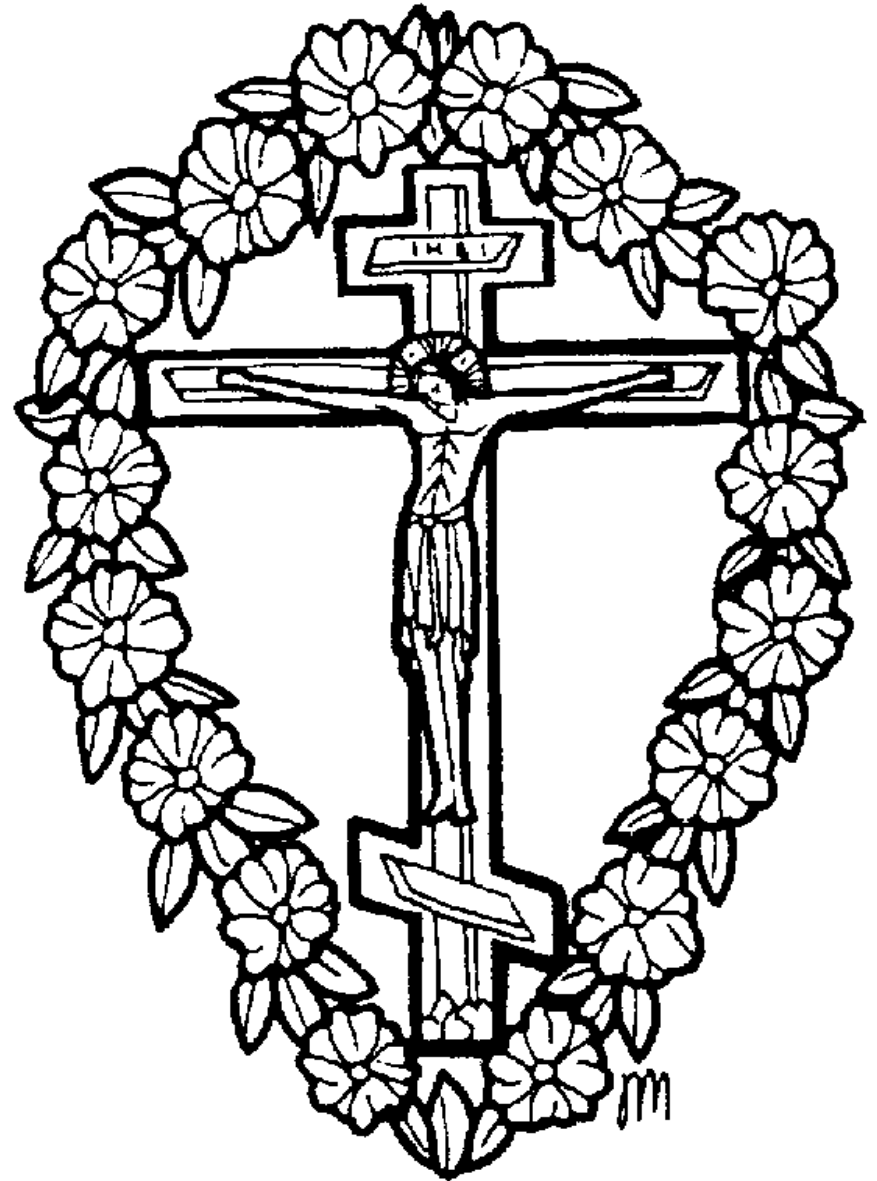


THE ELEVATION OF THE VENERABLE AND LIFE-CREATING CROSS OF THE LORD

The pagan Roman emperors tried to eradicate the holy places where our Lord Jesus Christ suffered and was resurrected. At Golgatha was built a temple of the pagan goddess Venus and a statue of Jupiter. Pagans gathered at this place and offered sacrifice to idols there. Eventually after 300 years, by Divine Providence, the great Christian sacred remains, the Sepulchre of the Lord and the Life-Creating Cross, were again discovered and opened for veneration. This took place under the Emperor Constantine the Great (306-337), who gained victory over his enemies with God's assistance, after he saw in the heavens the Sign of the Cross, and written beneath: "By this you shall conquer." Ardently desiring to find the Cross, Constantine sent his mother, the pious Empress Helen (May 21), to Jerusalem. Searching for the Life-Giving Cross, she made inquiry of Christians and Jews, but for a long time her search remained unsuccessful. Finally, they directed her to a certain elderly Hebrew by the name of Jude who stated that the Cross was buried where the temple of Venus stood. They demolished the pagan temple and, after praying, they began to excavate the ground. Soon the Tomb of the Lord was uncovered. Not far from it were three crosses, a board with the inscription ordered by Pilate, and four nails which had pierced the Lord's Body. In order to discern on which of the three crosses the Savior was crucified, the Patriarch Macarius alternately touched the crosses to a corpse. When the Cross of the Lord touched the dead one, he came to life. Having beheld the raising of the dead man, everyone was convinced that the Life-Creating Cross was found. Christians came in a huge throng to venerate the Holy Cross, beseeching Saint Macarius to elevate the Cross, so that even those far off might reverently contemplate it. Then the Patriarch and other spiritual leaders raised up the Holy Cross, and the people, saying "Lord have mercy," reverently prostrated before the Venerable Wood. This solemn event occurred in the year 326.

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Forefeast of the Exaltation of the Cross

Commemoration of the Founding of the Church of the Resurrection at Jerusalem
Hieromartyr Cornelius the Centurion; Martyrs Chronides, Leontius and Serapion, of Alexandria;
Martyrs Seleucus in Scythia, and Stratonicus; Martyrs Macrobius and Gordian at Tomi in Romania;
Hieromartyr Julian of Galatia; Martyrs Elias, Zoticus, Lucian, and Valerian; St. Peter of Atroë;
Greatmartyr Ketevan, Queen of Georgia; Ven. Hierotheus the Younger of Iveron

“You have shown us the splendor of the firmament on high, and the beauty of Your dwelling here below. Receive the worship offered You within these walls, and keep them safe from every foe. For Your mother’s sake, be pleased to hear this prayer, O You, our Life and Resurrection.”

Troparion, Tone IV

THE UNIVERSAL EXALTATION OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS

Monday, September 14

“O Cross of Christ, you are the hope of Christians and guide of those who have strayed, haven of those tossed about by the storm of life, pledge of victory for all who battle evil, and resurrection for the fallen. By its power, O Christ, have mercy on us all.”

Troparion, Tone VI

TODAY’S EPISTLE: GALATIANS 6:11-18
II CORINTHIANS 1:21-2:4
HEBREWS 3:1-4

TODAY’S GOSPEL: JOHN 3:13-17
MATTHEW 22:1-14
MATTHEW 16:13-18

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, September 13 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
Monday, September 14 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - **Exaltation of the Cross**
Saturday, September 19 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, September 14	I Corinthians 1:18-24	John 19:6-11,13-20,25-28,30-35
Tuesday, September 15	Galatians 2:11-16	Mark 5:24-34
	Galatians 2:21-3:7	Mark 6:1-7
Wednesday, September 16	Galatians 3:15-22	Mark 6:7-13
Thursday, September 17	Galatians 3:23-4:5	Mark 6:30-45
Friday, September 18	Galatians 4:8-21	Mark 6:45-53
Saturday, September 19	I Corinthians 1:26-29	John 8:21-30
	I Corinthians 4:17-5:5	Matthew 24:1-13

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COMING EVENTS

- 16, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Online with Dr. Al Rossi
- 20, Sunday 10:45 a.m. Church Council meeting
- 23, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Online with Dr. Al Rossi
- 27, Sunday "S.O.S. Sunday" Support Our Seminarians
- 30, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Online with Dr. Al Rossi

<p><u>SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS:</u> September is the month designated for financial support to our diocesan seminarians. Please be generous and send in your donations to: Diocese of the Midwest; 5037 W. 83rd St.; Burbank, IL 60459. Or donate online at: domoca.org/donate-online</p> <p><u>CHURCH COUNCIL:</u> The Council meeting will be next Sunday, September 20, following the Divine Liturgy.</p> <p><u>FLOWERS:</u> The wreath of flowers adorning the cross are offered by Jewelann Stefanar in memory of her husband Andrew. Donations for future wreaths would be appreciated. Please contact Rebecca Romanchik.</p>	<p><u>BISHOP PAUL'S VIDEO:</u> His Eminence Archbishop Paul has prepared a video in which he discusses the current state of the Diocese of the Midwest. It can be viewed on the Diocesan website domoca.org Go to the section: "Archbishop Paul gives update on diocesan life."</p> <p><u>CHAIRS AVAILABLE!</u> There are several hundred steel folding chairs in the basement of our Fellowship Hall that are no longer of any use here. Perhaps some parishioners can use a couple of such chairs at your home. They are available for the asking, but a nominal donation is appreciated.</p> <p><u>TRINTARIAN COVERS:</u> The covers today are offered by Claudia Virosteck in memory of her husband, Deacon George Virosteck.</p>
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ALL IS WELL

That's a good thought, but actually as we see, things are not well. But ALL IS WELL is the title of a book by Dr. Al Rossi, who teaches pastoral theology and spirituality at St. Vladimir's Seminary. His thoughtful and inspiring book was planned before the pandemic, but seems to be just right for these times. We have copies of it to sell here, and we also have the option to listen online to Dr. Rossi on Wednesday evenings, September 16, 23, and 30, at 7:00 p.m.

To access the sessions:

- ONLINE <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84601604835>
- PHONE 1-301-715-8592

- September 16 Introduction and Chapters 3, 4, and 5
- September 23 Chapters 6, 7 and 8
- September 30 Chapters 9, 10 and 11

Copies of ALL IS WELL are available in church after the Divine Liturgy for \$10.00. (If writing a check, please make it payable to "La Coupole.")

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THE HOLY SEPULCHRE OF JESUS CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

This Sunday, September 13, is dedicated to the Consecration of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. This is the famous church built on the location of the central events in the life of Jesus Christ: His Crucifixion and His Resurrection. For all Christians it is considered one of the most holy places in the world. But it took three centuries after Christ's Ascension for that to happen. The location originally was where executions took place outside of the city walls. Later the Roman authorities erected a statue of Venus and built a pagan temple. Circumstances changed after the Emperor Constantine acknowledged Christianity as the official religion of the Roman Empire in 313. His mother, the Empress St. Helen, was entrusted with the mission of finding the Holy Cross (about which is written in this Trinitarian). As the Cross was found at what was the location of Golgotha, it was easy to determine that the tomb where Jesus was buried was also nearby. Immediately after those discoveries, St. Constantine decided to build a church on the holy site and again instructed his mother to lead the project. The Holy Sepulchre, as it came to be called, was built encompassing both Golgotha and the Tomb, added to which was a large basilica-style cathedral. St. Helen also oversaw the building of churches in Bethlehem, the Mount of Olives and in Gethsemane. The Empress passed away before the completion of the Holy Sepulchre, and it was left to St. Constantine to come to Jerusalem for the consecration. It coincided with the Emperor's thirtieth year of rule, and thus became a huge religious, social and cultural event. Imperial personnel and church dignitaries from far and wide came, and the consecration of the Sepulchre on September 13, 335, became an official day of celebration for all of Jerusalem. By Imperial decree the day was to be commemorated annually, and so it entered into the Christian calendar. The origin of the Elevation of the Holy Cross, celebrated on September 14, came about much later. But eventually it became a greater Church Feast than the Consecration of the Sepulchre.

The Holy Sepulchre still stands and is one of the most visited places in the world. Like the city of Jerusalem, it has gone through incredible changes: wars, Crusades, destruction, reconstruction, alternating ecclesiastical management, etc. But parts of the structure built by St. Helen still exist. Today it is a building in a Jewish state, but an active church co-operatively administered by Greek Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Armenian Christians. As for centuries Jerusalem was under Moslem control, there is the curiosity that the keys to the main doors of the Sepulchre are in the possession of an Arab family, handed down generation to generation.

There is something about the Holy Sepulchre that directly affects us, here in Parma, Ohio! While only some are able to visit Jerusalem, all of us are indebted to the Holy Sepulchre because Orthodox liturgical services are based on what takes place there. We may not consciously think of it, but the style and sequence of the Holy Week services represent the events in the final days of Christ's life in Jerusalem. The services at the Holy Sepulchre developed to commemorate and honor Christ's passion and death. Many of the movements and rituals in our churches are direct copies of worship that was formed at the Holy Sepulchre. In Jerusalem Jesus lived, died, rose from the dead, in order to give life to the world, so too the "Holy Sepulchre gives life to the world, providing it with immortal springs."

Father Alexander Garklaus