FORGOTTEN FACTS ABOUT THE HOLY CROSS ELEVATION

The Feast Day of the Elevation of the Holy Cross is an event whose details are engrained in the minds of all Orthodox Christians. We know of the pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 323 AD led by St. Helen - mother of the Emperor Constantine - in search of our Lord's Cross. We know that this feast received its name by virtue of the Cross being "elevated" for all to see by Patriarch Macarius after its discovery. But there are other facts about this blessed event that are often overlooked.

Who told St. Helen to search for the Cross in the place it was found? Tradition tells us that it was a Jew named Jude who advised the Empress. It is said that after the Cross was found, Jude was so overcome by what he witnessed that he was immediately baptized into the Church, taking the name "Cyriacus." He became a zealous follower of Christ - rising quickly to the office of Patriarch of Jerusalem.

What was initially done with the Cross? After its finding, St. Helen remained in Jerusalem, building churches in Gethsemane, Bethlehem and on the Mount of Olives. Her dream was to construct a great church over the place where our Lord was crucified and buried. She never lived to see her dream fulfilled, however, passing on into eternity before the church's completion. It was not until September 13/26, 335 AD that the magnificent Church of the Resurrection was formally consecrated. It coincided with the 30th Jubilee of Constantine's glorious reign as Emperor. The Cross would remain in the Church of the Resurrection for nearly 300 years, when King Chozroes conquered Jerusalem and carried it off to Persia. Fourteen years later, the Emperor Heraclius was able to bring it back to its rightful place in the great cathedral.

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Apolytikion of Elevation of the Holy Cross

First Tone

Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting our rulers to prevail over adversaries, and protecting Your commonwealth by Your Cross.

Kontakion of Elevation of the Holy Cross

Fourth Tone

Lifted up on the Cross by Your free will, Christ God, grant mercies to the new commonwealth that bears Your name. Gladden our faithful rulers by Your power, giving them victories over their adversaries. May Your alliance be for them a weapon for peace, an invincible standard.



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Sunday Services
Orthros 8:30 AM
Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

Orthros Liturgy

Epistle
Galatians 2:16-20

Gospel
Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

Attendance
9/9/24
137

Upcoming Memorials

September 22
Memorial & Coffee Hour - Kosta, Helen & Andrew Christopher and Steve & Kathryn Lazarides

October 13
1-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Faye Sibila

October 20
1-Yr. Memorials & Coffee Hour - Jerry Fortune & Rick Kuty

Condolences

Clare Stasin, age 97, fell asleep in the Lord on September 11, 2024.

May her memory be eternal!

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY!!



Sunday School begins for ages 3-High School today downstairs in the Sunday School wing. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend classes. See Kelly Antoniades for any questions.

HOPE GROUP KICK-OFF MEETING TODAY



HOPE Group (Ages K-2) are having their kickoff meeting today following Liturgy. Parents and children are asked to attend for information for the upcoming year!

GOYA MEETING TODAY



GOYA will hold its first meeting of the fall today following Liturgy. Elections will take place for the year! Hope to see all GOYAns there!

JOY KICKOFF MEETING - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

All JOY members are encouraged to attend our Kickoff Meeting at 11:30AM next Sunday. We will meet in the large Sunday School room and play a getting to know you game and talk about the year ahead. Light refreshments will be provided.



GOYA PIZZA LUNCHEON COMING SEPTEMBER 29TH



The GOYA Annual Pizza Luncheon will be held on **Sunday, September 29th** immediately following Divine Liturgy. The menu includes pizza, salad, chips, dessert, and drinks. **Tickets are $10.00 each.**
Please help support our GOYAns and enjoy lunch together!

HOUSE BLESSINGS SCHEDULE



House Blessings continue with Fr. Nick beginning house blessings around 9:30 AM each day. Please notify the Church Office if you are unable to meet on your scheduled day!

SAVE THE DATE!
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St. John Chrysostom Annual Retreat

Saturday, November 9, 2024

Retreat Theme:
Addictions and the Passions
How Unhealthy Connections Affect Us Spiritually



Speaker: Fr. Dimitrios Moraitis

10:00 AM - Welcome & Breakfast	1:30 PM - 3rd Session
10:30 AM - 1st Session	2:30 PM - Wrap Up - Final Q & A
11:30 AM - 2nd Session	3:00 PM - Service of the 9th Hour
12:30 PM - Lunch	3:30 PM - Departure

Father Dimtrios Moraitis is the parish priest of the St. Nicholas Church in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He received his bachelors from Hellenic college and graduated as Valedictorian in 1996. He received his Masters of Divinity from Holy Cross in 1998 and his Doctor of Ministry from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 2006. His doctoral dissertation entitled "Returning the Lost Sheep: Ministry to the Alcoholic and Addict, an Orthodox Perspective," was published in 2013 and is one of the required books of the pastoral theology class, in which he guest lectures at Holy Cross. Fr. Dimitrios is also a clinician and the Spiritual Director at the Washburn House, a rehabilitation center for alcoholics and addicts in Worcester, MA. He has done hundreds of interventions, and led dozens of retreats on the topic of addiction.

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(Continental Breakfast and Deli Lunch provided)

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330-494-8770 by November 1st

Koraes Ladies Society
Dinner Theatre

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Thursday, October 17, 2024
Legends II with Melanie, Michael & the MJB Orchestra and Special Guests!

Tickets:
$65 per person
Doors open at 5:30 PM
Holy Trinity Hall



Calendar for the Week

All Services are streaming online @ *www.htgoc.net/live*

Sunday, September 15
Sunday School Begins
Artoklasia & Coffee Hour - Koraes
HOPE Event 11:30 AM
GOYA Meeting 11:30 AM

Monday, September 16
OFFICE CLOSED - Lori Off
Clare Stasin Funeral
Calling Hours 10:00 AM
Funeral 11:00 AM
Makaria to Follow

Tuesday, September 17
HOUSE BLESSINGS DAY #8
Parish Council 6:00 PM
Ladies Exercise 6:00 PM

Wednesday, September 18
HOUSE BLESSINGS DAY #9
Food Pantry 1 - 3 PM
Paraklesis 6:00 PM
Orthodoxy 101 & 201 Classes 7:00 PM

Thursday, September 19
HOUSE BLESSINGS DAY #10
By-Laws Meeting 6:00 PM
Young Adult Basketball 7:30 PM

Friday, September 20
HOUSE BLESSINGS DAY #11

Saturday, September 21
Father Nick - Family Camp

Sunday, September 22
Memorial & Coffee Hour - Kosta, Helen & Andrew Christopher and Steve & Kathryn Lazarides
JOY Kickoff Meeting 11:30 AM

NO CASH?
NO PROBLEM!
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Resurrectional Apolytikion.
Mode 3.

Let the heavens be glad. Let the earth rejoice exceedingly. For the Lord has shown strength with his arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead. Out of the belly of Hades, He has rescued us, and to the world He has granted the great mercy.

Apolytikion. For the Cross.
Mode 1.

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth.

Apolytikion of Our Church
Mode pl. 4.

Blessed are You, O Christ our God; Who did show forth the fishermen to be all-wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit. And through them You drew the world into Your net, O Friend of man, glory to You!

Kontakion.
Mode 4. *Automelon*

You who were lifted on the cross voluntarily, * O Christ our God, bestow Your tender compassions * upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. * Cause our faithful emperors to be glad in Your power, * granting them the victories against their adversaries. * And for an ally, Lord, may they have You, * peace as their armor, the trophy invincible.

St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20

Prokeimenon. Mode 3
Psalm 46.6,1
Sing praises to our God, sing praises.
Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

The Gospel According to Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.
Ἦχος γ΄.

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον· πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο· ἐκ κοιλίας ᾅδου ἐῤῥύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Ἀπολυτίκιον. Τοῦ Σταυροῦ.
Ἦχος α΄.

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ.
Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἁλιεῖς ἀναδείξας, καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ Ἅγιον, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας, Φιλάνθρωπε, δόξα σοι.

Κοντάκιον.
Ἦχος δ΄. *Αὐτόμελον.*

Ὁ ὑψωθεὶς ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ ἑκουσίως, τῇ ἐπωνύμῳ σου καινῇ πολιτείᾳ τοὺς οἰκτιρμούς σου δώρησαι, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός· εὔφρανον ἐν τῇ δυνάμει σου τοὺς πιστοὺς βασιλεῖς ἡμῶν, νίκας χορηγῶν αὐτοῖς κατὰ τῶν πολεμίων· τὴν συμμαχίαν ἔχοιεν τὴν σήν, ὅπλον εἰρήνης, ἀήττητον τρόπαιον.

Πρὸς Γαλάτας 2:16-20

Προκείμενον. Ήχος γ'
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 46.6,1
Ψάλατε τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν, ψάλατε.
Στίχ. Πάντα τὰ ἔθνη κροτήσατε χεῖρας.

Πρὸς Γαλάτας 2:16-20 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, εἰδότες ὅτι οὐ δικαιοῦται ἄνθρωπος ἐξ ἔργων νόμου, ἐὰν μὴ διὰ πίστεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καὶ ἡμεῖς εἰς Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐπιστεύσαμεν, ἵνα δικαιωθῶμεν ἐκ πίστεως Χριστοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων νόμου· διότι οὐ δικαιωθήσεται ἐξ ἔργων νόμου πᾶσα σάρξ. Εἰ δέ, ζητοῦντες δικαιωθῆναι ἐν Χριστῷ, εὑρέθημεν καὶ αὐτοὶ ἁμαρτωλοί, ἆρα Χριστὸς ἁμαρτίας διάκονος; Μὴ γένοιτο. Εἰ γὰρ ἃ κατέλυσα, ταῦτα πάλιν οἰκοδομῶ, παραβάτην ἐμαυτὸν συνίστημι. Ἐγὼ γὰρ διὰ νόμου νόμῳ ἀπέθανον, ἵνα θεῷ ζήσω. Χριστῷ συνεσταύρωμαι· ζῶ δέ, οὐκέτι ἐγώ, ζῇ δὲ ἐν ἐμοὶ Χριστός· ὃ δὲ νῦν ζῶ ἐν σαρκί, ἐν πίστει ζῶ τῇ τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ, τοῦ ἀγαπήσαντός με καὶ παραδόντος ἑαυτὸν ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Μᾶρκον 8:34-38, 9:1 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Εἴ τις θέλει ὀπίσω μου ἐλθεῖν, ἀπαρνησάσθω ἑαυτὸν καὶ ἀράτω τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀκολουθείτω μοι. ὃς γὰρ ἂν θέλῃ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ σῶσαι, ἀπολέσει αὐτήν· ὃς δ᾽ ἂν ἀπολέσῃ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ψυχὴν ἕνεκεν ἐμοῦ καὶ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, οὗτος σώσει αὐτήν. τί γὰρ ὠφελήσει ἄνθρωπον ἐὰν κερδήσῃ τὸν κόσμον ὅλον, καὶ ζημιωθῇ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ; ἢ τί δώσει ἄνθρωπος ἀντάλλαγμα τῆς ψυχῆς αὐτοῦ; ὃς γὰρ ἐὰν ἐπαισχυνθῇ με καὶ τοὺς ἐμοὺς λόγους ἐν τῇ γενεᾷ ταύτῃ τῇ μοιχαλίδι καὶ ἁμαρτωλῷ, καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπαισχυνθήσεται αὐτὸν ὅταν ἔλθῃ ἐν τῇ δόξῃ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ μετὰ τῶν ἀγγέλων τῶν ἁγίων. Καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι εἰσί τινες τῶν ὧδε ἑστηκότων, οἵτινες οὐ μὴ γεύσωνται θανάτου ἕως ἂν ἴδωσι τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐληλυθυῖαν ἐν δυνάμει.