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September 13, 2026

Forefeast of the Exaltation of the Cross; Commemoration of the Founding of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher at Jerusalem

Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!

Services

Sun., Sept. 13th	**Vespers with Litya for Cross Exaltation** *Confessions available following*	**6 pm**
Mon., Sept. 14th	**The Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross**	
	Hours	**8:45 am**
	Divine Liturgy	**9 am**
Wed., Sept. 16th	**Daily Vespers** *Confessions available following*	**7 pm**
Sat., Sept. 19th	**Great Vespers** *Confessions available following*	**6 pm**
Sun., Sept. 20th	**Afterfeast of the Exaltation of the Cross** **Greatmartyr Eustathius (Eustace) Placidas, his wife, Martyr Theopistes, and their children Jerusalem**	
	Sunday School	**9:15 am**
	Hours	**9:45 am**
	Divine Liturgy	**10 am**

*Take time to read the Scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for next Sunday's Liturgy.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 *(Resurrection)*
1 Corinthians 1:18-24 *(Exaltation)*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30 *(Resurrection)*
John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35 *(Exaltation)*

Tone 6 Troparion *(Resurrection)* The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee. **Tone 4 Troparion** *(Founding)* Thou hast revealed the beauty of the holy dwelling place of Thy glory on earth to be like the splendor of the heavenly firmament, O Lord. Through the prayers of the Theotokos, strengthen it for ever and ever and accept our supplication which we ceaselessly offer Thee therein, the life and resurrection of all!	**Tone 4 Troparion** *(Forefeast)* We offer in supplication the life-creating Cross of Thy goodness, O Lord, which Thou hast granted to us although we are unworthy. Through the Theotokos, save all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of man! **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** *(Founding)* The Church has been revealed to be a heaven filled with light, which enlightens all the faithful. Standing within it we cry: "Establish this house, O Lord!"	**Tone 6 Prokeimenon** *(Resurrection)* O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance! *(Ps. 27:9a)* *V. To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me! (Ps. 27:1a)*

Epistle

(2 Corinthians 4:6-15)

For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair;

persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed –

always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

So then death is working in us, but life in you.

And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, *"I believed and therefore I spoke,"* we also believe and therefore speak,

knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present *us* with you.

For all things *are* for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

Gospel

(Matthew 22:35-46)

Then one of them, a lawyer, asked *Him a question*, testing Him, and saying,

"Teacher, which *is* the great commandment in the law?"

Jesus said to him, ***"'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'***

"This is *the* first and great commandment."

And *the* second *is* like it: *'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'*

On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,

saying, **"What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?"** They said to Him, "*The Son* of David."

He said to them, **"How then does David in the Spirit call Him *'Lord,'* saying:**

'The LORD said to my Lord,
"Sit at My right hand,
Till I make Your enemies Your
footstool'"?

"If David then calls Him *'Lord,'* how is He his Son?"

And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

Announcements:

This month's Parish Council meeting is on **Monday**, **September 14th at 6:30 pm**.

Very Important Note from Fr. Evan: Please drive carefully and reduce your speed. Its Summer and children are out playing and riding bikes. There are a lot of children in the neighborhood as well as in the Church. *Please take caution when driving to and around the Church.*

There are still a few items looking for a new home: misc. headboards and baseboards (not a complete bed set), misc. mirrors, a wooden highchair, 1 pulpit/display case, 1 jewelry box, 1 small round table, and 1 coffee table. If you are interested in any of these items, please let Father Evan or one of the Parish Council members know.

We are seeking to update the parish directory for the purpose of good pastoral care, community life, and communication and will be having parish directory forms for everyone to fill out (either individual, or the head of a household on behalf of the rest of the family) that will be available at the candlestand starting this Sunday through mid-September. The forms can be picked up and returned another week or filled out and returned same day. Alternatively, people can fill it out electronically through the below QR-code.

HROC 2026 Festival

Sunday, September 20th
12 noon until sell-out.

September 18th and September 19th are our ***MAJOR*** prep sessions where your help is *truly appreciated*! Come on over to help Baba bake her delicious bread on **Friday, September 18th** to help stock her Bake Shoppe**.** On **Saturday, September 19th**, we will be rolling Halupki, doing last minute kitchen prep, as well as last minute cleaning up of the social hall to set up Baba's Bake Shoppe. The Friday and Saturday sessions will start at 7 a.m. Come join in the fellowship while putting the finishing touches on our Festival.

In addition to Baba baking fresh homemade bread for her Bake Shoppe, she still needs your help in filling her Bake Shoppe. After preparing all the food and getting the social hall ready for her guests, she's running out of steam and needs your help to bake. Can you help? Do you have a favorite baked good(s) or a chocolate creation that you would like to contribute? *(Please no refrigerated items.)* Please bring your packaged and priced baked good(s) to the social hall anytime on **Saturday, September 19th**. If you need containers, please see Marie or Mary. Also, please designate if your baked goodie contains nuts!

Feeling creative of putting together a themed basket? We are also having an area for a Chinese auction this year! Many *Thank Yous* in advance for everyone's support and prayers to make this year's Festival a success!