

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION  
OF THE HOLY CROSS



*Icon of the Elevation of the Holy Cross*

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

- Sat, Sep 9th:** **The Saturday Before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; the Synaxis of Joachim and Anna**  
6:30 pm: Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom; Intention for Very Rev. Mitred Archbishop +Roman Galadza (40th Day).
- Sun, Sep 10th:** **The Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; of the Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, and Nymphodora**  
9:00 am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Ukr.); Intention for +John Zallie, by Marybeth Zallie.
- Mon, Sep 11th:** **The Venerable Mother Theodora**  
9:00 am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom; Intention for +Taras Kowal, by Rev. Paul J. Makar (1 Year Anniversary).  
7:00 pm: *St. Josaphat Tryzub Association Meeting (Church Hall).*
- Tue, Sep 12th:** **The Hieromartyr Autonomus**  
8:30 am: Daily Matins/3rd Hour  
9:00 am: *Church clean up (meet in the Church)*  
6:30 pm: *Moleben for Ukraine; Assumption of the BVM Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Northampton, PA.*
- Wed, Sep 13th:** **The Commemoration of the Dedication of the Church of the Resurrection**  
9:00 am: Daily Matins/3rd Hour  
6:30 pm: Great Vespers for the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos
- Thu, Sep 14th:** **The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Solemn Feast Day)**  
9:00 am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom; Intention for God's Blessings on Our Living and Deceased Parishioners.
- Fri, Sep 15th:** **The Great-Martyr Nicetas**  
NO DIVINE SERVICES
- Sat, Sep 16th:** **The Saturday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; of the Great Virgin Martyr Euphemia**  
6:30 pm: Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom; Intention for +Nick Bukaczyk (1 Year Anniversary), by the Kobryn Family.
- Sun, Sep 17th:** **The Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; of the Martyrs Sophia and Her Daughters Vera, Nadia, and Lubov**  
9:00 am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Eng.); Intention for +John Zallie, by Marybeth Zallie.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **IMPORTANT:** We will be shifting our parish email to a new email address starting on Sunday, September 17th. Our new email address will be [Bethlehem@ukrcatholic.org](mailto:Bethlehem@ukrcatholic.org). We will discontinue the old email address, [pastor@stjosaphatbethlehem.org](mailto:pastor@stjosaphatbethlehem.org) as of Sunday, October 15th, 2023; the old email will be deactivated after this date.
2. This week, Thursday, September 14th, is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This is a solemn feast day as marked on your Byzantine Church Calendars. All are encouraged to come and attend Great Vespers the evening before on Wednesday, September 13th, or Divine Liturgy on

Thursday as indicated in the schedule above.

3. Monday, September 11th, the St. Josaphat Tryzub Association will be meeting at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall. St. Josaphat Tryzub Association is looking for new members to not only help with the stewardship and upkeep of our parish, but also to enjoy fellowship together as we plan to help out with sponsored activities for the parish. To join, ask any Tryzub Member or see David Kadingo.
4. This week on Tuesday morning, September 12th, at 9:00 am, we will be holding a church cleanup. All are welcome to come and lend a hand in tidying up and keeping our Church clean.
5. The Ukrainian Catholic/Orthodox Clergy Brotherhood of the Lehigh Valley will have their next weekly Moleben for Peace in Ukraine on Tuesday, September 12th, 2023, at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Northampton, PA. All are encouraged to come and pray with us.
6. Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church will be holding their first ever Kiffle Sale on Wednesday, September 20th; pick up times are from 3:00 pm—6:00 pm. They are selling apricot and walnut kiffles; price is \$10.00 per half-pound. To order, you can email [foodsales@holyghostucc.com](mailto:foodsales@holyghostucc.com), or use the sign-up sheet in the back of the Church. For questions, call Marlene Lightcap at (908) 619-9116.
7. Father Yaroslav Lukavenko, Parochial Vicar assigned to Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church, will be departing for his new assignment at Sts. Vladimir and Olga Ukrainian Catholic Church in Windsor, ON, starting on the week of September 18th, 2023. Holy Ghost Church will be holding a farewell potluck luncheon for him on Sunday, September 17th, after the 11:00 am Divine Liturgy at Holy Ghost Chapel. All are invited; those who come are asked to bring a small covered dish to share for this event.
8. St. Josaphat Church will tentatively be hosting Ukrainian language classes for beginners (adults only), taught by Ihor Mirchuk, cantor for Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church, West Easton, PA. Classes will be starting near the end of September; more information will be provided regarding meeting times. For more information, please contact St. Josaphat rectory.
9. Father Paul will be hosting the second of the Theology on Tap events at Weyerbacher Brewery, Easton, PA, on Sunday, September 24th, at 12:30 pm. Theology on Tap is an adult catechetical program where people get together at a brewery/bar for good food, drink, and company and to hear a presentation on a particular topic by a priest. Father Paul will be giving a presentation on the theme “Why Does God Allow Bad Things to Happen to Good People?” For more information, email or telephone St. Josaphat Rectory. All are invited to attend.
10. Don't forget, we have a coffee and cake social downstairs in the Church hall after every Sunday Divine Liturgy. Many thanks to the St. Josaphat Tryzub Association for making this social possible. We encourage all of our parishioners to come downstairs after Sunday Liturgy for coffee, sweets, and fellowship.
11. Don't forget to bring your Redner's receipts! The receipts box is located in the church vestibule.

***Please remember to pray for the sick, for those who are shut-in, and for all those who have requested, or are in need of, our prayers:***

Anna Kapustiak	Amelia Balandovich	Ethel Bednarchek	Bob Silvert
Slava Harasymovych	Oleh Balaziuk	Mike Wetherill	Rev. John Ciurpita
Rev. Paul Wolensky	Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Roman Mirchuk		
All Our Archeparchial Seminarians	The Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God		

*If anyone knows of someone in need of our prayers, or who is sick or shut in and cannot make it to church, please contact Father Paul via email or telephone as listed on the cover of this bulletin if you wish to have their name added to our prayer list. Thank you and God bless you!*

### **Sunday Propers:**

#### **The Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; the Postfeast of the Nativity of the Mother of God**

**Troparion (6):** Angelic powers were upon Your tomb and the guards became like dead men; Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body. You captured Hades without being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and granted life. O Lord risen from the dead, glory be to You!

**Troparion (4):** Your nativity, O Mother of God, has made joy known to all the world, for from you dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. He abolished the curse and gave the blessing; and by making death of no effect He bestowed on us eternal life.

**Kontakion (4):** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever: Amen.* By your birth, O immaculate one, Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And your people, redeemed from the guilt of their sins, celebrate as they cry out to you: The barren one gives birth to the Mother of God and nourisher of our life.

**Prokimenon (6):** Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

**Verse:** To You, O Lord, I call; my God, be not deaf to me.

**Epistle (Gal 6:11-18):** Brethren: See with what large letters I am writing to you in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good appearance in the flesh who are trying to compel you to have yourselves circumcised, only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those having themselves circumcised observe the law themselves; they only want you to be circumcised so that they may boast of your flesh. But may I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through

### **Тропарі і Кондаки:**

#### **Неділя Перед Воздвиженням Попразденство Різдво Пресвятої Богородиці**

**Тропар (6):** Ангельські сили на гробі Твоїм, і сторожі омертвіли; Марія ж стояла при гробі, шукаючи пречистого тіла Твого. Полонив Ти ад і непереможений від нього, зустрів Ти Діву, даруючи життя. Воскреслий з мертвих, Господи, слава Тобі!

**Тропар (4):** Різдво твоє, Богородице Діво, радість звістило всій вседенній, з тебе бо засяяло Сонце правди — Христос Бог наш. Він, розрушивши клятву, дав благословення і, у даремнивши смерть, дарував нам життя вічне.

**Кондак (4):** *Слава Отцю, і Суну, і Святому Духові, і нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.* Йоахим і Анна з неслави бездітності і Адам і Єва від тління смерти визволилися, Пречиста, у святім різдві твоїм. Його празнують люди твої, з провини прогрішень ізбавлені, як кличуть до тебе: Неплідна родить Богородицю і кормительку життя нашого.

**Прокімен (6):** Спаси, Господи, людей Твоїх, і благослови спадкоємство Твоє.

**Стих:** До Тебе, Господи, взиватиму: Боже мій, не відвертайсь мовчки від мене.

**Апостоль (Гал 6,11-18):** Браття, гляньте, якими буквами пишу вам власною рукою. Ті, що хочуть показатися гарними тілом, - вони силують вас обрізатися, щоб тільки уникнути переслідування за хрест Христа. Бо й самі обрізані, не додержують закону, а хочуть, щоб ви обрізувалися, щоб їм хвалитися вашим тілом. Мене ж, не доведи Боже, чимсь хвалитися, як тільки хрестом Господа нашого Ісуса Христа, яким для мене світ розп'ятий, а я - світові; бо ані обрізання, ані необрізання є щось,

which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither does circumcision mean anything, nor does uncircumcision, but only a new creation. Peace and mercy be to all who follow this rule and to the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

**Alleluia Verse:** I have exalted one chosen from the people; and with My holy oil, I have anointed him.

**Verse:** My hand shall always be with him, and My arm shall make him strong.

**Gospel (Jn 3:13-17):** The Lord said, "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

**Instead of *It is truly right...*, the Irmos:** O my soul, extol the Virgin Mary, wondrously born. Mothers cannot be virgins, nor virgins be mothers; but in you, O Mother of God, both virginity and motherhood were present. Therefore, all the people of the earth unceasingly extol you.

**Communion Verse:** Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. I shall raise the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord (3x).

лише - нове створіння. На тих, які поступають за цим правилом, мир на них і милосердя, а й на Ізраїля Божого. На майбутнє нехай ніхто мені не завдає клопоту, бо я ношу на моїм тілі рани Ісуса. Благодать Господа нашого Ісуса Христа нехай буде з вашим духом, брати! Амінь.

**Апостольські Стих:** Возніс я вибраного з людей Моїх, елеєм святим Моїм помазав Його.

**Стих:** Рука Моя з ним буде твердо, й рамено Мое буде його скріпляти.

**Євангелія (Ів 3,13-17):** Сказав Господь: Ніхто не ввійшов у небо, крім того, хто зійшов з неба: Син Чоловічий! Тож так, як Мойсей змія підняв у пустині, - так треба Синові Чоловічому бути піднесеним, щоб кожен, хто вірує у нього, жив життям вічним. Бо так Бог полюбив світ, що Сина свого Єдинородного дав, щоб кожен, хто вірує в нього, не загинув, а жив життям вічним. Бо не послав Бог у світ Сина світ засудити, лише ним - світ спасти.

**Замість *Достойно...*, Ірмос:** Величай, душе моя преславне народження Божої Матері. Тебе, що несказанно воплотила Світло, яке засяяло раніше Сонця - Бога, що в тілі до нас прийшов з дівичого лона, - Благословенна, Всечиста Богородице, величаємо.

**Причасний Стих:** Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його на висотах. Чашу спасіння прийму, й ім'я Господнє призову. Алилуя (3р).



## The Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross (Commemorated on September 14th)

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The Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Creating Cross of the Lord: The pagan Roman emper-

ors tried to completely eradicate from human memory the holy places where our Lord Jesus Christ suffered and was resurrected for mankind. The Emperor Hadrian (117-138) gave orders to cover over the ground of Golgotha and the Sepulcher of the Lord, and to build a temple of the pagan goddess Venus and a statue of Jupiter.

Pagans gathered at this place and offered sacrifice to idols there. Eventually after 300 years, by Divine Providence, the great Christian sacred remains, the Sepulcher of the Lord and the Life-Creating Cross were again discovered and opened for veneration. This took place under the Emperor Constantine the Great (306-337) after his victory in the year 312 over Maxentius, ruler of the Western part of the Roman empire, and over Licinius, ruler of its Eastern part. In the year 323 Constantine became the sole ruler of the vast Roman Empire.

In 313 he had issued the Edict of Milan, by which the Christian religion was legalized and the persecutions against Christians in the Western half of the empire were stopped. The ruler Licinius, although he had signed the Edict of Milan to oblige Constantine, still fanatically continued the persecutions against Christians. Only after his conclusive defeat did the 313 Edict of toleration extend also to the Eastern part of the empire. The Holy Equal of the Apostles Emperor Constantine, having gained victory over his enemies in three wars with God's assistance, had seen in the heavens the Sign of the Cross, and written beneath: "By this you shall conquer."

Ardently desiring to find the Cross on which our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified, St. Constantine sent his mother, the pious Empress Helen (May 21), to Jerusalem, providing her with a letter to St. Macarius, Patriarch of Jerusalem.

Although the holy empress Helen was already in her declining years, she set about completing the task with enthusiasm. The empress gave orders to destroy the pagan temple and the statues in Jerusalem. Searching for the Life-Creating Cross, she made inquiry of Christians and Jews, but for a long time her search remained unsuccessful.

Finally, they directed her to a certain elderly Hebrew by the name of Jude who stated that the Cross was buried where the temple of Venus stood. They demolished the pagan temple and, after praying, they began to excavate the ground. Soon the Tomb of the Lord was uncovered. Not far from it were three crosses, a board with the inscription ordered by Pilate, and four nails which had pierced the Lord's Body (March 6).

In order to discern on which of the three crosses the Savior was crucified, Patriarch Macarius alternately touched the crosses to a corpse. When the Cross of the Lord touched the dead one, he came to life. Having beheld the raising of the dead man, everyone was convinced that the Life-Creating Cross was found.

Christians came in a huge throng to venerate the Holy Cross, beseeching St. Macarius to elevate the Cross, so that even those far off might reverently contemplate it. Then the Patriarch and other spiritual leaders raised up the Holy Cross, and the people, saying "Lord have mercy," reverently prostrated before the Venerable Wood. This solemn event occurred in the year 326.

During the discovery of the Life-Creating Cross another miracle took place: a grievously sick woman, beneath the shadow of the Holy Cross, was healed instantly. The elder Jude and other Jews there believed in Christ and accepted Holy Baptism. Jude received the name Cyriacus and afterwards was consecrated Bishop of Jerusalem.

During the reign of Julian the Apostate (361-363) he accepted a martyr's death for Christ (see October 28). The holy empress Helen journeyed to the holy places connected with the earthly life of the Savior, building more than 80 churches, at Bethlehem the birthplace of Christ, and on the Mount of Olives where the Lord ascended to Heaven, and at Gethsemane where the Savior prayed before His sufferings and where the Mother of God was buried after her death.

St. Helen took part of the Life-Creating Wood and nails with her to Constantinople. The holy emperor Constantine gave orders to build at Jerusalem a majestic and spacious church in honor of the Resurrection of Christ, also including under its roof the Life-Giving Tomb of the Lord and Golgotha. The temple was constructed in about ten years. St. Helen did not survive until the dedication of the temple, she died in the year 327. The church was consecrated on September 13, 335. On the following day, September 14, the festal celebration of the Exaltation of the Venerable and Life-Creating Cross was established.

Another event connected to the Cross of the Lord is remembered also on this day: its return to Jerusalem from Persia after a fourteen year captivity. During the reign of the Byzantine emperor Phocas (602-610) the Persian emperor Khozroes II in a war against the Greeks defeated the Greek army, plundered Jerusalem and captured both the Life-Creating Cross of the Lord and the Holy Patriarch Zachariah (609-633).

The Cross remained in Persia for fourteen years and only under the emperor Heraclius (610-641), who with the help of God defeated Khozroes and concluded peace with his successor and son Syroes, was the Cross of the Lord returned to the Christians.

With great solemnity the Life-creating Cross was transferred to Jerusalem. Emperor Heraclius in imperial crown and royal purple carried the Cross of Christ into the temple of the Resurrection. With the emperor went Patriarch Zacharios. At the gates by which they ascended Golgotha, the emperor suddenly stopped and was not able to proceed farther. The holy Patriarch explained to the emperor that an angel of the Lord was blocking his way. The emperor was told to remove his royal trappings and to walk barefoot, since He Who bore the Cross for the salvation of the world from sin had made His way to Golgotha in all humility. Then Heraclius donned plain garb, and without further hindrance, carried the Cross of Christ into the church.

In a sermon on the Exaltation of the Cross, St. Andrew of Crete (July 4) says: "The Cross is exalted, and everything true gathers together, the Cross is exalted, and the city makes solemn, and the people celebrate the feast".



## THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS

### The Woman Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, and Nymphodora (Commemorated on September 10th)

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The Holy Virgins Menodora, Nymphodora, and Metrodora (305-311), were sisters from Bithynia (Asia Minor). Distinguished for their special piety, they wanted to preserve their virginity and avoid worldly associations. They chose a solitary place for themselves in the wilderness and spent their lives in deeds of fasting and prayer.

Reports of the holy life of the virgins soon spread, since healings of the sick began to occur through their prayers. The Bithynia region was governed at that time by a man named Frontonus, who ordered that the sisters be arrested and brought before him.

At first he tried to persuade them to renounce Christ, promising great honors and rewards. But the holy sisters steadfastly confessed their faith before him, rejecting all his suggestions. They told him that they did not value the temporal things of this world, and that they were prepared to die for their Heavenly Bridegroom, for death would be their gateway to eternal life.

Flying into a rage, the governor took out his wrath on Saint Menodora, the eldest sister. She was stripped of her clothes and beaten by four men, while a herald urged her to offer sacrifice to the gods. The saint bravely endured the torments and cried out, "Sacrifice? Can't you see that I am offering myself as a sacrifice to my God?" Then they renewed their torments with even greater severity. Then the martyr cried out, "Lord Jesus Christ, joy of my heart, my hope, receive my soul in peace." With these words she gave up her soul to God, and went to her Heavenly Bridegroom.

Four days later, they brought the two younger sisters Metrodora and Nymphodora to the court. They showed them the battered body of their older sister to frighten them. The virgins wept over her, but remained steadfast.

Then Saint Metrodora was tortured. She died, crying out to her beloved Lord Jesus Christ with her last breath. Then they turned to the third sister, Nymphodora. Before her lay the bruised bodies of her sisters. Frontonus hoped that this sight would intimidate the young virgin.

Pretending that he was charmed by her youth and beauty, he urged her to worship the pagan gods, promising great rewards and honors. Saint Nymphodora scoffed at his words, and shared the fate of her older sisters. She was tortured and beaten to death with iron rods.

The bodies of the holy martyrs were to be burned in a fire, but a heavy rain extinguished the blazing fire, and lightning struck down Frontonus and his servant. Christians took up the bodies



of the holy sisters and reverently buried them at the so-called Warm Springs at Pythias (Bithynia) in Asia Minor (near modern day Izmit in Turkey).

Part of the relics of the holy martyrs are preserved on Mt. Athos in the Protection cathedral of the Saint Panteleimon monastery and the hand of Saint Metrodora in the monastery of the Pantocrator.



### **The Precepts of the Church [Part 1]**

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The Precepts of the Church are rules that all faithful who are Baptized and Chrismated are bound to follow in addition to the Ten Commandments as well as believing with full faith and assent of will to the articles of the Nicæan/Constantinopolitan Creed. The power for making these rules comes from Our Lord, Jesus Christ, and includes everything necessary for the government of the Church and the direction of the faithful in order that they may attain eternal salvation

**Precept #1:** *All Faithful Must Attend, To The Utmost Of Their Ability, To Attend all Divine Services On All Sundays And All Holy Days Of Obligation*

The Church obliges us to abstain from servile work on all Holy Days of Obligation, just as on Sundays, as far as we are able. Catholic Christians who must work on Holy Days are obliged to make every attempt to attend the Divine Services unless excused by a reasonable grave cause.

In the Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church, there are twelve major fixed feasts in addition to Easter (the date of which moves from year to year). In the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, the Days of Obligation for the major fixed feasts have been reduced to six as follows:

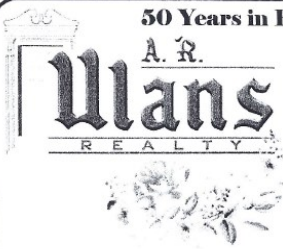
1. The Theophany of Our Lord, Jesus Christ (January 6th)
2. The Annunciation of the Theotokos (March 25th)
3. The Ascension of Our Lord, Jesus Christ (May 18th)
4. The Preeminent Apostles, Peter and Paul (June 29th)
5. The Dormition of the Theotokos (August 15th)
6. The Nativity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ (December 25th)

All other feast days that are listed on the Byzantine Calendar (i.e., the Presentation of Our Lord, Exaltation of the Holy Cross, etc.) is treated as a solemn feast—the faithful should make effort to attend these services, but they are not bound under mortal obligation to attend as for the above listed six feasts and all Sundays. It is a mortal sin to deliberately ignore, or refuse to attend, services on these Holy Days and on Sundays. Obviously if one is sick or homebound, or if one is working in a field that takes us away from our duties (i.e., caregiver to the sick/homebound, military/police work, medical personnel, etc.), then one is exempt from attendance at Divine Services these days.

**IMPORTANT:** In the cycle of services of the Church, we celebrate Great Vespers the evening before these feast days. Matins, the morning service of the Church, is often celebrated in other Churches as well. Ideally, attendance at all services (Vespers, Matins, and Liturgy) is best as you will get the most spiritual benefit from these common services. If one cannot attend Divine Liturgy, attendance at Vespers or Matins will fulfill your obligation to attend services on these holy feast days.

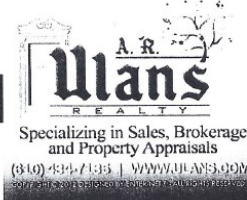
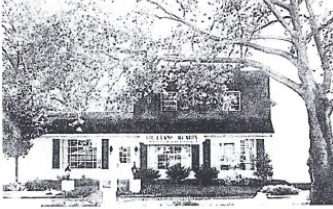
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## St. Josaphat Calendar of Events – Mark Your Planners!

<i>September 18th-21st:</i>	<i>Archeparchy of Philadelphia Clergy Retreat</i>
<i>September 20th:</i>	<i>Holy Ghost West Easton Kiffle Sale /1st Day of Fall</i>
<b>September 24th:</b>	Theology on Tap (Weyerbacher Brewery).
<i>September 27th:</i>	<i>UAV Post 41 Meeting (Holy Ghost Chapel, West Easton, PA)</i>
<b>October 1st:</b>	<b>Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God</b>
<b>October 2nd:</b>	St. Josaphat Tryzub Association Meeting (Church Hall)
<i>October 11th:</i>	<i>Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church Noodle Sale</i>
<i>October 14th/15th:</i>	<i>Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church Tricky Tray</i>
<b>October 22nd:</b>	Catechetical Sunday/Begin Eastern Catholic Catechism (ECC) Classes
<b>October 29th:</b>	Theology on Tap (Weyerbacher Brewery).
<b>November 5th:</b>	<b>Daylight Savings Time Ends</b>

*Please don't leave this bulletin in the pew or in the trash when you are finished. We kindly ask you share this bulletin with your loved ones. Let your family & friends know of the spiritual treasure that God has for all people here at St. Josaphat's, Bethlehem, PA!*

### **GUIDELINES FOR OUR FAITHFUL, GUESTS, AND FRIENDS**

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:** To join St. Josaphat's Church as a registered member, email or telephone Father Paul at St Josaphat's Rectory (contact information is listed on the cover of the bulletin).

**THE MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, HOLY EUCHARIST):** Those who wish their children to receive the Mysteries of Christian Initiation must contact St. Josaphat Rectory at least 6 weeks in advance of the desired Baptismal date and obtain instructions for this Sacrament. Non-baptized adults who wish to be received into the faith should contact St. Josaphat Rectory.

**THE MYSTERY OF CONFESSION:** Confessions are offered to all the faithful 1/2 hour before each scheduled Divine Service, or you may make an appointment with Father Paul at any time.

**THE MYSTERY OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST:** The reception of the Most Holy Eucharist is reserved only for Baptized Catholic Christians whose consciences are free from mortal sin.

**THE MYSTERY OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK** can be administered anytime there is a case of serious illness, injury, or disease. Please do not wait until your loved one is in danger of death!

**THE MYSTERY OF MATRIMONY:** Couples who wish to marry at St. Josaphat Church should contact the Rectory Office at least 6 months in advance of the desired wedding date (or as soon as they are engaged).

**FUNERALS:** Active parish membership and participation is mandatory if one desires an ecclesiastical funeral within the Church. Viewings in the Church are discouraged, if an in-church viewing is desired, a separate facility use fee will be assessed by St. Josaphat Church equivalent to the prevailing funeral home facility rates in the Lehigh Valley. Also, the Church teaches us to avoid cremation (except only for dire circumstances) due to the sanctity and holiness of the human body; If a cremation is insisted on, the family of the decedent must schedule the funeral service before cremation takes place. For inquires regarding burial in St. Josaphat's Cemetery, contact St. Josaphat Rectory.

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### ***Glory to Jesus Christ! Слава Ісусу Христу!***

*We welcome you to our parish family and invite you to worship with us in a most ancient Church of the Christian East. We are happy to have you with us, and we are honored to share our Ukrainian Catholic tradition of prayer and spirituality with you, your family, and your friends. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to bring them to Father Paul or one of our parishioners. Our doors and our hearts are open to you. May God's blessings be with you always!*

### ***The Cross Raised for All the World to See***

The cross is raised and appears above the earth, which until recently malice had kept hidden. It is raised, not to receive glory (for with Christ nailed to it what greater glory could it have?) but to give glory to God who is worshiped on it and proclaimed by it.

It is not surprising that the church rejoices in the cross of Christ and robes herself in festal clothes, revealing her bridal beauty as she honors this day. Nor is it surprising that this great throng of people has gathered together today to see the cross exposed aloft and to worship Christ whom they see raised upon it. For the cross is exposed in order to be raised and is raised to be exposed.

What cross? The cross, which a little while ago was hidden in a place called "The Skull" but now is everywhere adored. This is what we rejoice over today; this is what we celebrate; this is the point of the present feast; this is the manifestation of the mystery.

For this hidden and life-giving cross had to be exposed, set on high like a city on a hill or a lamp on a stand, for all the world to see.

*Saint Andrew of Crete*

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