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Sunday Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. – Weekdays Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

General Confession 1st Sunday of month

Private Confession every Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. or upon request

Sunday September 17, 2017

NEW WEBSITE: Our new website is now online for everyone to access. Please note that it is still in progress for improvements and additions. The new address is:

<http://saintmichaelredford.org>

COFFEE HOUR: There is a Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy. Everyone is invited to come & enjoy Christian fellowship.

PRAYERS FOR THE HEALTH: Please pray for the following: Wellington Kennedy, Conrad Kennedy, Pat Federonko, Gloria Wheeler, Doris Sprague, Gregory Harvilla, Ann Telep, Judy Wadysz, Barbara Sapick, Paul Sapick, Walter Nowak, Chuck Ealovega, Stephanie Powell, Leslie Faes, Mary Lusko, Jestin Spears, Jacob Ruppert, Barbara Lamendola, John Vasilco, William Harvey, Kenneth Chambers, Mildred Cislo, Olga Jacob, John Vasilco, Anna Hagopian Nancy Hawkins, and Dr. Anthony Munaco.

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: *Dr. Anthony Munaco* is recovering from surgery. Please pray for his improved health!

REMEMBERED AT LITURGY: On Thursday, September 14th – for the Holy Feast of Elevation of the Holy Precious Cross, Fr. Timothy prayed for the repose soul of: Baba Tarris (for the 9/11 anniversary) offered by Munaco, Fremont and Hurchik families. Memory Eternal!

REMEMBERED AT LITURGY: TODAY, during Divine Liturgy Fr. Timothy prayed for the repose soul of: Justine Hurchik (10 Anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord on September 20, 2007) offered by Munaco, Fremont, and Hurchik families. Memory Eternal!

FLOWERS FOR THE HOLY PRECIOUS CROSS: Elevation of the Holy Precious Cross was on *Thursday, September 14th*. Flowers will decorate the Precious Cross today, *Sunday, September 17th*. If you would like to donate towards flowers for the Holy Cross, place your donation in a “Supplementary Envelope” found in the pews, and mark it **FLOWERS FOR THE CROSS**, put your name and envelope # on the envelope, and place it in the offering basket.

ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS: is one of the 12 Great Feasts of the Orthodox church, celebrated on September 14th. It is also referred to as the Exaltation of the Cross. This feast commemorates two events:

First, is the finding of the Cross by the Empress Helen (the mother of St. Constantine the Great) on Golgotha in 326 AD, the place where Christ was crucified. When the true Cross was identified, it was lifted up for all the people to see as they continually sang “Lord have Mercy”, a liturgical practice still done today at the celebration of this feast.

On the spot where the Cross was discovered, St. Helen also found a flower of rare beauty and fragrance, which is named “Vasiliko” (Greek), or “basil”, meaning the flower of royalty. The word also means “of the king”. Since the word “Basileus” in Greek means “King” the sweet basil plant is connected to the Precious and Life Giving Cross of the King of Glory, our Lord Jesus Christ.

The name “*Life-Giving Cross*” was given because a life of carrying one’s cross, “take up your cross and follow me.” (*Matt. 16:24*) brings life to each and every person. What Jesus Christ said and did also brings life to all who believe in Christ’s life-creating death and His all-glorious three day Resurrection. Doing God’s will with unconditional love, joy, loyalty and courage at all times, all places and all circumstance before all people is why the way of the cross, and the Holy Cross itself, is precious, life giving and highly exalted.

Secondly, the feast commemorates the recovery of The Holy Cross from the Persian Army. They had taken the True Cross, as a prize of war after they sacked Jerusalem in 614 a.d. Thirteen years later it was recovered by military forces of the Byzantine Empire at the Battle of Nineveh. Then on March 21, 630 a.d., Emperor Heraclius entered Jerusalem with Patriarch Zacharios who transferred and held high the Cross of Christ in the Church of the Resurrection amidst joyful celebration for veneration by the faithful. This feast day is kept as a strict fast.

FOOD COLLECTION: During **the month of September** we will be collecting non-perishable food items to be donated to the Redford Interfaith Relief organization. A box will be available in the vestibule for you to place your donations of canned goods, boxes of pasta, or any other non-perishable food items. Please be generous with your donation. We thank you.

FLOWER DONATION FOR THE HOLY PRECIOUS CROSS:

Martin family, Ted Maloney and Telep family

\$35.00

Total to date + \$90.00

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR DONATIONS!