



Sunday Before the
Exaltation of the Cross,
Tone 8
September 11, 2016

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory to God Forever!



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SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY: Rosary 8:30 am
Festal Matins 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Daily Liturgy (Schedule of Services, Page 3)

Saturday: Great Vespers 5:00 pm
Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Friday 10:00 am—4:00 pm
Thursday OFF

THEOSIS: 2nd & 4th Thursday
pot luck dinner 6:00 pm
Bible Study 7:00 pm

Eastern Christian Formation Program: All grades
meet every Sunday after Liturgy for 45 minutes
(September through May)

Confession (Mystery of Reconciliation):

9:15—10:00 am on Sundays, before or after week-
day Liturgies, or by appointment with Father

Mysteries of Baptism/Chrismation/Eucharist:

Must be arranged three months in advance.
(Pre-Jordan requirement)

Mystery of Crowning:

Must be arranged six months in advance
(Pre-Cana requirement)

Sick and Shut-Ins: It is the family's responsibility
to notify the parish office when a parishioner is in
the hospital or confined to home because of sick-
ness or old age. Father will bring the confined per-
son the Holy Mysteries on a regular basis. It is rec-
ommended that one receive the Anointing of the
Sick before any major surgery. Please don't let the
priest be last to know that someone is ill!

Welcome to our Church! If you are looking for a spiritual home, contact Father Artur or the office staff for more information. God bless you.

Today

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18; Gospel: John 3:13-17

Eternal Lamp: for 8:30 am Rosary
All who died on 9:00 am Matins/Confessions
9/11 by 10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parishioners, Benefactors & Friends
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**September 12
Monday**

Autonomous Bishop-Martyr

Epistle: Ephesians 4:25-32; Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

9:00 am Divine Liturgy; Health of Constance DeLap by DeLaps
 10:30 am Senior Shut-ins Outreach
 6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting in conference room
 Explorers meeting in the hall

**September 13
Tuesday**

Dedication of the Church of the Resurrection

Epistle: Ephesians 2:19-3:7; Gospel: mark 10:46-52

6:00 pm Vesper Divine Liturgy/Veneration of Cross/Blessing of Litija
 Blessing on Tessa Pettit by Pam Pettit
 6:15 pm CAFÉ at UNM

**September 14
Wednesday**

Exaltation of the Holy Cross/Solemn Holy Day

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24; Gospel: John 19:6-11.13-21.25-27.30-35

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Veneration of Cross/Myrovaniye;
 for Parish family, benefactors and friends
 5:30 pm OLPH Devotions



**September 15
Thursday**

Nicetas Great-Martyr/Post festive of Exaltation of the Cross

Epistle: Ephesians 5:33-6:9; Gospel: Mark 11:27-3

**September 16
Friday**

Euphemia Great-Martyr/Post festive of Exaltation of the Cross

Epistle: Ephesians 6:18-24; Gospel: Mark 12:1-12

10:00 am Funeral Service for +Anne Marie Simms at the Gate of Heaven
 Cemetery
 6:00 pm +Juanita Kocik by Rebecca Ungaro



**September 17
Saturday**

Saturday After the Exaltation of the Cross

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:26-29; Gospel: John 8:21-30

9:30 am Shut-ins out reach visit to Threima Leech

**September 18
Sunday**

Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross

Epistle: Galatians 2:6-20; Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

5:00 pm Great Vespers
 6:00 pm +Keenan Alan by Jilek Family

**Catechetical
Sunday**

8:30 am Rosary
 9:00 am Festive Matins/Confessions
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parishioners, Benefactors & Friends /Blessing of
 ECF teachers and students

Physician and Help of Those in sickness, Redeemer and Savior of the infirm; O Master and Lord of all, grant healing to your servants. Be clement, show mercy to those who have sinned much, and deliver them, O Christ, from their Iniquities, that they may glorify Your might divine

Sharif Rabadi
Stephen Horner
Katrina Anderson
Abraham Haddad
Jenny Ford
Threima Leech
Priscilla Hughes
Steve Jakymiw
Lillian Murphy
Marilyn Fore
Demetrius Yackanich
Sven & Barbara Svensson
Keith Romero

Fr. Julian Gnall
Henry Zugger
John & Margie Disque
Phillip Fall
Laura Dominquez
Olga Bodnar
Frances Brannan
John Deflice
Mary Ann Kosty
Jordan Smith
Maggie Batsel
Jean Pesce
Henry Burnette

William Frank
Joseph Koetter
Mary Nell Preisler
Mike Harahuc
Robert Zadel
Jack & Lorraine Hubbell
Quintin Santmaria
& Family
Heather Mattax
Larry Bennett
Paola Terlaza
Ruth Sousa
Michelle O'Brien

Prayers in honor of and to the Blessed Virgin are a powerful weapon against sin, and for healing. If you recite the Rosary at home, please offer these intentions, and join us on Sunday at 8:30 am. Those who recite the Akathist to the Mother of God or the Rosary receive a partial indulgence when they do so in private, plenary indulgence when they do so as a group

Intentions of the Rosary

1st Decade: Help for persecuted Catholics, especially in communist and Islamic states

2nd Decade: Spiritual and physical growth of our parish and the Byzantine Catholic Church

3rd Decade: Increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life to serve the Byzantine Catholic Church

4th Decade: Repose of the souls who have no one praying for them

5th Decade: Healing of the sick in body, mind and soul



Vocation Icon

Today: Donlin

Next Sunday: Riley

Holy Father's Intentions for September

Universal: Centrality of the Human Person. That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center.

Evangelization: Mission to Evangelize. That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize.

Fr. Chris is unable to come into the church and offices until this renovation process is complete, as the various chemicals trigger asthma attacks that last a couple days. All appointments will meet at the Blanchette House.

Thank you for your understanding and prayers.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS: +Anne Marie Simms, mother of our beloved parishioner Brent Dodson-Sands fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday, July 21. Funeral with Internment will be served on Friday September 16th at 10am at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in ABQ.

May God grant His Handmaid Anne Marie blessed repose and remember her forever!

!!!Attention ECF teachers and students!!! Next Sunday an important event will take place in our parish: the beginning of the new Catechetical year 2016/2017. To welcome our new and returning students and bless our teachers, special prayers and blessings will be included during the Divine Liturgy. All instructors and students are asked to be present. Thank you.

Tomorrow the Sangre de Cristo Explorers have their first Youth meeting! Youth 6 and above (younger with permission) are invited to attend this meeting to try the program and see if it is a good fit. This Traditional Catholic Scouting program is for both boys and girls but is separated by gender. Finally, a Catholic program of this type that even our daughters can join without compromising the faith! Please come tomorrow from 6-8pm at OLPH.

We will continue to meet every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Come in play shoes, tan or navy T-shirts and shorts if you have any, and ready to have fun!

Project Defending Life is starting once again 40 Day for Life this Fall 2016

From September 28 through November 6, you are invited to join other Christians from 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. YOU are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 701 San Mateo NE, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. **OUR PARISH FAMILY IS SCHEDULED TO PRAY AND WITNESS THE CULTURE OF LIFE IN FRONT OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD ON FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH AND FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4TH.**

If you would like more information - and especially if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact: Project Defending Life at 505-266-4100 or see www.defendinglife.org THANK YOU!!!

DATE	READER	TROJCA	GREETER	COUNTER	HOST
Sept. 18	Brook Jilek	Delilah Chavez	Eva Schuler Miles Gloetzner	Michael Wells Miles Gloetzner	Dorothy, Rafael & Noel

Barbara's Hall Report

Thanks to Thomas Donlin for bringing a birthday cake for his Mom, Carol! He kept Mr. Nobody away on Labor Day weekend. Happy 50th Birthday, Carol, and may God grant you many more blessed years!

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

Tuesdays	6:15 pm CAFÉ meeting at UNM
September 22 Thursday	6:00 pm Pot luck dinner; 7:00 pm THEOSIS Bible Study
September 23, 24 Friday, Saturday	Women's Spiritual Enrichment Weekend at the Norbertine Retreat Center
September 26 Monday	10:30 am Senior Shut-ins Outreach
September 30 Friday	8—10 am 40 Days for Life/OLPH Day of Prayer in front of abortion clinic
September 30 Friday	6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy for the feast of the Holy Protection/ Blessing of Litija

DISCOVER GOD'S GAME PLAN MEN 18-35 INVITED TO WEEKEND RETREAT AT SEMINARY 14 - 16 OCTOBER 2016 To be a priest ... don't you have to give up everything - your family, your friends, the things you enjoy? Don't you have to be super holy, super smart, or somehow "different?" "Come and see" if this is the case! The Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius is hosting a "Come and See" weekend for men ages 18 to 35 who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood in the Byzantine Catholic Church. The event runs from Friday evening, 14 October through Sunday afternoon, 16 October 2016 at the Seminary (3605 Perrysville Avenue) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The weekend retreat is free of charge and will include sharing liturgical services and meals with the Seminary community, an introduction to the Seminary formation program, a tour of the Seminary, gatherings with the Seminarians, talks, and a panel discussion.

The retreat is conducted in a "no pressure, no hard-sell" environment. The atmosphere is prayerful, positive, and fraternal. Any man seeking further information or wishing to register for this "Come and See" retreat of discovery is encouraged to contact his vocation director and use the online registration at www.bcs.edu. Deadline for registrations is the 29th of September.

On Friday, Sept. 16, OASIS organization hosts an open house at its office and auditorium, 9 am to 11:30 AM at 3301 Menaul Blvd NE, Suite 18, just west of American Furniture store. Presenters will be there, along with OASIS staff, and you can visit and ask questions about the many educational and social opportunities which they provide to people 50 and up. Father Chris will have a table also. You can find more information by contacting them at 884-4529 or writing to oisabq@oasisnet.org.

Communion with God

Statement of the Eastern Catholic Eparchial Directors of Religious Education for Catechetical Sunday 2016.

Who do you say that I am? (Matthew 16:15)

We are well aware of the Apostle Peter's faith-filled response, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" *Matthew 16:16*. For us to respond in a corresponding faith, the words of the Lord must be directed to us as the expression of a vibrant living experience, as the fruit of the gift of the Father, **"Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah! No mere man has revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father" *Matthew 16:17***, so each of us must let himself/herself be moved personally by the serious question **"And who do you say that I am, you who hear me spoken of, answer me! What do I really mean for you?"**

Peter's divine inspiration and response of faith came after a long period of living close to Jesus, hearing His words and observing His life and ministry. If we are serious about making a more conscious and meaningful profession of faith in Christ, we must, like Peter, listen attentively and carefully. We must follow in the school of the first disciples who became His witnesses and our teachers. At the same time we must accept the experience and testimony of no less than twenty plus centuries of history marked by the Master's question and enriched by the immense chorus of responses of the faithful of all times and places.

Jesus, questioned about His identity shows the pedagogical shrewdness of one who does not trust hasty responses, but desires an answer matured over a period, even sometimes lengthy days of reflection coupled with prayer, in the attentive and intense hearing of the truth of the Christian faith as professed and practiced and lived in His mystical Body, the Church.

As Catechists, the desire to help everyone discover Jesus, urges us to carry out the demanding and moving task to present the **compelling figure of Jesus Christ to communicants of the Church and to every person of good will. Thus we throw "open the doors to Christ" in our lives so that the primary and essential object of catechesis is attaining to the mystery of Christ in our lives as much as it is humanly possible.** Catechesis is a way to lead interested persons to study this mystery in all its dimension, to **reveal in the person of Christ the whole of God's eternal design reaching fulfillment in the second Person because only He can lead us to the love of the eternal Father in the Holy Spirit and make us share in the life of the Holy Trinity for which purpose humanity was initially created.**

We are compelled to consider four central points regarding the identity and mission of Jesus:

Jesus in His historical reality and in His transcendent Messianic character, the Son of Abraham, Son of Man and Son of God;

Jesus in His identity as true God and true man, in communion with the Father and animated by the power of the Holy Spirit as He is presented to us in the gospel narratives;

Jesus as seen by the eyes of the inspired and glorious Church which, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, has investigated and elucidated the data of Revelation by granting us, especially in the teachings of ecumenical councils, precise formulation of faith in Jesus Christ.

Finally, Jesus in His life and works, in His redemptive passion and in His final and all-encompassing glorification; in our midst and within us, in history and in His Body, the Church until the end of the world. **"And know that I am with you always, until the end of the world" *Matthew 28: 20*.**

Statements on Catechesis by the USCCB

"The Church continues to sow the Gospel in God's field" (GDC, no. 16). The soil of culture into which the seeds of faith are planted today is far different from the culture that existed when the first Catechetical Sunday was celebrated. For us in the United States, our culture offers significant challenges that influence how the Gospel is proclaimed. We live in an increasingly secular and materialistic society, which is often at odds with our Christian messages and values. The disintegration of the community and social structures that once supported religious faith and encouraged family life have been replaced by a media- and technology-driven culture that makes catechesis especially difficult. Religious instruction and catechesis compete against entertainment and sport for time in people's busy lives..."

"Catechists today face the difficult task of proclaiming the good news of Christ Jesus in such a way that it will be heard, accepted, and authentically understood in this culture. They must reach out to those who are unevangelized, as well as work with the large numbers of people today who have not been fully catechized. We write to offer our support to those involved in this challenging ministry." (Excerpts from the USCCB letter on catechesis)

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

This feast is the finding of the Cross by the Empress Helen (the mother of St. Constantine the Great) in Jerusalem in 326 AD, the place where Christ was crucified. Emperor Hadrian had buried Jerusalem after the city was destroyed in 70 AD, and covered the Jewish and Christian sites with pagan temples. As a result, believers had continued to make discreet visits to the remnants of the holy places marked by those temples, and when Helen came there searching for relics, it was a matter of digging down to the level of first-century Jerusalem and those sites.

But the pit where the Cross was kept had other wood in it, so the True Cross was found by having it venerated by the sick, and finally by placing a dead body on it: the dead man came to life — thus the name the “Life-Giving” Cross, which gives life not only to that man, but to each person who believes in the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross and His all-glorious three day Resurrection. **When the true Cross was identified, it was lifted on high for all the people to see, who then continually sang *Kyrie eleison*, a practice which we repeat in Matins and the Divine Liturgy of the feast.**

Worship services of the Feast of the Exaltation

During the Vigil, a cross is placed on the Holy Table/ altar where it reposes during the Vigil. This cross is placed on a tray that has been decorated with fresh basil leaves and red flowers. The cross reposes on the "High Place" of the Holy Table, where the Gospel Book would normally be. Basil is used because this plant's name means “king” and Jesus is our true king, and because it is associated with Mount Calvary, where our Lord was crucified.

At Matins, the transfer of the Cross takes place. After the Great Doxology the priest brings the Cross out of the sanctuary, led by candle-bearers and the deacon with incense. He sets the cross on the *tetrapod* which always stands in the center of Byzantine-Ruthenian churches as the choir sings.

The special "Exaltation" is then celebrated, echoing the one done in Jerusalem. This consists of the priest taking the cross in his hands and lifting it above his head. At the prayer sung by him or the deacon, the people sing “Lord, Have Mercy”. As they sing, the priest slowly blesses the congregation, and then bows down to the ground and up again, lifting the cross on high. This process is repeated four more times to the four points of the compass.

Everyone bows during the singing of “We bow to Your Cross, O Lord” and stands up at the following verse “and we glorify Your holy resurrection” The cross will remain in the center of the temple throughout the octave and the faithful will venerate it whenever they enter or leave the church. Finally, on the leave-taking of the Feast, the priest and deacon will cense around the cross, there will be a final veneration of the cross, and then they will solemnly bring the cross back into the sanctuary through the Royal Doors.

Many churches are named in honor of this feast, the most important to our Church being the Cathedral of the Mukachevo Eparchy, the mother diocese of the Byzantine Catholic Metropolia of the United States (to which we belong), in the city of Uzhhorod. In this cathedral, a special reliquary with a sliver of the True Cross is exposed in a glass-enclosed box over the Royal Doors of the iconostas.



New floor/new pews are IN

CAFE meets on Tuesday nights on the 3rd floor of the Student Union Building at UNM, in either Santa Ana Room or the Acoma Room next door. Prayers are at 6:15 pm, talks begin at 6:30 pm, and we close with prayers at 8:30 pm. This week Will Tapia presents on sacred music and its role in Roman Catholic worship and why what we sing matters.

A water color show at UNM Hospital, featuring 20 original paintings by our parishioner Beverly Forrest opens tomorrow August 29 - September 30. Reception is September 9th, 4 - 6 pm. The gallery is open 8am - 6pm Monday - Friday and is located

The Spiritual Friendship Group will meet this Tuesday, September 13 at 5:30 pm at Mimi's Cafe for dinner and discussion. Please contact Lara, Rafael or Cindy if you would like to participate.

Sunday September 11

Today is the 15th anniversary of the attacks on 9/11. On this fateful day 2,996 people were killed at the Pentagon, World Trade Center, and aboard the doomed airplanes and over 6,000 injured. In addition, over 1,400 of the many rescuers at the WTC have died from exposure to dangerous chemicals and over 1,100 rescuers and Lower Manhattan residents suffer serious illnesses from their exposure. The Islamic jihadists thought that they would devastate America, never expecting that instead our nation would rally together. May God grant eternal rest to the departed, and comfort to the survivors and those who are still suffering.