

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION
OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross -- September 14th



ST. NICHOLAS BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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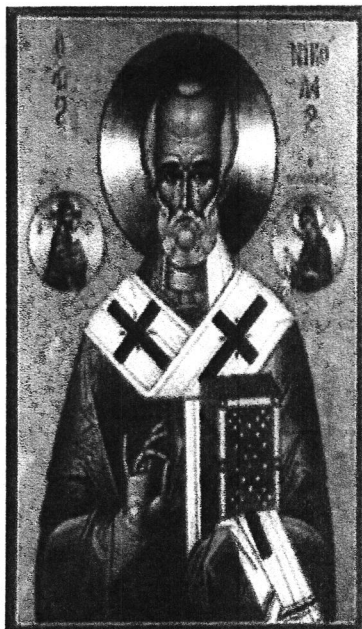
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SLAVA ISUSU CHRISTU! SLAVA NA VIKI
GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!

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SEPT. 13 10:30 a.m. Sunday Before The Exaltation of the Cross: Dedication
of the Church of the Resurrection
+ Stephen Palvisak by M/M Michael Palvisak
SEPT. 14 6:00 p.m. Exaltation of the Holy Cross-Solemn



The parishioner collection for Sept. 6 2026 was \$1327.00. The total collection was \$1,732.00. We thank our parishioners and guests for their donations to St. Nicholas Catholic Church

O Lord our God bless and strengthen our soldiers, police, medical and fire responders. Grant them a heart of courage. Save, defend, protect, purify and fill them with spiritual joy. Be a protector of their souls and bodies

Another call to sign up for the Sunday coffee social. The social is a very important part of our parish life. Please sign up to take a Sunday. It would be only once a month or even less if we get a good response of volunteers

"Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive." 21:22



Please remember in your prayers the sick and suffering of the parish, their relatives and friends especially Al Sumner, and Gregory Walsko . May God heal them, and grant them many happy years. .

DO NOT FORGET ABOUT THE ICON FOR VOCATIONS. PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP FOR A WEEK. THE SIGN UP SHEET IS IN THE SOCIAL HALL. PLEASE BRING THE ICON BACK TO THE PASTOR THE NEXT SUNDAY AND DO NOT GIVE IT TO THE NEXT PERSON IN LINE

The next Great Vespers will be on September 26, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.. All are welcome

Jesus Prayer Continued: To be a Christian means to be a participant in the divine-human communion, which is engendered in the soul by the waters of baptism. The Jesus Prayer is to be understood in this light. It calls upon Jesus, who himself is the divine-human communion. Sinful man, who cannot even draw near to God the Infinite, calls upon Jesus , God-in-the-flesh, to bestow his One, true communion with God, to be a partaker of the divine nature [2 Peter 1-4} St. Gregory of Palamas Archbishop of Thessaloniki, is one of the most important figures in the matter of the Jesus Prayer, and for that matter, kn the whole question of how one knows God in the life of prayer. St. Gregory agreed with both the Scriptures and the fathers when he said that God cannot be known in his "essence". Only God knows himself in his own essence, but God has truly revealed himself in his divine energies. Knowledge of God in his energies is thus a "direct knowledge" of God. His energies arse God himself, not some secondhand experience or knowledge. Grace is not only a gift from God, but God himself in communion with man. St. John Chrysostom said "Never forget that God has made you his friend" What sort of friendship could this be, if one culd never truly know the divine Friend?.

We are announcing early about the end of the year parishioner statements for 2026. There will be a sign up sheet in the social hall next week for those who would like a statement. It will be there for one month. After that, we will assume only those on the sheet are interested and will close out the sign up period. Please put your name and envelope number on the sheet. Those who donate through our donate button on the website will not be getting a statement

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Drawing All to Himself

O the marvelous power of the cross, the glory of the passion! No tongue can fully describe it. Here we see the judgment seat of the Lord, here sentence is passed upon the world, and here the sovereignty of the Crucified is revealed.

You drew all things to Yourself, Lord, when You stretched out Your hands all the day long to a people that denied and opposed You, until at last the whole world was brought to proclaim Your majesty. You drew all things to Yourself, Lord, when all the elements combined to pronounce judgment in denouncement of that crime; when the lights of heaven were darkened and the day was turned into night; when the land was shaken by unwonted earthquakes, and all creation refused to serve those wicked people. Yes, Lord, you drew all things to Yourself. The veil of the temple was torn in two and the Holy of Holies taken away from those unworthy high

priests. Figures gave way to reality, prophecy to manifestation, law to gospel. You drew all things to Yourself in order that the worship of the whole human race could be celebrated everywhere in a sacramental form which would openly fulfill what had been enacted by means of veiled symbols in that single Jewish temple.

Now that the multiplicity of animal sacrifices has ceased, the single offering of your body and blood takes the place of that diversity of victims, since you are the true Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, and in Yourself you fulfill all the rites of the old law, so that as there is now a single sacrifice in place of all those victims, so there is a single kingdom formed of all the peoples of the earth.

St. Leo the Great