

SUNDAY AFTER THE
EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of the Holy Martyr Eustace and his Companions -- September 20th



ST. NICHOLAS BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
5135 W. Sand Lake Road, RT. 482, Orlando, FL. 32819:00 p.m.
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SLAVA ISUSU CHRISTU! SLAVA NA VIKI
GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!

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EPISTLE GAL. 2:16-20 GOSPEL MK. 8:34-9-1

SEPT. 20 10:30 a.m. Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross



The parishioner collection for Sept. 13, 2026 was \$1,288.00. The total collection was \$1,567.00. 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

Today begins the new year for Eastern Christian Formation for our children. Classes will begin after the 10:30 a.m. Liturgy this morning. I ask God's blessings on our teachers and children as they begin a new year of learning about their Byzantine Catholic faith

Please make note that I will be in New Jersey this week, Sept. 21 to 24 for the annual Eparchial retreat for the priests of the Eparchy. Please pray for us and the Bishop while we are on this yearly retreat. I will return on Sept. 24th, Thursday of next week

Parishioner statements for 2026. There is now a sign up sheet in the social hall for those who would like an end of the year statement. It will be in the social hall 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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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

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Exalting the Cross

For each of us, salvation means no more and no less than taking up daily the same cross of Christ, accepting each day what it brings as the will of God, offering back to God each morning all the joys, works, and sufferings of that day. But those are abstract words. What it means, in practice, is spelled out as always by the poor old body. It means getting up each morning and going to bed exhausted. It means the routine, not the spectacular. It can mean drudgery, pain, putting aside pleasures, happiness, or the love the human heart craves until another time, so that what is necessary at the moment can be done.

It means working for others, touching the lives of others, through the medium of the body. How many times, tired and worn

out and near collapse from the slave labor conditions of the camps, did I think I could not ask another step of the body, did I think in pain and irony of those words "The spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak"? Truly, man is a creature composed of body and soul, and we work out our salvation in this vale of tears through the medium of the flesh.

It is the first gift God and our parents fashion for us; it sustains and supports us through a long life and makes possible both joys and sorrows; and when at last we are parted from it in death, it surely deserves whatever rest it can get before it rises to be glorified at the last judgment.

Father Walter J. Ciszek, S.J.