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15 SEPTEMBER 2024 - TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.- Sunday  
after the Elevation of the Cross

*(at the Divine Liturgy)*

**Tone 3 Troparion** *(Resurrection)*

Let the heavens rejoice!  
Let the earth be glad!  
For the Lord has shown strength with His arm.  
He has trampled down death by death.  
He has become the first born of the dead.  
He has delivered us from the depths of hell,  
and has granted to the world//  
great mercy.

**Tone 1 Troparion** *(Feast)*

O Lord, save Your people,  
and bless Your inheritance!  
Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians  
over their adversaries;  
and by virtue of Your Cross//

preserve Your habitation!

**Tone 3 Kontakion** *(Resurrection)*

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One,  
leading us from the gates of death.  
On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices;  
with the Prophets and Patriarchs//  
they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

**Tone 4 Kontakion** *(Feast)*

As You were voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake,  
grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God;  
make all Orthodox Christians glad by Your power,  
granting them victories over their adversaries//  
by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Your weapon of peace!

**Tone 7 Prokeimenon** *(Sunday After)*

Extol the Lord our God: / worship at His footstool for He is holy! *(Ps. 98:5)*

*V. The Lord reigns, let the people tremble! (Ps. 98:1a)*

**Epistle**

(203) Galatians 2:16-20 *(Sunday After)*

**Tone 1**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*V. Remember Your congregation, which You have gotten of old! (Ps. 73:2)*

*V. God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth!  
(Ps. 73:13)*

**Gospel**

(37) Mark 8:34-9:1 *(Sunday After)*

(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:)

**Tone 8**

Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord!

You are a mystical Paradise, O Birth-Giver of God,  
who, though untilled, have brought forth Christ;  
through Him the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth.  
Now at its Exaltation,  
as we bow in worship before it, we magnify you.

**Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1)  
The light of Your countenance has been signed upon us, O Lord. (Ps. 4:7)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Announcements**

**PRAY FOR UKRAINE!** The Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy in the Lehigh Valley sponsors weekly Moleben services for the peace and well-being of Ukraine. The next Moleben service will be this **Tuesday, 17 September, at 6:30 PM Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church 1301 Newport Ave. Northampton.** We urge everyone to attend and PRAY FOR UKRAINE!

**PARISH BOARD MEETING:** The regular monthly meeting of the Parish Board will take place tomorrow evening, 16 September at 6:30 PM immediately following Vespers. All Parish Board members should make every effort to be in attendance.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: On Saturday, 05 October, His Eminence Metropolitan Antony will make an episcopal visitation to our parish to celebrate our patron feast - the Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God (Pokrova). Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 10 AM. A celebratory luncheon will follow. TICKETS FOR THE LUNCHEON ARE \$20. KIDS FREE!!! Please see Robin Bodnar for tickets. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE PRESENT.**

- **SISTERHOOD MEETING:** Next Sunday; 15 September.

- **ART EXHIBIT AND SALE CONTINUES** - The Lehigh Valley Post of the Ukrainian American Veterans will sponsor an Art Exhibit and Sale of the works of Ukrainian Artist Jurij Hura at our church. The proceeds of the sale will benefit the Vets project of buying generators for the 56th Brigade of the Ukrainian Armed Forces - the brigade of the Valeriy Shtyk, father of our altar server Yurii Shtyk, - Valeriy perished in Bakhmut last year defending Ukraine.

- **UPCOMING MEETINGS:** Please mark your calendars. There will be **SHORT** meetings after Divine Liturgy with Fr. Richard for the following groups.

09-15 - READERS  
09-22- ALTAR SERVERS

READER SCHEDULE:

DATE.	HOURS	EPISTLE
09-15	Dennis Ritter.	Hayden Arp
09-22.	Hayden Arp.	Nik Fartuch
09-29.	Nik Fartuch	Subdcn. Alexis

- **COFFEE SOCIAL: Today's coffee hour is hosted by: THE CHOIR**

- **COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE:** 09-15 - The Choir  
• 09- 22 - The Brotherhood  
• 09- 29 - The Altar Boys

- **Please pray for the sick and infirm of our Church: Fr. John Fencik, Fr. Yakiw Norton, Fr. Oleh Hucul, Fr. Vasyl Dovgan, Fr. Ivan Levitsky, Fr. Bohdan Heleta,, Tania Antoniewicz, Richard Antoniuk, Bohdan Baranczyk, Gloria Dunski, Marie Hinkley, Mary Kennedy, Daniel Milinichuk, Michael Onushko, Nancy Onusko, Mary Ellen Mackiewicz, Dori Bochnak, Katheryn Solan, Mary Carol Bannon, Elsie Moroz, Delaney Closfelter and the child to be born of her, Child of God Karina Strashinsky and the Child of God Johnny Walson.**

**Schedule for this Week**

**SUNDAY - 15 September - TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST- Sunday after the Elevation of the Cross**

*Galatians 2:16-20 Mark 8:34-38; 9:1*

## 9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY

### Monday; 16 September - The Holy and Great-Martyress Euphemia

*Galatians 4:22-27 Luke 8:16-21*

6PM - Vespers

6:30 PM Parish Board Meeting

### Tuesday; 17 September - The Holy Martyress Sophia and her Daughters the Martyresses Faith, Hope and Love of Rome

*2 Corinthians 8:16-24; 9:1-5 Luke 3:23-38; 4:1*

9 AM - Divine Liturgy for the repose of the soul of William Radio requested by Monica Cruz.

6:30 PM - MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF UKRAINE - [Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church 1301 Newport Ave. Northampton](#), (Sponsored by the Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy)

### Wednesday; 18 September - The Holy Eumenius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Gortynia

*2 Corinthians 9:12-15; 10:1-7 Luke 4:1-15*

### Thursday; 19 September - The Holy Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius and Dorymedon

*2 Corinthians 10:7-18 Luke 4:16-22*

### Friday; 20 September - The Holy Martyrs Eustathius, his wife Theopiste and their sons Agaius and Theopistus

*Ephesians 6:10-17 Luke 21:12-19*

### Saturday, 21 September - The Holy Apostle Quadratus of the Seventy

*1 Corinthians 1:26-31; 2:1-5 John 8:21-30*

### SUNDAY - 22 September - THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST- The Holy Hieromartyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinope

*1 Corinthians 16:13-24 Luke 5:1-11*

## 9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY

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The Feast of the Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross is celebrated each year on September 14. The Feast commemorates the finding of the True Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by Saint Helen, the mother of the Emperor Constantine.

**Background** - In the twentieth year of his reign (326), the Emperor Constantine sent his mother Saint Helen to Jerusalem to venerate the holy places and to find the site of the Holy Sepulchre and of the Cross. Relying upon the oral tradition of the faithful, Saint Helen found the precious Cross together with the crosses of the two thieves crucified with our Lord. However, Helen had no way of determining which was the Cross of Christ. With the healing of a dying woman who touched one of the crosses, Patriarch Macarius of Jerusalem identified the True Cross of Christ. Saint Helen and her court venerated the Precious and Life-Giving Cross along with many others who came to see this great instrument of Redemption. The Patriarch mounted the ambo (pulpit) and lifted the Cross with both hands so that all of the people gathered could see it. The crowd responded with "Lord have mercy". This became the occasion of the institution in all of the Churches of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross, not only in memory of the event of the finding of the Cross, but also to celebrate how an instrument of shame was used to overcome death and bring salvation and eternal life. The Feast is an opportunity outside of the observances of Holy Week to celebrate the full significance of the victory of the Cross over the powers of the world, and the triumph of the wisdom of God through the Cross over the wisdom of this world. This Feast also gives the Church an opportunity to relish the full glory of the Cross as a source of light, hope and victory for Christ's people. It is also a time to celebrate the universality of the work of redemption accomplished through the Cross: the entire universe is seen through the light of the Cross, the new Tree of Life which provides nourishment for those who have been redeemed in Christ.

**Icon of the Feast** - The icon of the Feast of the Precious Cross tells the story of the finding of the Cross and of its Exaltation. Patriarch Macarius is standing in the pulpit elevating the Cross for all to see and venerate. On each side of the Patriarch are deacons holding candles. The elevated Cross is surrounded and venerated by many clergy and lay people, including Saint Helen, the mother of Emperor Constantine. In the background of the icon is a domed structure that represents the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem. This church was one of the churches constructed and dedicated by Emperor Constantine on the holy sites of Jerusalem.

**Orthodox Christian Celebration of the Feast** - This Feast of our Lord is celebrated with the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom, which is conducted on the day of the feast and preceded by the Matins service. A Great Vespers is conducted on the evening before the day of the feast. On the day of the Feast at the conclusion of the Matins or of the Divine Liturgy, a special service is held. The Cross is placed on a tray surrounded by branches of basil and is taken in solemn procession through the church to the chanting of the Hymn of the Feast. The tray is placed on a table, and the priest takes the Cross and offers petitions from each side of the table, the four directions of the compass. This represents the universal nature of the offering of Christ upon the Cross. As the people respond by chanting "Lord have mercy", the priest raises and lowers the cross, a commemoration of its finding and exaltation. At the conclusion of the service, the people come and venerate the cross and receive the basil from the priest. The basil is used and offered, as it was the fragrant flower growing where the Cross was found.