**Liturgical Reminders**

**Antidoron**

At the end of Liturgy you may receive a piece of antidoron from the tray at the back of the church. This is how we will distribute antidoron until clergy receive the episcopal blessing to once again distribute the antidoron in the customary manner.

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We ask that you do not congregate in the Narthex at the dismissal of the services.

**Please help IOCC supply Hygiene Kits for Victims of Lebanon Blast and Hurricane Laura**

(Use carefully follow these instructions)

Fill a one-gallon zip top plastic bag with the following items:
- (1) cotton hand towel (15”x28” to 16”x32”-no fingertip, bath, dish, or microfiber)
- (1) cotton washcloth (no microfiber)
- (1) wide-tooth comb without packaging
- (1) fingernail or toenail clipper without packaging
- (1) bath size bar of soap in its wrapper
- (1) toothbrush in its package
- (10) standard size Band-Aids

Bring completed kits to Annunciation church office or drop off in box down the stairs in Narthex. Donations will be accepted through the end of September.

**GOYA Corn Maze at Oregon Dairy**

Friday, September 25th

6:30 PM Meet & Eat

7:30 PM Flashlight Maze

*Parish Family Picnic & GOYA Kick Off*

Sunday, September 13th

4:00-8:00 PM - Neffsville Park, Lititz

- Live Music from George Papazekos
- Outdoors Holy Cross Vespers
- 6:30 pm at the park

Please bring your lawn chairs, blankets and food/drink

Come enjoy the fellowship!

**Preschool at Annunciation**

The first day of Preschool is scheduled to begin on Monday, September 21st.

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**Sunday, September 13th**

8:15 AM Orthros
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

*4:00-8:00 PM Church Family Picnic & GOYA Kick-Off & Elections at Neffsville Park
6:30 PM Holy Cross Vespers at the Park

**Monday, September 14th**

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30 AM Orthros
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy
7:00 PM OCF/YA meeting

**Tuesday, September 15th**

7:30 PM Parish Council meeting

**Wednesday, September 16th**

**“With Pain and Love for Contemporary Man,” Spiritual Counsels of Saint Paisios, Volume 1.**

*In person or follow on Live Stream*

**Wednesday Live Stream Book Study**


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Email sign up has been sent, please contact Father Theodosi with any questions

**Sunday, September 13, 2020 — Sunday before Holy Cross**

Forefeast of Elevation of Cross; Memorial of founding Holy Resurrection of Christ Church

Orthros Mode: Plagal First
Orthros Gospel: Mark 16:9-20
Liturgy Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18
Liturgy Gospel: John 3:13-17

**The Finding and Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Saint Helen, the mother of Saint Constantine the Great, when she was already advanced in years, undertook, in her great piety, the hardships of a journey to Jerusalem in search of the cross, about the year 325. A temple to Aphrodite had been raised up by the Emperor Hadrian upon Golgotha, to defile and cover with oblivion the place where the saving Passion had been suffered. The venerable Helen had the statue of Aphrodite destroyed, and the earth removed, revealing the Tomb of our Lord, and three crosses. Of these, it was believed that one must be that of our Lord, the other two of the thieves crucified with Him; but Saint Helen was at a loss which one might be the Wood of our salvation. At the inspiration of Saint Macarius, Archbishop of Jerusalem, a lady of Jerusalem, who was already at the point of death from a certain disease, was brought to touch the crosses, and as soon as she came near to the Cross of our Lord, she was made perfectly whole. Consequently, the precious Cross was lifted on high by Archbishop Macarius of Jerusalem; as he stood on the ambo, and when the people beheld it, they cried out, “Lord have mercy.” It should be noted that after its discovery, a portion of the venerable Cross was taken to Constantinople as a blessing. The rest was left in Jerusalem in the magnificent church built by Saint Helen, until the year 614. At that time, the Persians plundered Palestine and took the Cross to their own country (see Jan. 22, Saint Anastasius the Persian). Late, in the year 628, Emperor Heraclius set out on a military campaign, retrieved the Cross, and after bringing it to Constantinople, himself escorted it back to Jerusalem, where he restored it to its place.

https://www.goarch.org/chapel/saints?contentId=205&PCode=15PEM&D=M&DT=09/14/2020

**WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS**

We welcome our non-Orthodox friends and neighbors at all the liturgical services with a reminder that Holy Communion may be received only by prepared Orthodox Christians. Please sign the Visitor’s Registry in the Narthex if you wish to be contacted by the priest.

Father Hector Firoglanis, Pastor
Father Theodosios Paola, Assistant Pastor; Father Alexander Veronis, Pastor Emeritus

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The Gospel

Gal. 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 in only 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.

The Epistle

Rom. 13:14

Brethren, let us pursue what is good. If possible, as far as it depends on you, be at peace with everyone. Do not seek revenge, my brothers, but take vengeance for me, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” But if you suffer as a result of wrongdoing, take it as a joy, to the extent that God deems it fit, so that you may receive the crown of glory that is imperishable. Be steadfast in the faith, no matter what happens, knowing that your citizenship is in heaven, that you await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He who called you will accomplish it, by His grace.

The Liturgy

Kontakion

Ὁ Απόστολος Γα 6:11-18

Ἄξεσθαι εἶ, ἡμῖν ὑπὸ τουτούρα, ὅτι ἐκ τοῦ Κυρίου τοῦ Χριστοῦ παρεδοθείσαι ζωὴ οἰκόνων, μὴ ἔχειν δυνατόν, ἀλλὰ ἔχειν ζωὴν αἰωνίον. Οὐ γὰρ ἀπέστειλεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ εἰς τὸν κόσμον ἵνα κρίνῃ τὸν κόσμον, ἀλλὰ ὁ Θεὸς τὸν κόσμον, ὥστε τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ τὸν μονογενῆ ἔδωκεν, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται ἀλλ' ἔχῃ ζωὴν αἰωνίον. Οὕτω γὰρ ἠγάπησεν ἀνθρώπον ὁ ὤν ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ. καὶ καθὼς Μωϋσῆς ἕκατος ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ, οὕτως ὑψωθῆναι δεῖ τὸν Υἱον τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται ἀλλ' ἔχῃ ζωὴν αἰωνίον. Εἴπεν οὖν ὁ Κύριος: "Θαυμάστε τὸν σταυρὸν τοῦ Χριστοῦ, ἵνα μὴ δοκίμασιν πιστεύσετε ἐν φαντασμοῖς τοῖς πιστοῖς ἐν ἑωτέρῳ καταλύσετε πάντα τοῖς πιστοῖς. Ἐμοὶ δὲ μὴ γένοιτο καυχᾶσθαι εἰ μὴ ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ Χριστοῦ, δι' οὗ οὕτωι τῶν θανάτων ἐγείρετο τοὺς νεκροὺς καὶ ἐν τῷ Βοτανικῷ οὐδένα ὑποκειμένα τίς θανάτων, ἀλλὰ ἔχει τοὺς ὑγιήν τοῖς πνευμονίσκοις πᾶσιν εἰς αὐτὸν εἰς ἀπελευθέρωσιν."