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**Sunday, September 13, 2020**

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Forefeast of the Exaltation of the Cross**

**Commemoration of the Founding of the Church of the  
Resurrection (Holy Sepulcher) at Jerusalem**



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## *Troparion and Kontakion*

### **Tone 5      Troparion**    (*Resurrection*)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

### **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 5      Kontakion**    (*Resurrection*)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, // and we cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

### **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!"

**Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18 (Sunday Before)**

Brethren: See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! <sup>12</sup> As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup> For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. <sup>14</sup> But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. <sup>16</sup> And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. <sup>17</sup> From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. <sup>18</sup> Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:21-24 (Resurrection)**

Brethren: Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, <sup>22</sup> who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. <sup>23</sup> Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. <sup>24</sup> Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand.

**Gospel: John 3:13-17 (Sunday Before)**

<sup>13</sup> No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 (Resurrection)**

22 And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, <sup>3</sup>and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. <sup>4</sup>Again, he sent out other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.”’ <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. <sup>6</sup>And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.’ <sup>10</sup>So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. <sup>12</sup>So he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup>“For many are called, but few are chosen.”

## ***Many Years***

### ***Birthdays***

14 Nicholai Uchakin

15 Leigh Mills

16 Elena Codreanu

17 Pres. Elena Buck

19 Allen Almquist

### ***Anniversaries***

16 Mark & Diane Dorogy

## *Announcements for Sunday, September 13, 2020:*

- The Great Feast of the Exaltation of the Life-giving Cross will be celebrated on Monday @ 6pm with a Vespers Liturgy. If you wish to partake of communion you should fast at least 6 hours before.
- Tuesday @ 7 pm Parish Council Meeting
- Wednesday @ 6 pm Daily Vespers
  - 7:30 pm Book Club Meeting via Zoom
- September Charity - Middle Georgia Community Food Bank
  - We will be collecting food donations through September.
  - Food donations don't always have to be canned food, but MGCFB does not accept food that is expired or damaged. MGCFB would prefer food that has at least 30-60 days before expiration.
  - Only non-perishable food will be accepted.
  - MGCFB would prefer food donations that are nutritionally dense or whole meals such as, peanut butter, canned tuna, canned beans, soups and stews, pastas, or low sugar cereals.
  - They also welcome monetary donations which we will process through the parish.