

THE ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH NEWS

St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Mission

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Glory be to Jesus Christ!!!



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Sunday September 17th 2017

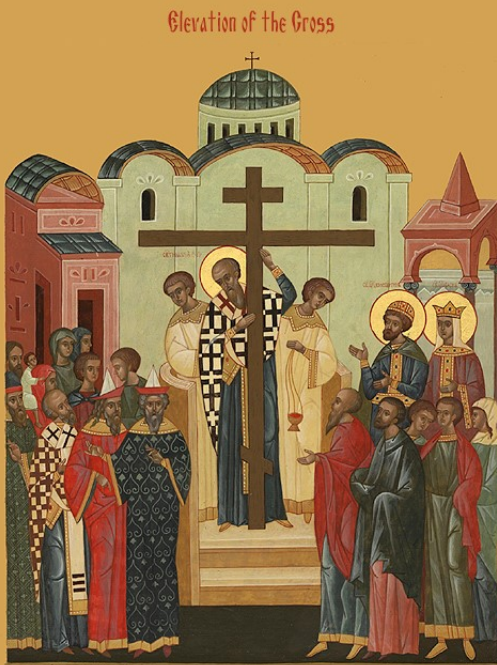
15th Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: 2nd Corinthians 4:6-16

Gospel: Matthew 22:35-46

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1



If you have never been to an Orthodox Church before you are about to participate in the Divine Liturgy. The Liturgy is the work of the people and that means that all of your prayers are necessary! We hope you will stay and join us for coffee hour in the atrium. Please feel free to ask Fr. Matthew any questions you might have! May God's blessings be upon all of you!

Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross

Antiphons for the Cross Blue Book pg.109 Red Book pg.124

At the Trisagion- "Holy God...": Blue Book pg.22 Red Book pg. 32

Tropar Tone 6– Blue Book pg.96 Red Book pg.111

Tropar for the Cross– Blue Book pg. 110 Red Book pg. 126

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Kondak for the Cross– Blue Book pg.110 Red Book pg.128

"Your Cross we adore, O Master! And Your Holy Resurrection we Glorify!!!"

Weekly Schedule of Divine Services:

Wednesday 9/29– **6:30 PM**– Moleben to the Holy Cross– followed by Orthodoxy Class

Saturday 9/24– **4:30PM**– Great Vespers

Sunday 9/25– **10AM**– Divine Liturgy



The feast day of the "Elevation of the Precious Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" is observed on the 14th of September and is a commemoration of the finding of Christ's Precious Cross in the 4th Century by St Helen the mother of St Constantine the Great. After the Holy Cross was taken by the Persians during the conquest of Jerusalem, the Emperor Heraclius ensured it's speedy returned to Byzantium in the 7th century. It was finally triumphantly elevated in the "Church of the Resurrection" in Jerusalem. Subsequently the Cross was divided into large pieces and distributed to the ancient Sees of the Christian Church, in order to protect the Cross from ever being captured again.

Interestingly one notices that unlike many other great feast days of the Church, the feast of the Elevation of the Cross is a strict fast day. It is significant that the Church chose to make this day a day of abstinence, a day of repentance and prayer. It is precisely because the Cross is a symbol of self-denial that we are required to put all earthly things and our human will aside especially on this day. In this way we give proper honor and respect to the Precious Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Continue reading at

http://www.orthodoxchristian.info/pages/Elev_Cross.htm

- Update today after Liturgy on the Rectory Renovation Project. * Sunday School Next Sunday.
- information coming soon on setting up our Scarecrow Display in Downtown Woodstock's Fall 2017 Display!
- Mark Your Calendars for Saturday October 21st. Teresa and Arjan and planning a Octoberfest at St. Elizabeth's. Fun, games, and food for the whole family!