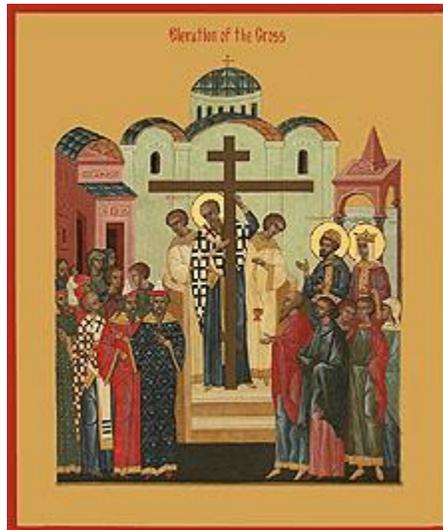


**St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance in conjunction with Orthodox Campus Ministry,
University of Mt. Union, Dewald Chapel
Divine Liturgy: 9:00 am.
Very Reverend Father Joseph Cervo, Archpriest (AOCANA-retired)
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September 21, 2014: 15th Sunday after Pentecost/
Leavetaking of the Elevation of the Holy Cross**



Tone 6 Troparion (Resurrection)

The angelic powers were at Your tomb; the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Your grave, seeking Your most pure body.
You took captive hell, // not being tempted by it.
You came to the Virgin, granting life. // O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

Tone 1 Troparion of the Holy Cross

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 4 Troparion (St. Nikolai)

In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence; your humility exalted you; your poverty enriched you. Hierarch Father Nikolai, entreat Christ our God that our souls may be saved!

Tone 6 Kontakion (Resurrection)

When Christ God the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race. //
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Tone 4 Kontakion

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 6 Prokeimenon

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance!
v: To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me!

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 (*Sunday after the Elevation*)

Tone 6 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.

v: He will say to the Lord: "My Protector and my Refuge; my God, in Whom I trust."

Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1 (*Sunday after the Elevation*)

(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing in Tone 8:)

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

You are a mystical Paradise, O Theotokos,

who, though untilled, have brought forth Christ;

through Him the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth.

Now at its Elevation, as we bow in worship before it, we magnify you.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!

The light of Your countenance has shone on us, O Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thoughts on the Holy Cross by Saint John Chrysostom

"The Cross, is wood which lifts us up and makes us great ... The Cross uprooted us from the depths of evil and elevated us to the summit of virtue" *St John Chrysostom*.

"Did you see how baptism is a cross? Learn that even Christ called baptism the cross when He used the name of baptism interchangeably [with that of the cross]. He called your baptism a cross. 'I call my baptism a cross,' he says. Where does He say this? 'I have a baptism to be baptized with, of which you do not know.' And how is it clear that He is speaking of the cross? The sons of Zebedee came up to Him - rather, the mother of the sons of Zebedee, saying 'Command that these my two sons may sit, one at thy right and one at thy left hand, in thy kingdom.' A mother's request, even if it was an inconsiderate one! How then did Christ answer? 'Can you drink of the cup of which I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?' You see that He called the cross a baptism." *St. John Chrysostom, Baptismal Instructions*.

"Far be it for me to glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Gal. 6:14). Truly this symbol is thought despicable; but it is so in the world's reckoning, and among men; in Heaven and among the faithful it is the highest glory. Poverty too is despicable, but it is our boast; and to be cheaply thought of by the public is a matter of laughter to them, but we are elated by it. So too is the Cross our boast. He does not say, 'I boast not,' nor, 'I will not boast,' but, 'Far be it from me that I should,' as if he abominated it as absurd, and invoked the aid of God in order to his success therein. And what is the boast of the Cross? That Christ for my sake took on Him the form of a slave, and bore His sufferings for me the slave, the enemy, the unfeeling one; yea, He so loved me as to give Himself up to a curse for me. What can be comparable to this?" *St. John Chrysostom, Homilies on Galatians*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS are requested for:

Candi (friend of John and Lynette Baier)

Wendy (friend of Lana Baier)

Jim (Cousin of Fr. David)

George Borojevich (brother of Wally and Debby)

Ava Cooper (infant who is undergoing surgery for heart defects)

Mother Ana

Nanci Stradley (Pancreatic Cancer)

Dawn Shaheen

Sharon Budd (Teacher from Perry, injured when rock thrown from overpass)

Patricia Kosivich, friend of and helper to Mother Ana

Father Joe Cervo

Doreen Wishnok (friend of the Krupko's)

George Ralich, (Dan's father who is in Cleveland Clinic following emergency surgery)
Katie (Granddaughter of Father Stevo Rocknage, St. Sava Church in McKeesport, who is battling a rare genetic disease)
+Emily Waseman (with Parents and family)
+Zora Penovich (with Bob and family)
+Bertha (Friend of Jaga Radosevic)
+Proto Milan Zubenitsa (newly departed Kum of Father Dragan)
+Helen Mieloff (Friend of Jaga Radosevic)
+D-Na Cracium (Friend of Corbin and Georgie Washington)

COFFEE HOUR:

Coffee Hour on Sunday, September 14 was provided The Gresh Family. Thank you!!!
Coffee Hour on Sunday, September 21 will be provided by The Cervos.
Coffee Hour on Sunday, September 28 will be provided by the Krupko/Catania Families.
Please see Cathy or Tom Baier if you would like to help.

DONATIONS RECEIVED:

We have received the following donations for
Health of Father Joe Cervo from Jaga Radosevic
Memory of D-Na Cracium+ from Corbin and Georgie Washington

These above names have already been added to our prayer list. May God bless the donors also. Please note, any special donations will be added directly to our building fund unless otherwise specified by the donor. God bless all who have generously donated to and support our mission.

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

We will be taking a special collection this Sunday to send to Father Stevo Rocknage to assist financially with medical expenses for his granddaughter Katie, who is battling a rare genetic disease. Below are excerpts from an article about Katie.

“At the young age of two years old, Katie was diagnosed with an extremely rare disease that attacks her lymph nodes, Castleman's Disease. When Katie was 18 months, a large mass was found in her arm pit under her right arm. Over the course of seven months she underwent a multitude of tests, scans, blood work, and biopsies to rule out everything from a cold to cancer. In October of 2013, her biopsy revealed the diagnosis of Castleman's. Since her diagnosis, she has undergone several procedures which included two surgeries in attempts to completely remove all of the infected lymph nodes in that area.

Castleman's Disease (CD) is very similar to lymphoma types of cancer and can lead to lymphoma later in life. This disease attacks the lymph nodes and other immune cell structures in the body. It is very rare in children and has never been seen in someone as young as Katie.

The fight continues to gain knowledge, expand research, and find the best way to continue giving Katie the best outcomes possible. She continues to be a fun-loving, strong, and courageous 2 year old against something that we have yet to begin to understand and she will not until she is much older.

All proceeds will go towards continuing Katies care as well towards Castleman's research.”

If you are interested in reading the full article, here is the link:

<http://www.crowdrise.com/katiesfightagainstcastlemandisease/fundraiser/milevarepasky>

CHOIR PRACTICES:

Choir Practice will be held at the Gresh Home on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Please join us.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

1 – Susan Varga
19 – Heidi Gresh
30 – Josh Gresh

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

29 – Deacon James and Heidi Gresh

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