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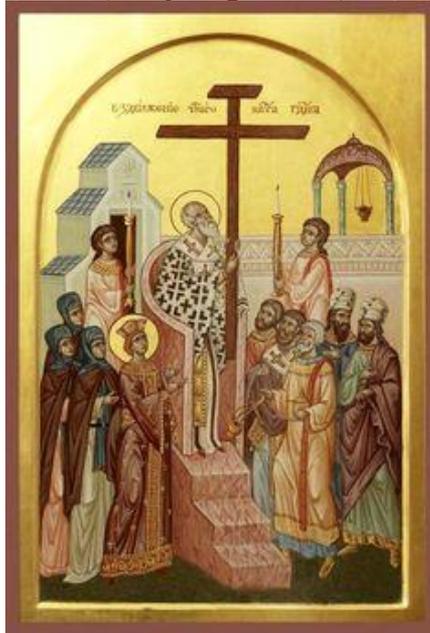
ORTHODOX
CHRISTIAN
CHURCH

Sunday, September 13, 2020

14th 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! ¹² 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. ¹³ For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. ¹⁶ And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. ¹⁷ From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁸ Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

2nd Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:21-24 (Resurrection)

Brethren: Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, ²² who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. ²³ Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. ²⁴ 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)

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

2nd Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 (Resurrection)

22 And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, ³and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. ⁴Again, 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.”’ ⁵But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. ⁶And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. ⁷But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. ⁹Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.’ ¹⁰So 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. ¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. ¹²So he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then 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.’ ¹⁴“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 Vespereal 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.