

## OUR TITHING AND GIFTS TO THE LORD'S HOLY TEMPLE

Our Stewardship for September 5: *Souls in Attendance 30*

Tithes: \$1,277.00, Haiti Collection: \$10.00 and Candles: \$ 24.00

**We depend on you** to support our parish. We also need your time and talents to grow as disciples of the Lord and to form a Parish Family for you and your family. Thank you for mailing your tithes to the parish office

### EPARCHIAL APPEAL 2021 UPDATE

**Our parish goal is \$5,850.71. Pledged to date \$1,612.00**

**Balance \$4,238.71**

5 households have responded: Gloria Brissette, Lance & Sylvia Flambures, Andrew & Ophelia Gaydos, John Phillips and Lusiana Sandoval. THANK YOU. Please give what you can to help our Eparchy. For on-line use your browser, type [ephx.org](http://ephx.org), on the Home page, choose Giving, then choose Donate. You may give through St. Nicholas—just drop your pledge in the collection basket on Sunday or mail it to the parish office.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**“Certainly, God did not send his Son into the world to judge world, but so that the world should be saved through him.” Christ is truly the salvation of the world. As Christians, we are little Christs. Each of us can bring salvation to the world by living the life of Christ. Is God calling you to show his salvation to the world by a life of prayer and repentance as a priest, deacon, monk or nun? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)

**Relics of the True Cross** The Cross was being broken into small pieces to provide relics for churches and the devout by the 340s. The remaining main part of the Cross was lost after Saladin conquered Jerusalem in 1187. If all the existing parts of the Cross were pieced together, they do not constitute the size of the original large arm on which Jesus' hands were crucified. Our Anaheim parish has a tiny relic, with a Roman certificate of authenticity.

THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PHOENIX

subscribes to the

#### *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*

adopted by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops. The Eparchy, within all its parishes, institutions and programs, is committed to assuring a safe environment in ministry for its children and young people that conforms to the Charter requirements. For information regarding the Eparchial Safe Environment Program, please contact:

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## St. Nicholas of Myra Byzantine Catholic Church

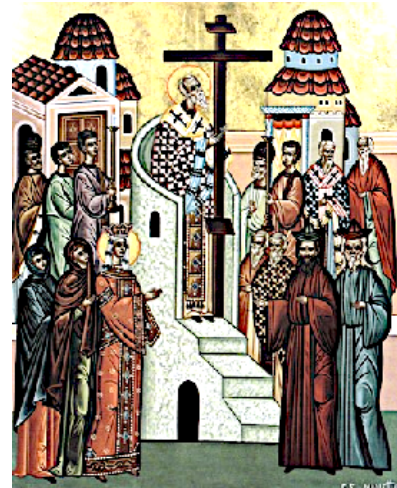
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**Sunday before the Exaltation**

**TONE 7**

**September 12, 2021**

### FROM FATHER STEPHEN

- 1) This week we celebrate the **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**. It is a solemn Holy Day and we want to encourage you to attend one of the Holy Services offered. Holy Anointing will be offered on the following Sunday.
- 2) We want to start up our **Eastern Christian Formation Program** for our youth. All our children are expected to be part of the program. Registration forms will be available at the Greeting Table in church.
- 3) Thank you to Wayne from the Lion's Club who **installed LED parking lights**—It's brighter! Thank you.
- 4) **UPRIGHT PIANO** sitting at St. Nicholas's Garage in Fontana for a few years needs a new home. Contact Fr Stephen.

**SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS:** We join with the Saints in heaven to pray for those in need. Request Prayers: [abcc72069@gmail.com](mailto:abcc72069@gmail.com)  
Special Intentions: John Phillips, Sylvia Flamburse, Martha Yniquez, Paul Bruckler, Gloria Brissette, Paul Basay, Margaret Geluso, Edward Lopez, Lupe Nevaré, Beatriz Perez.

### How Do We Celebrate of the Feast of the Exaltation

During the Vigil, a cross is placed on the Holy Table/ altar where it reposes during the Vigil. This cross is placed on a tray that has been decorated with fresh basil leaves and red flowers. The cross reposes on the "High Place" of the Holy Table, where the Gospel Book would normally be. Basil is used because this plant's name means "king" and Jesus is our true king, and because it is associated with Mount Calvary, where our Lord was crucified. At Matins, the transfer of the Cross takes place. After the Great Doxology the priest brings the Cross out of the sanctuary, led by candle-bearers and the

deacon with incense. He sets the cross on the tetrapod which always stands in the center of Byzantine churches as the choir sings. The special "Exaltation" is then celebrated, echoing the one done in Jerusalem. This consists of the priest taking the cross in his hands and lifting it above his head. At the prayer sung by him or the deacon, the people sing "Lord, Have Mercy". As they sing, the priest slowly blesses the congregation, and then bows down to the ground and up again, lifting the cross on high. This process is repeated four more times to the four points of the compass.

Everyone bows during the singing of "We bow to Your Cross, O Lord" and stands up at the following verse "and we glorify Your holy resurrection" The cross will remain in the center of the temple throughout the octave and the faithful will venerate it whenever they enter or leave the church. Finally, on the leave-taking of the Feast, the priest and deacon will cense around the cross, there will be a final veneration of the cross, and then they will solemnly bring the cross back into the sanctuary through the Royal Doors.

Many churches are named in honor of this feast, the most important to our Church being the Cathedral of the Mukachevo Eparchy, the mother diocese of the Byzantine Catholic Metropolia of the United States (to which we belong), in the city of Uzhhorod. In this cathedral, a special reliquary with a sliver of the True Cross is ex-posed in a glass-enclosed box over the Royal Doors of the iconostas.

**DIVINE LITURGIES**

**FOR THIS WEEK & INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY @ 10 AM & DAILY SERVICES @ 9 AM ARE LIVE STREAMED FROM ANNUNCIATION IN ANAHEIM ACCESS IT THROUGH [ANNUNCIATIONBYZANTINE.ORG](http://ANNUNCIATIONBYZANTINE.ORG)**

**CONFESSIONS** are heard behind the altar one half hour before all Divine Liturgies. 9:30 am for Sunday and 9:00 am for Daily Liturgy

**11 SATURDAY before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, p. 247**  
+*Sylvia Sopinosa by Kieran Mackenzie*.....9:30 am

**12 SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS & TONE 7, P. 247 & 156**  
*Confession behind the Altar*.....9:00 am  
*The Hour*.....9:40 am  
*Liturgy For our parish family and friends*.....10:00 am  
*Mirovanije (Holy Anointing and Blessed Bread commemorating Our Lady's Birthday.)*  
*Coffee and Doughnuts Social afterwards.*  
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**SOLEMN FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, p. 253**

**13 Monday Vesper/Liturgy.....7:00 pm**  
*The Peters*

**14 Tuesday Feast Day Liturgy.....9:30 am**  
*Students & Faculty of Hancock College by Jonas Sturas*  
*Father Stephen will be at St Nicholas after 12:30 pm*  
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**15 Wednesday Post-festive & Martyr Nicetas, p. 247**  
*Special Intention by Sally Rock*.....9:30 am

**16 Thursday Post-festive & Martyr Euphemia, p. 247**  
+*David Polta by Jonas Sturas*.....7:00 pm

**17 Friday Post-festive & Martyrs Sophia & Others, p. 247**  
+*Hortelluccio Polta by Jonas Sturas*.....9:30 am

**18 SATURDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, p. 247** +*The Priest James P. Colberg by Jonas Sturas*.....9:30 am  
**HEBREW SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY**  
Sirach 2: 1-9 & Isaiah 50: 4-9

**19 SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS – TONE 8, P. 247**  
*Confession (in the chapel)*.....9:00 am  
*Third Hour*.....9:40 am  
*Liturgy for our Parish Family and Friends*...10:00 am  
*COFFEE SOCIAL in the hall*  
*Fr Stephen will be at St. Nicholas Fontana*  
*Advisory Council Meeting afterwards*

**Upcoming events—mark your calendar**

Every Saturday	<b>Lion's Club Bingo</b> 2:30 pm to 10:30 pm
Mon Sept 13 Tues Sept 14	<b>FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, Solemn Holy Day</b> 7:30 pm Vesper/Liturgy 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Sun Sept 19 <b>Catechetical Sunday</b>	10:00 am Parish Liturgy Fr. Stephen will be here for the Liturgy and for the Advisory Council Meeting after the Liturgy
<b>Oct 18-22</b>	<b>Annual Clergy Retreat</b> No Liturgical Services and Parish Office Closed