

**St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church**

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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 19, 2021**

Epistle: Gal 2: 16-20

1 Cor 16: 13-24

Gospel: Mark 8: 34-9:1

Matt 21: 33-42

**COFFEE HOUR: There is a Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy . Come and enjoy Christian fellowship.**

**PRAYERS FOR THE HEALTH:** Wellington Kennedy, Conrad Kennedy, Gloria Wheeler, Doris Sprague, Judy Wadysz, Anna Hagopian, Reader Gary (Paul) Repella, Michael Gaujanian, Marion Kurtyka, Sonia Kurtyka ,Alice Caddy, William Harvey, Daniel Moran, Frances Munaco, Nancy Hawkins, Bradley Webster, Jestin Spears, Sophie Miller, and Walter.

**FROM THE ORTHODOX WEEKLY BULLETIN . . . Vestal, Cliffwood, New Jersey**

**“TODAY THE CROSS IS EXALTED”**

These words capture the mood that surrounds our observance of the Feast Day of the *ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS*. We venerate this precious Christian relic, for mankind truly is sanctified by virtue of our Lord’s Crucifixion upon it.

Church historians generally agree that two distinct events brought about the institution of this blessed holy day: the finding of the Cross of our Lord by St. Helen in the 4<sup>th</sup> century and its return from Persian captivity to Jerusalem in the 7<sup>th</sup> Century. It is a pious tradition of our Church that St. Helen, mother of the Emperor Constantine, did not know exactly where on Golgotha to look for Christ’s Cross, since it had been buried for nearly 300 years. As she searched the hillside, St. Helen came across a sweet-smelling plant and decided to dig in that area. It was there that she found the life-giving Cross of the Saviour! This plant was given the name “Basil” which means “the plant of the King.”

During the consecration of the church of the Resurrection of our Lord in Jerusalem in 335 A.D., it is said that the Patriarch ELEVATED the Cross for all the faithful to see. Those present fell to their knees and prayed repeatedly:

LORD HAVE MERCY! This ritual is still practiced today in Orthodox churches throughout the world.

The Cross was taken from Jerusalem by Persian invaders in 614 A.D. Fourteen years later, the Emperor Heraclius won a great victory over the Persians and returned to Jerusalem with the Cross. Once again, the Cross was treated with great reverence, and was held aloft for proper veneration. Due to the commemoration of the suffering and death of our Lord upon the Cross, this day is appointed to be kept as a **strict fast**.

**FLOWERS FOR THE HOLY PRECIOUS CROSS:** If you would like to donate towards flowers for the 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.

**SEPTEMBER TAKE-OUT DINNER** – Place your order for the take-out dinner scheduled for **NEXT Sunday, September 26, 2021**, following Divine Liturgy. The dinner includes: baked chicken, Italian sausage with peppers, red skin potatoes, Italian cut green beans, roll, and dessert. **ORDERS SHOULD BE PLACED BY THIS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND.** Please fill out the order form and place it in the box provided. You can also call the rectory to place an order.

**RAFFLE DRAWING** – Yes, we are planning a raffle drawing on the day of the dinner. See Susan Telep if you have a donation for the raffle prizes.

**COUNCIL MEETING** – The monthly Council Meeting has been changed to today, following Coffee Hour. Council members were notified by email about the change. Please make every effort to attend.

