle and Sunday collection envelopes. Thank you for your attention to this detail!

Please let the office know if you have an upcoming surgery, illness, etc., so we can put you on our prayer list. Thank you!

Altar Candelabrum for August 2020 is donated by **the Craciun Family** for the health of **Mrs. Georgeta Barcutian and Mrs. Mary Cornea.**

Left Iconostasis Candelabrum for August 2020 is donated by **Maria Poplacean** in honor of the living and in memory of the deceased persons that were born in the month of **September: In honor of Vicky Unger, Connie Unger, Sharon Ernst, Jennifer Johnson, Ana Heim, Ana Ivanus. In memory of Bishop +Louis Puscas, +Opal Junka, +Sherry (Hank) Valentine.**

Right Iconostasis Candelabrum for August 2020 is donated in **celebration of Grete and Daniel Heatherly's 10th wedding anniversary and Fr. Ovi and P-sa Gabriela Marginean's 18th wedding anniversary by Ana and William Galida. Congratulations and many healthy and happy years to all!**

Blessed Virgin Mary Candelabrum for August 2020 is donated **Tony Orlando.**

If you would like to sponsor a candelabra for any month of the year in honor of a living member or in memory of any loved ones that have passed away, please get in touch with the Church office and Ann will be able to schedule it for you. Thank you for your continuous support of the Church!!!

Prescura for August 2020: Amparo Adkins, Suzie Dragos, Elena Florea, Ann Fosnought, Maria Marcu, Debbie Murari, Jacqui Oprean, Virginia Rogers, Patricia Wendt, Dodi Zbuka and Psa. Gabriela Marginean.

Announcements

Bishop John Michael Botean will be the guest on AM1260, a Catholic radio station out of Cleveland. It will air on Thursday, September 17 at 5:00pm, Friday, September 18 at 8:00am and Sunday, September 20 at 1:00pm. Their website is <https://am1260therock.com/>. The show can be listened to at the website or on the radio.

See the **updated Curbside Fest report.** Apologies to **Pete and Dodi Zbuka** for missing their names.

For the sick and homebound, St. George Cathedral offers a **live stream** of the Divine Liturgy which can be found at the following website: stgeorge.click2stream.com. Please make sure that you turn on the sound at the bottom right hand corner of the screen.

Amazon donates a percentage of your purchases to the charity of your choice when you go to smile.amazon.com. As you are shopping online, you can go to choose the St. George Cathedral. Thank you for using smile.amazon.com!

Benefit Dinner for the nuns of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery will be hosted on Saturday, November 7th, at a new location: Saint Elias Melkite Catholic Church in Cleveland. There is no cost to attend the dinner, but registration is required by October 26. Adults 21 and older may attend. Enjoy buffet dinner, entertainment and an evening with the nuns and their guests. Learn more about and support the nuns and their life of prayer and hospitality. Donations given at the event or designated ahead of time will be doubled by matching donors. If an in-person event is not possible, a live online event may be held. For more information and to register my please visit www.christthebridegroom.org or call 440-834-0290.

Parish events:

Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday, September 17 at 6:30pm. All parishioners are invited.

Stewardship Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 23 at 6:30pm.

To Tickle Your Funny Bone 😊

You know you're a mother when you're up each night until 10 p.m. vacuuming, dusting, wiping, washing, drying, loading, unloading, shopping, cooking, driving, flushing, ironing, sweeping, picking up, changing sheets, changing diapers, bathing, helping with homework, paying bills, budgeting, clipping coupons, folding clothes, putting to bed, dragging out of bed, brushing, chasing, buckling, feeding, swinging, playing ball, riding bikes, pushing trucks, cuddling dolls, rollerblading, catching, blowing bubbles, running sprinklers, sliding, taking walks, coloring, crafting, jumping rope, raking, trimming,

planting, edging, mowing, gardening, painting, and walking / feeding the dog. You get up at 5:30 a.m., and you have no time to eat, sleep, drink, or go to the bathroom, and yet you still manage to gain 10 pounds.

Word of Life

“By our baptism, we are members of Christ’s body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God.”
USCCB, “Open Wide Our Hearts” Bulletin Insert

For solidarity and peace
in our global human family:
that we may work together
to protect the lives of those
who are most vulnerable;

Let us pray to the Lord, Lord have mercy.

Happy Birthday! *La mulți ani!!*

Debbie Maier – September 14th
Viorel Badiceanu – September 14th
Gabriela Orian - September 15th
Hemennah Parker – September 16th
Ileana Hotiu – September 18th
Sebastian Valentine – September 18th

	Mon 9/14	Tue 9/15	Wed 9/16	Thu 9/17	Fri 9/18	Sat 9/19	Sun 9/20
	Debbie Maier's Viorel Badiceanu's +EXALTATION OF Strict fast and	Gabriela Orian's Nicetas the Goth,	Euphemia the All- Abstinence	Hemennah Parker's Sophia (Wisdom) &	Sebastian Carter Ileana Hotiu's H. Father Eumenius Abstinence	Trophimus, Sabbatius	James Walsh's Eustathius, his wife SUNDAY AFTER HOLY
9am		Liturgy: H/S Gabriela Orian - Happy birthday! 8:30am - 9:30am	Liturgy: H/S Barbara Greavu, Georgeta Barcutian and Mary Cornea	Liturgy: +Ioan Odesteanu, +Elisabeta and +George Cicort	Liturgy: H/S Ileana Hotiu - Happy Birthday! 8:30am - 9:30am		
10am	Liturgy 10am - 11:30am						Divine Liturgy 10am - 11:30am
11am							Parastas: +Ioan Alexandru
12pm							Coffee: Ovidiu and Ioana
1pm							
2pm							
3pm							
4pm							
5pm							
6pm							
7pm				Pastoral Council meeting Small hall 6:30pm - 8:30pm			
8pm							

MANY OF THE FEASTS we celebrate each year have a special rite connected with them. The Great Sanctification of Water on the Theophany, the *hajme* service on Pascha and the veneration of icons on the Sunday of Orthodoxy are perhaps the best-known examples of these festal observances.

There is also a special rite proper to the feast of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross (September 14) called, appropriately, the Exaltation of the Cross. During the Great Doxology at Orthros the cross, adorned with flowers and herbage is brought in procession to the center of the church where it is placed on a table or analogion. Everyone then makes three prostrations before the cross. After this, the priest raises the cross high and, facing East, intones a petition. The chanters respond by singing *Lord, have mercy* one hundred times as the priest blesses the East with the holy cross. He does the same successively facing North then West then South and then East again as he circles the table. He intones the kondakion of the Holy Cross and blesses the people. The cross is placed on the table and everyone makes three prostrations before it, singing “We bow in worship before Your cross, O Master, and we sing praise to Your holy resurrection.” Then everyone in turn venerates the cross. In some churches this rite of exaltation is performed after the Divine Liturgy.

The Discovery of the Cross

This rite is a reenactment of something that happened spontaneously when the cross was first discovered at the excavation for the

Church of the Anastasis during St Helena’s expedition to the Holy Land in AD 326-328. The fourth-century Church historian Socrates Scholasticus described what took place in his *Historia Ecclesiastica*.

The site of Christ’s death and resurrection had been covered over by a pagan temple during the Roman persecutions of the Church. St Helena had the temple destroyed to uncover the sacred site. Three crosses were discovered buried near the Lord’s tomb. The title placed on the Lord’s cross (Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews) was lying with the crosses but it was not clear on which of the three crosses the Lord had been crucified. The Bishop of Jerusalem, Makarios, had each of the crosses placed in turn on a terminally ill woman. When this woman was healed at the touch of the third cross, it was taken as a sign that this was the cross of Christ.

When local Christians heard of this discovery, they all wanted to see the Lord’s cross and to venerate it. Bishop Makarios, took the cross onto a raised platform and lifted it on high, ‘exalting’ it, for all to see. The people fell to their knees, bowing down before the cross and crying out repeatedly: *Kyrie eleison!*

As Theodoret of Cyr (393-457) described it in his *Ecclesiastical History*, Chapter 17, St Helena “... had part of the cross of our Savior conveyed to the palace. The rest was enclosed in a covering of silver, and committed to the care of the bishop of the city, whom she exhorted to preserve it

carefully, in order that it might be transmitted uninjured to posterity.”

Veneration of the Cross

We know from the journal of the Spanish pilgrim-nun Egeria that the cross was venerated on Holy Friday, despite an unusual risk:

“Then a chair is placed for the bishop in Golgotha behind the [liturgical] Cross, which is now standing; the bishop duly takes his seat in the chair, and a table covered with a linen cloth is placed before him; the deacons stand round the table, and a silver-gilt casket is brought in which is the holy wood of the Cross. The casket is opened and [the wood] is taken out, and both the wood of the Cross and the title are placed upon the table. Now, when it has been put upon the table, the bishop, as he sits, holds the extremities of the sacred wood firmly in his hands, while the deacons who stand around guard it.

“It is guarded thus because the custom is that the people, both faithful and catechumens, come one by one and, bowing down at the table, kiss the sacred wood and pass through. And because, I know not when, someone is said to have bitten off and stolen a portion of the sacred wood, it is thus guarded by the deacons who stand around, lest anyone approaching should venture to do so again.

“And as all the people pass by one by one, all bowing themselves, they touch the Cross and the title, first with their foreheads and then with their eyes; then they kiss the Cross

and pass through, but none lays his hand upon it to touch it. When they have kissed the Cross and have passed through, a deacon stands holding the ring of Solomon and the horn from which the kings were anointed; they kiss the horn also and gaze at the ring.”

Recovery from the Persians

In 602 the Persian Sassanian Shah began a 26-year long war against the Byzantine/Roman Empire. In 614 Sassanian troops conquered Jerusalem and appointed two prominent Jews as its rulers. After only a few months Christians in the city rebelled, but the uprising was quickly crushed. The Persians retaliated by seizing the holy cross and taking it to their capitol as spoils of war.

In 628 a new Shah made peace with the Byzantines. Palestine was returned to Roman control and on March 21, 630 the Emperor Heraclius marched triumphantly into Jerusalem bearing the precious cross. The Emperor, taking off his shoes and his imperial robes, carried the cross into the Anastasis where it was once again triumphantly exalted. It was then resolved that the Feast of the Cross be celebrated throughout the empire, for which reason it is called the Universal Exaltation.

All the Earth Glorifies the Cross

When St Helena found the crosses at the site of Christ’s tomb she noticed a fragrant plant, then unknown in Rome, which she named basil, the royal plant. In the Middle East the cross is adorned with basil leaves at the

ceremony of the exaltation. The basil is then distributed to the worshippers.

In the Slavic Churches the ceremony of the exultation is generally performed only by the bishop in his cathedral or an abbot in his monastery. During the ceremony the cross is often showered with rose petals which are then dipped in rose water and given to the faithful.

The Cross – Tree of Life

While the clergy and people are venerating the holy cross, the following is sung:

Come, you people, and look on this marvelous wonder! Let us venerate the power of the cross. In Paradise a tree brought forth the fruit of death, but life is the blossom of this tree on which the sinless Lord was nailed. Reaping incorruption from it, all the nations cry: “You, who through the cross has laid Death low and set us free – glory to You!”

The sayings of the prophets foretold the holy wood by which Adam was set free from the ancient curse of death. Today, at the exaltation of the cross, all creation raises its voice, asking of God plenteous mercy. O Master, who alone are boundless in Your compassion, be our atonement and save our souls.

Sunday before the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



**We Glory in
Your Cross**

12th Romanian Heritage Festival

2020 Financial Report

Revenue

Festival Donors & Sponsors

Total amount of donations	\$ 3,681.98
Food sold - # of orders	
Romanian Dinners – 173	\$ 2,772.27
Sausage samplers – 125	\$ 2,000.00
Extra Sarmale	\$ 1,485.00
Mititei – special orders	\$ 1,584.85
Extra & Special Food sold	\$ 498.65
Festival – on-line donations	\$ 338.50
Bakery donation – Rick Bollon	\$ 200.00
Bakery sales - # of orders	
Assorted pastry Box – 95	\$ 1,140.00
Nut breads – 39	\$ 468.00
Bread – 44	\$ 176.00
Scoverzi – 73	\$ 565.00
Beverage	
Beer	\$ 1,604.00
Wine	\$ 530.00

Total Festival Revenue **\$17,044.25**

Expenses

Food & Bakery	\$2,832.85
Beverage – wine, beer	\$ 761.00
Advertising – Repository	\$ 700.00
Fliers	\$ 324.50
Supplies	\$ 975.23
Total Festival Expense	\$5,593.58

Net Festival Revenue \$11,450.67

- **Festival Donor - anonymous \$7,500.00** – this year again this amount was donated at the festival – for Church use!!
- **Full list of Festival sponsors on the back!!** Thank you for your generosity!!!
- **Last year's revenue was \$24,068.83!!**

Names of Sponsors:

Anonymous	\$ 1,000.00
Ladies Auxiliary	\$ 500.00
Carpathian Men's Club	\$ 500.00
Doru Jacobs and Ann Fosnaught	\$ 240.00
P-sa Gabriela Marginean	\$ 215.00
Emil Alecusan	\$ 150.00
Dave & Debbie Murari	\$ 101.98
Amparo Adkins	\$ 100.00
Patricia Suzie Dragos	\$ 100.00
Pete and Dodi Zbuka	\$ 100.00
Irene Pontones	\$ 100.00
Virginia Rogers	\$ 100.00
Rose Maier	\$ 100.00
John Puia	\$ 100.00
Tim Reichel	\$ 100.00
Mihaela Dumea	\$ 100.00
Earl Adkins	\$ 75.00

**Thank you very much to all of you for your support and patronage!!!
God bless you and continue to keep you all safe and healthy!!**

**Apologies to Pete and Dodi and thank you for your patronage!! By
unintentional accident their name was not on the Sponsor list even
though they have donated. We have rectified that mistake and wish
to apologize to them for this mishap!!**