Leaders of the Apostles and teachers of the world, pray to the Master of all to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.

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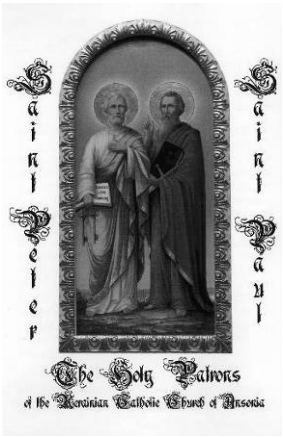

Very Rev. Archpriest Edward Canon Young, *Pastor*

September 15, 2019

Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Holy Great-Martyr Nicetas

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1 Tone: Sheet

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY–FRIDAY 9:00AM

SATURDAY: 4:00PM (Vigil Sunday-Eng.)

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM (Ukr.) & 10:00 AM (Eng.)

Confessions are heard before each Divine Liturgy:

Saturday 3:00PM to 3:30 PM
Sunday 8:00AM to 8:30AM and 9:30AM until 10:00AM

Religious Education – Saturday 10:00AM – 11:00AM Call Alice O'Doy @203-734-3055 for more information.

Preservation – Please use the form in church vestibule, mail it to the church or bring it to Bob Jaskilka, Michael Wysowski, Jr.or Fr. Edward Young

Address or Name Change/New Phone Number – Please update your records. See Bob Jaskilka, or Michael Wysowski, Jr. to update this info. Returned checks are subject to a **$35.00 fee**.

Bulletin Notices – Notices for the bulletin must be **in writing** by Wednesday @6PM to be included in that week's bulletin.

Parish Council meets every 3rd Wednesday of every month @7:15pm in the church hall.

Rectory Office Hours - Thursday 10AM – Noon
or **by Appointment on other days**

*******Please Note ********
Mass Offerings , Sorokousty
Mother's Day, Father's Day
Checks must be made out to the Fr. Young not the Church ! Thank You…

Baptism Arrangement for baptism is to be made personally at the Parish Office. Please call rectory for an appointment.

Marriage – Arrangements for marriage are to be made at least **6 months prior** to the Wedding date. Please call rectory for an appointment.

Sick Calls – To arrange for Sacraments for the elderly and sick at home, please call Parish Office Fr. Young at 203-734-3895, ***Please advise the rectory of any hospitalization.***

In your Estate planning – Remember Sts. Peter & Paul Church in your will.

Stewardship - "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). All Catholics, should give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church

Special Share in the Eucharist *– Bread & Wine offered for a week, month, or year. Donations: one week - $20.00 Donors/intentions will be listed.
Bob Jaskilka, or Michael Wysowski, Jr or Fr. Edward Young

Eternal Light *– offered to light for a week $10.00.
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Mary's Lamp and Sacred Heart Lamp* also available for offering! offered to light for a week $10.00, each.
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All start on Monday to Sunday!
****Offering must be made when dates are reserved!***

A Welcome to St. Peter and St. Paul Parish to all who are worshipping with us today. If you are over twenty-one years of age and have not yet registered, have moved or will be moving, or have a new telephone number, please fill out the form below .Each household must be registered at St. Peter and St. Paul and every adult receives a set of stewardship envelopes. Registration also entails an annual dues to the parish. If a parishioner is not registered, it is difficult for church authorities to issue him or her a sponsor certificate, reference, or any other certification.

Name_____Phone#_____
Address_____Email_____
City_____State_____Zip_____

(Please come down to the Basement to be properly registered after or before liturgy)

Vespers for the Holy Cross *In Tone 2, Glory… Now…*Come, all you people,* let us venerate the blessed Cross of the Lord* through which eternal justice came to us.* He who deceived Adam, the first man,* was conquered by a tree,* and the same who fettered the royal creation by his cunning* has been cast down into nothingness.* The venom of the serpent has been washed away* by the divine blood of Christ.* The curse of the rightful sentence was lifted* when the just Christ was condemned unjustly.* By God's plan, death that had come from a tree* would be conquered by a Tree,* and suffering would be healed by the suffering of the Lord.* Glory to the active presence of Your providence in our lives, O Christ, our King.* Through it You have brought salvation for all,* for You are gracious and the Lover of mankind.

Bread and Wine Offering – NONE OFFERED

09/14	Saturday	 9:00AM 4:00PM	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross NO MEAT IS PERMITTED THIS DAY +Dorothy Brenia 40th day req. by Marian Sadlowski & Patty Wolniak Special Intention
09/15	Sunday	8:30AM 10:00AM	Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян +Stephen Petriw Jr. req, by Scott, Jean, Jennifer & Alexis Walker
09/16	Monday		No Liturgy
09/17	Tuesday	9:00AM	Special Intention
09/18	Wednesday	9:00AM	Special Intention
09/19	Thursday	9:00AM	+Sergey & Olga Kowalsky
09/20	Friday	5:00PM	Asking God's Blessing on the Marriage of Alexis Grace Walker and Jason Ryan Shaub.
09/21	Saturday	4:00PM	+Walter Duda req. by Dorothy Duda
09/22	Sunday	8:30AM 10:00AM	+Melania Lypen req. by Wasyl & Jaroslawa Sembrat Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян

ETERNAL LIGHT		*In loving memory of +Shirley Drake from Drake Family*
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		*NONE OFFERED*
SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP		*In loving memory of +Jack Massari by Ann Malinak*

Bread and Wine Offering Reserved Dates	Eternal Light Offering Reserved Dates	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES	SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES
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2019 & Past Church Dues *(Blue Book)* (Kollekta)

During Lent & every Saturday & Sunday dues current & past will be collected in the church hall after the 4:00 PM Vigil and 8:30 AM & 10AM Sunday Liturgies.

Please bring your dues book to the church hall *dues will not be collected in the rectory*

Back on January 25, 2005 the Parish Council voted to increase the yearly dues to $75.00 per member. This is the first increase since 1998. The number of upcoming projects that are needed to keep the church building in good repairs, such as painting windows, doors, walls, fixing the roof, warranted this increase.

Do not place dues in your weekly envelope offering !

Please remember - this is not our church but YOUR church!

Please fulfill your responsibility to your Church!!

PARISH COUNCIL Meeting *September 18, 2019*		Monthly Meeting of St Peter & St Paul Board of Directors Wednesday evening September 18, 2019 @ 7:15 pm in the church hall All Board members are requested to attend!!!!!

HOLY NAME MEETING **September 22, 2019**	**Meeting of St Peter & St Paul Holy Name Society – Sunday September 22, 2019 right after the 10AM liturgy in the church hall… Topics – Bingo; Bishop Basil's visit** All members are requested to attend!!!!!

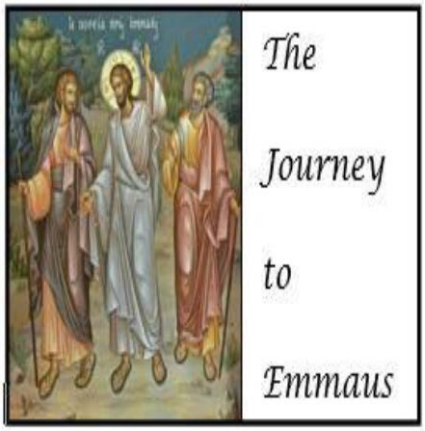
Join Our Email List

Parish Email List: The Board of Directors wants to create a church group emailing list to inform parishioners of current events, parish news and activities. Please provide us with your email address, on the sheet that will be provided in the church hall, when paying your yearly dues.

Church Website: The Church Committee has begun work of the parish website. The new website is still in the beginning stages. It can be reached at www.stsppucc.org.

New Britain Ukrainian Festival Saturday September 21, 2019 – Sponsored by: St Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church at the Polanka – Falcon Field Farmington Ave, New Britain, CT 12;) Noon to 10:00 PM call 860-225-7340 for more info

Saint Mary Parish Bridgeport Festival TODAY September 15, 2019 at Paproski's Castle Hill Farm 25 Sugar Lane (off Route 302) Newton, CT Begin 11:00 AM for info call 203-269-5909 or 203-426-5487



"Catechetical Sunday" 22 September 2019

Next Sunday, an important event will take place in our parish. The importance of religious instruction will be emphasized. Special prayers for the Beginning of the School year will be included during the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM. We will give authority to our catechists and implore God's Wisdom upon them and their students, for whom we will also pray and bless. All instructors and students are asked to be present.

New Day Bereavement Program: Those who are grieving the death of a loved one need to proactively work through their grief. One way that may be helpful is to participate in the bereavement support group called the New Day Program. This program consists of ten two-hour weekly meetings. During each meeting, participants work through one component of the grieving process, guided by the New Day Journal. The next New Day Program begins on Tuesday, October 1st from 1:30-3:30pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 733 Oxford Rd. Oxford, in the lower parish center. Registration is required. Call 203-888-2382 ext 104.

TODAY: Calling all young girls!! Come have your nails painted and enjoy an ice cream sundae When: Sunday September 15th Time: 11:00am-12:30pm Where: Church Hall after 10:00am Divine Liturgy

THE VENERATION of the PRECIOUS and LIFE-GIVING CROSS according to THE BYZANTINE TRADITION

For the Jews, the cross was a tree of shame and for the Romans it was an instrument of execution. But for the Christians the cross became the symbol of victory and salvation, an object of special veneration. The Primitive Church provides us with sufficient and definite evidence of the veneration of the Holy Cross. With the granting of peace by Constantine I and the discovery of the true Cross of Christ (about A.D. 326), the veneration of the Holy Cross became public and very popular.

1. The true Cross of Christ was discovered during the excavating operations, supervised by Archbishop Macarius of Jerusalem (314-335), of the holy sites chosen for the erection of two basilicas. These magnificent edifices were commissioned by Emperor Constantine the Great (306-337). The one, called Martyrion, was to be built on the hill of Calvary and the other, known as the Church of the Resurrection or Anastasis was to be built over the Holy Sepulchre. During this time, the Emperor's mother, St. Helena, was visiting the Holy City. Thus tradition credits her with the discovery and first veneration of the true Cross of Christ. (cf. *St. Ambrose, Oration on Theodosius, 43-46*) After recovering the Holy Cross, St. Helena sent a considerable portion of the Holy Wood to her son, Emperor Constantine the Great, in Constantinople.

Another part of the Holy Relics was sent to Rome which was later deposited in the Basilica of the Holy Cross of Jerusalem. But the greatest part of the True Cross was enclosed in a silver case and was placed in the Chapel of Cross, especially erected for this purpose between the Martyrion and the Anastasis.

There is no doubt that the True Cross of Christ was discovered at the beginning of the fourth century. Twenty years later, in 348 A.D., St. Cyril of Jerusalem (313-386), while serving as a preacher of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (Anastasis), mentioned the Holy Relics several times in his famous Catecheses. (cf. *Catechesis IV, 10; X, 14; XIII, 4*) After being consecrated the Bishop of Jerusalem, he informed Emperor Constantius II, in his letter of May 7, 351 that "the salutary tree of the Cross was discovered in Jerusalem during the reign of his pious father, Constantine of bl. m.". (cf. Migne, *P.G., vol. 33, col. 1168*) A detailed description of the finding of the True Cross of Christ is given to us by the Monk of Crete, Alexander, (VI century) in his encomium, On the Finding of the Venerable Cross. (cf. *P.G., 87, 4015-4074*) And St. Sophronius, the Patriarch of Jerusalem (d. 638) exclaimed during one of his sermons: "Behold the sepulcher – a clear proof of Christ's resurrection; behold His Cross being adored! They both are the trophies of our own salvation!" (cf. *P.G., 87, 3305*)

2. After separating the historical facts from the legendary elements, it is most probable that the first public veneration of the Holy Cross took place in Jerusalem on September 14, 335, at the time of the solemn dedication of the two Constantinian Basilicas, the Martyrion on Calvary and the Anastasis over the Holy Sepulchre. The pious pilgrim Eteria, who visited the Holy Places in 380 A.D., wrote in her Diary of a Pilgrimage: "The dedication of these churches is observed with great solemnities, since the Cross of the Lord was also found on that day." (cf. *Ancient Christian Writers, vol. 38, ch. 48*)

The annual observance of The Dedication of the basilicas together with the exposition of the Holy Cross attracted a great multitude of pilgrims.

Because of the great number of people, all were not able to venerate the Relics of the True Cross individually. This prompted them to petition the Bishop to have the Holy Relics elevated so that they would be able to at least see them if they were unable to personally venerate them. (cf. St. Sophronius, *Life of St. Mary of Egypt, ch. 21-24*)

It was then that the Bishop decided to elevate the Relics of the Holy Cross for the benefit of the pilgrims who spontaneously fell on their knees and, with compunction in their heart, cried out " Lord have mercy!" incessantly. (cf. *Greek Menologion in Migne, P.G., 117, col. 48*)

This was the beginning of the feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, which the "Fathers under the Emperor's order established to celebrate on the fourteenth of September." (cf. *Alexander the Monk, in Migne, P.G., 87, 4072*)

3. The feast of The Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Cross (Gr. *Hypsosis*; SI. *Vozdvizenije* – elevation, lifting up) was shortly after introduced in Constantinople from where it was brought by St. Gregory the Great (d. 604) to Rome. Thus, at the end of the 6th century the feast became " Universal," being celebrated in the East and the West. (cf. Ibid., col. 4072)

In 614, the Persian king Chosroes II sacked Jerusalem and took, along with the spoils, the Relics of the True Cross which were enclosed in a gold-plated box. However, they were soon recovered by Emperor Heraclius II (610-641) who defeated the Persians and in the spring of 629 personally carried them back to Jerusalem. The return of the True Cross to the Church of Jerusalem by the Emperor considerably enhanced the veneration of the Holy Cross.

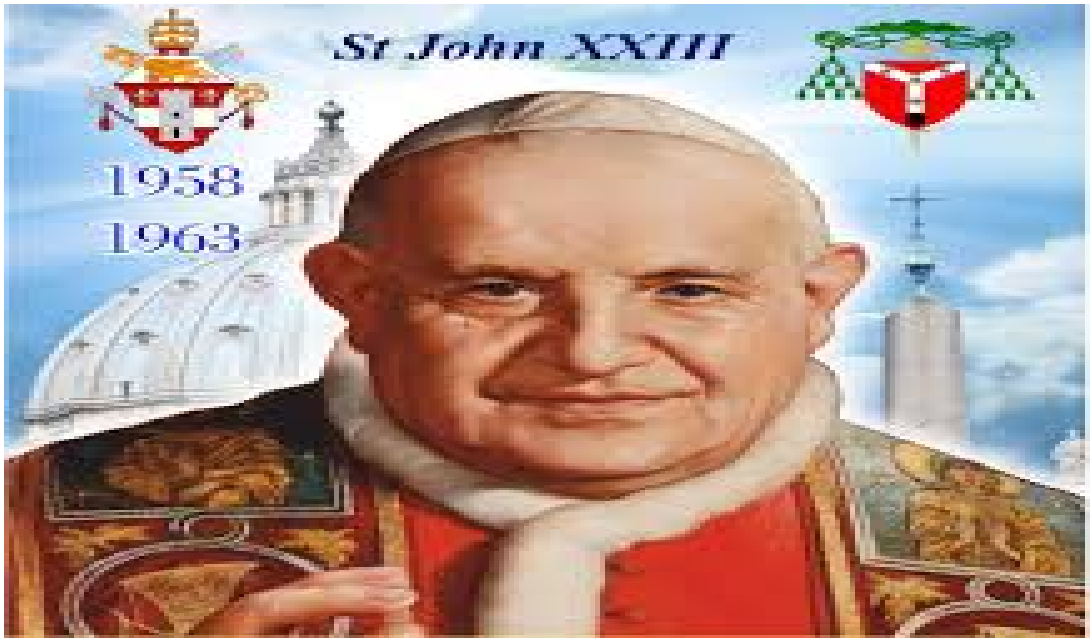
It was about this same time that, in Jerusalem, the week of the Third Sunday of Lent was also dedicated to the Veneration of the Holy Cross.

St. Sophronius (d. 638), the saintly Patriarch of Jerusalem, testified to this in a sermon delivered in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. He gave the following reasons which inspired this mid-Lent devotion to the Holy Cross: 1. To encourage the faithful in their spiritual efforts during Lent; 2. To assure them of the remission of their sins; 3. To join their sufferings to the redeeming sufferings of Jesus Christ, that they also become the partakers of His glorious resurrection. (cf. Migne, *P.G., 87, 3309-3316*)

After the VII Ecumenical Council, which convened in Nicaea in 787 A.D. and approved the veneration of icons and, particularly, the veneration of the crucifix, the exposition of the Holy Cross on the Third Sunday of Lent was introduced in Constantinople. It was liturgically enriched by the compositions of St. Theodore Studite (d. 826) and his brother, Joseph Studite (d. 833). The Book of Ceremonies, compiled by the order of the Emperor, Constantine VII, in the middle of the 10th century, describes the manner of the exposition of the Holy Relics of the Cross for Mid-Lent Sunday which is referred to as the "Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross." (cf. Migne, *P.G., 112,1017-1020*)

4. In 637, the Arabs, led by Calif Omar, occupied Jerusalem causing it to lose its significance as a liturgical center. Consequently, the further evolution of the Byzantine Rite and of the Veneration of the Holy Cross depended on Constantinople.

The Arab expansion and the Moslem threat to the Byzantine Empire at the time did indeed greatly enhance the devotion to the Holy Cross for it became for the Christians a symbol of victory and defense.
Until the XIII century, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross was reserved to the Cathedral churches since they usually had the Relics of the True Cross. It was only in 1276 that the Ritual of the Exaltation was permitted to be introduced into all churches, even in those in the small villages.
Thus, by natural development, in those churches where they had no Relics of the True Cross, they used an ordinary wooden cross, a crucifix, for the ceremony. Being a symbol of victory-Christ's victory over the devil and over sin and death, the cross was crowned or decorated with laurels, garlands and flowers and accompanied by lighted candles during the exposition .
According to liturgical custom, the Cross used for veneration in our churches should be a wooden cross, since it is a symbol of the " life-giving tree." The decorations should have branches of basil or some other fragrant herbs to symbolize the sweet fragrance of the spiritual life secured for us by the Cross. In cases where the periwinkle wreath is used, some live flowers should be inserted into the periwinkle to provide the sweet fragrance. Covering the tetrapod or table where the exposition will take place with a red aer or *vozduch*, the Cross is placed on a golden plate which symbolizes the high spiritual value of the Cross, referred to in the Greek as *timios* – Precious Cross. The burning of candles by the cross reminds the faithful that the Cross of Christ rather "enlightens than obscures" the life of Christians on their way to salvation. (comp. St. Theodore Studite, *P.G., 88, 691*) The red liturgical vestments used symbolize the precious blood of Christ paid as a ransom for our redemption. (comp. *I Pet. 1 :18-19*) In honor of Christ's passion, the Fathers prescribed a strict fast for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross even if the Feast coincided with Sunday.
5. The ceremony of the exposition of the Holy Cross takes place during the Great Doxology of the Matins. The celebrant, vested in full priestly vestments, incenses the Cross which had been previously placed on the altar and then, lifting it over his head, carries it in procession around the altar to the Royal Doors. When the faithful complete singing the Great Doxology and the Trisagion, he lifts up the Cross and intones: "Wisdom, be attentive!" to which the people respond with the singing of the troparion of the Holy Cross:
" Save Your people, O Lord . . . " The celebrant then goes to the prepared tetrapod where he places the Cross and incenses it from all four sides.
After the incensing, the celebrant, standing in front of the tetrapod, elevates the Cross over his head and intones the first petition of the Litany of Supplication: "Have mercy on us, O Lord . .. "
As the faithful respond singing the twelve "Lord have mercy!" in a descending scale, the celebrant bows deeply with the Holy Cross; as they begin to sing the same in ascending tones he rises to an upright position and blesses three times with the upheld Cross toward the East. This same ceremony is repeated from the four sides of the tetrapod taking a different petition from the Litany each time, i.e. for the Pope and the Government, for the Bishops and the Clergy, and finally for all the people, imparting a triple blessing each time – to the four corners of the earth.
Completing this ceremony, the celebrant places the Holy Cross on the tetrapod and intones the hymn of veneration: "We bow to Your Cross, O Lord, and we praise Your holy resurrection!" during which all the faithful make a profound bow. The faithful repeat the hymn twice, each time making the profound bow. The singing of the Sticheras for Kissing the Cross follows during which the individual veneration of the Cross takes place. The faithful come from their pews one-byone and go to the tetrapod where they make a deep bow and gratefully kiss the Holy Cross, mindful of the words of St. John Chrysostom: "There is no greater sign of God's love for us than the Holy Cross!" (cf. *Homily on /I Tim., 2, 1*), and of St. Theodore Studite: "Blessed are the lips which kiss this most precious sign (of our salvation)." (cf. *P.G., 99, col. 694*).
The Holy Cross remains on the tetrapod for public veneration throughout the entire week during which the hymn of veneration: " We bow to Your Cross, O Lord, …" is sung at the Divine Liturgy in place of the Trisagion.



The Words Pope Saint John XXIII

1. Only for today, I will seek to live the livelong day positively without wishing to solve the problems of my life all at once.
2. Only for today, I will take the greatest care of my appearance: I will dress modestly; I will not raise my voice; I will be courteous in my behavior; I will not criticize anyone; I will not claim to improve or to discipline anyone except myself.
3. Only for today, I will be happy in the certainty that I was created to be happy, not only in the other world but also in this one.
4. Only for today, I will adapt to circumstances, without requiring all circumstances to be adapted to my own wishes.
5. Only for today, I will devote ten minutes of my time to some good reading, remembering that just as food is necessary to the life of the body, so good reading is necessary to the life of the soul.
6. Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it.
7. Only for today, I will do at least one thing I do not like doing; and if my feelings are hurt, I will make sure that no one notices.
8. Only for today, I will make a plan for myself: I may not follow it to the letter, but I will make it. And I will be on guard against two evils: hastiness and indecision.
9. Only for today, I will firmly believe, despite appearances, that the good providence of God cares for me as no one else who exists in this world.
10. Only for today, I will have no fears. In particular, I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful and to believe in goodness. Indeed, for twelve hours I can certainly do what might cause me consternation were I to believe I had to do it all my life.

To conclude: here is an all-embracing resolution: "I want to be kind, today and always, to everyone." In this way, we can put Pope Saint John's hope for every Christian into practice: "Every believer in this world must be a spark of light, a core of love, life-giving leaven in the mass: and the more he is so, the more he will live, in his innermost depths, in communion with God." **Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone**

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