

August 1, 2010
Procession of the Holy Cross
The Seven Holy Maccabees

Today:

9:15AM Church School - Adult Study
10:00AM Divine Liturgy

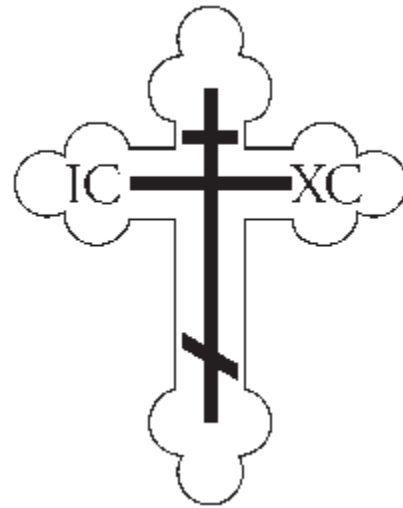
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God

Reader: Rod Vaught

Gospel: John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28

Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews.



Today is a charity plate Sunday.

Our annual sisterhood Panakhida and Memorial Meal and our August sisterhood meeting, will follow the Liturgy

This Week

Dormition fast begins today.

There will be no service this Wednesday.

Vesper-Liturgy Thursday 6:30PM. for Transfiguration

Fast following your noon meal to approach the Holy Chalice at this Divine Liturgy.

Choir practice Saturday, 4PM.

Parish council meeting next Sunday.

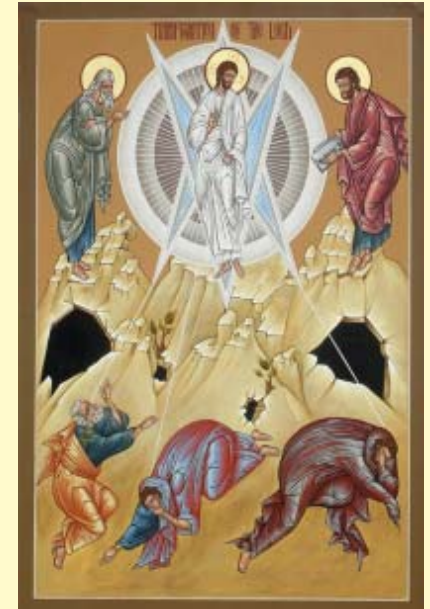
Participation in Holy Communion requires proper preparation, including regular reception of Sacramental Confession. If you have not been to Confession since Pascha, go to Confession before approaching the Chalice. Confessions will be heard before or after Vespers and Divine Liturgy.

Your prayers are requested for:

Archpriest Kiril Antonoff
Archpriest Thomas Succarotte
Archpriest Paul Gaussios
Nadia Bakan
Betty Blagoe
Regan Keener
Cis Mountz
George Palcheff
Bertha Petty
Joseph Saur
Diane Stoffan
Nora Todoroff

Birthdays this week:

Mikail Andria - Tuesday



This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. - John 15:12

Today is our annual Panakhida for the repose of the departed members of our sisterhood. A memorial meal will follow in the parish hall.

If he were not expecting that those who had fallen would rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. But if he was looking to the splendid reward that is laid up for those who fall asleep in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Therefore he made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin." 2 Maccabees 12:43-45

To the left is a simple drawing of what we might call the Pan-Orthodox Cross. The Slavic, three bar cross (the top bar represents the 'accusation' written by Pilate, mentioned in today's gospel - while the bottom angled bar represents the X-shaped Cross of the Holy Apostle Andrew, who preached to the Slavic people) is superimposed over the Greek style cross. The inscription IX XC is an acronym, meaning "Jesus Christ, Son of God". This cross is the one used atop the two domes of our Temple, and on the illuminated sign in the front.

Above is a traditional icon of the Transfiguration of Christ, which will be celebrated this Thursday evening.

The only way you can prove you love God is by loving your neighbor, and the only way you can love your neighbor in this world is by endless forgiveness. - Fr. Thomas Hopko, from On Forgiveness

Friday is the feast of the Transfiguration, a major feast in the Orthodox Church; We will celebrate Thursday evening with the Vespers-Divine Liturgy at 6:30PM. It is traditional for the faithful to bring fresh fruit, especially grapes, which are placed on the tetrapod during the service, then blessed and distributed to the faithful at the kissing of the Cross.

He has shown you, O mortal what is good; and what does the LORD require of you? but to do justice, to live kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. - Micah 6:8

Bake sale baking is underway, usually on Wednesdays. See Venka for details.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this sentence, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. - Romans 13:8-10

The Dormition fast begins today and runs until the Divine Liturgy on Dormition, Sunday, August 15th. This fast, while relatively short, should be kept strictly, omitting red meats and poultry, eggs, dairy products, olive oil and alcohol. If you have not been to Confession since the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul (June 29) you need to make a good Sacramental Confession in order to be prepared to approach the Holy Chalice on, or after Dormition.

All of us who are human beings are in the image of God. But to be in his likeness belongs only to those who by great love have attached their freedom to God. - St. Diadochus of Photike

It is traditional for the faithful to bring fragrant herbs and flowers to the Divine Liturgy for Dormition. These are placed on the tetrapod during the service, then blessed and distributed to the faithful at the kissing of the Cross. Extra herbs and flowers will be needed this year, as the feast falls on a Sunday.

However hard I try, I find it impossible to construct anything greater than these three words, 'Love one another' —only to the end, and without exceptions: then all is justified and life is illumined, whereas otherwise it is an abomination and a burden. - Mother Maria of Paris



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