

Feasts and Commemorations for this Week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 Sunday before Holy Cross » Luke 24:1-12 » Galatians 6:11-18 » John 3:13-17 »	10 Menodora, Metrodora, & Nymphodora the Martyrs Galatians 4:28-31; 5:1-10 » John 3:16-21 »	11 Theodora of Alexandria » Galatians 5:11-21 » John 12:19-36 »	12 ✙ Apodosis of the Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary Galatians 6:2-10 » John 11:47-54 »	13 ✙ Forefeast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross Hebrews 3:1-4 » John 12:25-36 »	14 ✙ The Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Giving Cross John 12:28-36 » I Corinthians 1:18-24 » John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30 »	15 Saturday after Holy Cross » Colossians 1:24-29, 2:1 » John 8:21-30 »
 Wine / Oil Allowed		 Fish Allowed		 Strict Fast		 Cheese / Dairy Allowed

Prayer List:

Please keep the following intentions in your prayers this week:

- For the soul of George Kretsedemas, husband of Sophia, father of Georgia Padilla, Tina St. Cyr, Effie Cecchini, Plato Kretsedemas and Nicholas Kretsedemas, and brother to Demetrios Kretsedemas (in addition to many other family) .May his memory be eternal!
- For our kids and their teachers and school staff as they begin the new school year.
- For Irene Cantos, mother of Fr. Earl, as she recovers from her fall and broken arm.
- For our inquirers and catechumens, as they continue their discernment process, that the Spirit will open their hearts and minds and guide them.

Save the Dates!

- 9/9 Orthros 9:00a, Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Earl.
- 9/15 Parish Open House 1:00p– 6:00pm, Blessing of Sunday School
Orthodoxy 101 Class 5:00p -6:15p @ church, Confessions ~6:15p
- 9/16 Orthros 9:00a, Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Earl.
Church School starts 9:15am—Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrated
- 9/20 Parish Council Meeting 6:30p @ church
- 9/22 Orthodoxy 101 Class 5:00p -6:15p @ church, Confessions ~6:15p
- 9/23 Orthros 9:00a, Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Earl.
- 9/29 Orthodoxy 101 Class 5:00p -6:15p @ church, Confessions ~6:15p
- 9/30 Orthros 9:00a, Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Earl.
Monthly memorial service

Refer to e-mailed Parish Updates for additional events and details.

Children and young adults ages 8-18

If you would like to participate in reciting epistles, psalms and other readings during the Divine Liturgy or other services, please contact Jaci Norton and let her know! Your participation is highly desired and a great way to support the church!

No previous experience required!



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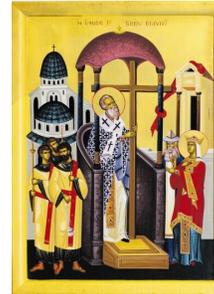
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Services Schedule:

Orthros 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy 10 AM



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Sunday before Holy Cross

Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Second Mode

When the angelic powers appeared at your tomb and those who guarded You became as though dead, and standing by Your sepulchre was Mary seeking Your pure and sacred body. For You did vanquish Hades and uncorrupted by its touch You came unto the virgin woman, bestowing the gift of life O You who rose from the dead. Lord we give glory to You.

Apolytikion for Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos in the Fourth Mode

Thy Nativity, O Theotokos, hath proclaimed joy to the whole world; for from thee hath dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, annulling the curse and bestowing the blessing, abolishing death and granting us life everlasting.

Apolytikion for Synaxis of the Holy Ancestors of God in the Second Mode

As we celebrate the memory of Thy righteous ancestors, O Lord, through them we beseech Thee to save our souls.

Holy Cross Church Apolytikion in the First Mode

Save, O Lord Your people, and bless Your inheritance; grant victory to the faithful against the adversaries of the Faith, and protect Your people by the power of Your Cross.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Mode

In your holy birth, Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were rid of the shame of childlessness; Adam and Eve of the corruption of death. And so your people, free of the guilt of their sins, celebrate crying: "The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life."

Epistle Reading

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Gospel Reading

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The Reading is from John 3:13-17

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

Saints and Feasts Commemorated

Sunday before Holy Cross

The Holy & Righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna



Today, the day following the Nativity of the most holy Theotokos, we celebrate the synaxis of Saints Joachim and Anna, honouring them as her parents.

Severian the Martyr of Sebastia



Saint Severian, a senator from Sebastia, was both an illustrious man of wealth and a fearless Christian. Because he encouraged the holy Forty Martyrs of Sebastia to stand fast in their confession, he was given over to terrible torments, and received his own crown during the reign of Licinius and Lysius the Duke, about the year 315.

Theophanes the Confessor



Saint Theophanes, Confessor and Hymnographer, Bishop of Nicea was the younger brother of the Saint Theodore the Branded (December 27). The brothers received an excellent education and were particularly involved in philosophy. Striving towards the knowledge of God, they settled in the Lavra of Saint Sava. Here Saint Theophanes was tonsured, and later became a hieromonk.

The holy brothers were famed as advocates of icon veneration. They boldly fulfilled the mission entrusted them by the Patriarch of Jerusalem and went to Constantinople to denounce the iconoclast emperor Leo the Armenian (813-820). Afterwards, they also denounced the iconoclast emperors Michael Balbos (820-829) and Theophilus (829-842).

The saints had to endure imprisonment, hunger, even torture. The emperor Theophilus gave orders to inscribe a phrase insulting to the glorious confessors upon their faces with red-hot needles. Therefore, they are called "Branded". "Write whatever you wish, but at the Last Judgment you shall read your own writing," said the agonized brothers to the emperor. They sent Theodore to prison, where also he died (+ 833), but Theophanes was sent into exile. With the restoration of Icon veneration Saint Theophanes was returned from exile and consecrated Bishop of Nicea. The saint wrote about 150 canons, among which is a beautiful canon in defense of holy icons. He died peacefully around the year 850.

PARISH
OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 1PM TO 6PM

WE HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!