

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Order Your Take 'n' Bake Pans Today! Visit the Take 'n' Bake table at fellowship today to pre-order your spanakopita and tyropita, and to pick up fliers to share with your friends. These delicious foods are frozen and ready to bake, \$22 per pan, available for pick up November 1-15.

Get Your Greek On! Enjoy a famously delicious Greek dinner at Monday's Greek Open at Langdon Farms. \$50 per person, to benefit Agia Sophia Academy. www.greekopen.com

Crossroads Ministry Luncheon: Please join us for a potluck luncheon with Father Matthew tomorrow, Monday, September 18 at 11:00 am.

Moms' Night Out: We will be having a Tapas potluck dinner at the Corazza home this Tuesday, September 19 at 6:30 pm. We hope to see you there!

Prayer Service for Law Enforcement: Join us this Wednesday, September 20 at 3:30 pm for a prayer and memorial service to honor and remember those who protect us. All are welcome! There will be a light reception following, at which you can meet our local officers.

GOYA Fireside Chat and Monastery Retreat: Our kick-off BBQ is after Vespers this Saturday, September 23. Then our fall retreat is the following weekend, September 29-30.

Sts. Mary and Martha Gathering: All women (and men) are welcome to attend the Philoptochos gathering on Monday, September 25 at 7:00 pm. We are eager to get together with the women of our parish, under the leadership of Fr. Matthew, in this new ecclesiastical year. The gathering will focus on charitable activities and parish events in the coming months. If you would like to be involved in these activities, please make sure to come - and enjoy some good food, wine and fellowship.

Fr. Matthew on "Vacation": On September 26-30 Fr. Matthew will be taking a stay-cation while Pres. Annie visits their two oldest children in Boston. He will be available for pastoral emergencies only. Please call Barbara or Fr. Timothy for any other matter.

Annual Men's Work Trip to the Monastery will be October 6-7. We will carpool from Portland on Friday and return on Saturday night. See Dn. Innocent or Brandon Wilson to sign up.

SAVE THE DATE - Fall Women's Retreat: We will have our women's retreat November 10-12 in Canby Grove. Fr. Paul Jaroslaw will speak about "St. Innocent of Alaska and the Way of the Cross." Registration opens October 1 at \$175 and goes up to \$190 on October 15.

Sermon Notes: _____

Welcome Visitors! All non-Orthodox visitors to our parish are welcome and may receive the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy. To receive Holy Communion, you must be baptized and chrismated in the Orthodox Church. You must also have prepared under the spiritual direction of your Father Confessor, which presumes participation in the Sacrament of Confession. Before approaching the Communion Chalice, we should not have any foreign matter in or on our mouths; this includes food, gum, lipstick, etc. Please come up the middle aisle with reverence and humility. When receiving, please place the cloth under your chin, then wipe your mouth afterward.

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SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS ST. SOPHIA AND HER DAUGHTERS FAITH HOPE & LOVE

PLAGAL SECOND MODE/FOURTH MORNING GOSPEL

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

Holy Martyrs Sophia, Faith, Hope & Love: The Holy Martyrs Saint Sophia and her daughters, Faith, Hope and Love were born in Italy. Their mother was a pious Christian widow who named her daughters after three Christian virtues. Saint Sophia raised them in the love of the Lord Jesus Christ. She and her daughters did not hide their faith in Christ, but openly confessed it before everyone.

An official denounced them to the emperor Hadrian (117-138), who ordered that they be brought to Rome. The holy virgins prayed fervently to the Lord Jesus Christ, asking that He give them the strength not to fear torture and death. When the holy virgins and their mother came before the emperor, everyone present was amazed at their composure. Summoning each of the sisters in turn, Hadrian urged them to offer sacrifice to the goddess Artemis. The young girls remained unyielding. Then the emperor ordered them to be tortured, but the Lord preserved them. After undergoing unspeakable torments, the holy virgins glorified their Heavenly Bridegroom and remained steadfast in the Faith.

St. Sophia was forced to watch the suffering of her daughters. She displayed adamant courage, and urged her daughters to endure their torments for the sake of the Lord. All three maidens were beheaded, and joyfully bent their necks beneath the sword. Faith was twelve, Hope was ten, and Love was nine. St. Sophia took the bodies of her daughters, placed their remains in coffins and loaded them on a wagon. She drove beyond the city limits and reverently buried them on a high hill. St. Sophia sat by their graves for three days, and finally she gave up her soul to the Lord. Even though she did not suffer for Christ in the flesh, she was not deprived of a martyr's crown. The relics of the holy martyrs have rested at a convent at Eschau in Alsace since the year 777.

PC: Crosby/Souza G:Goldman/Poulos Altar Servers Team C: Stathi, Levi, Aiden, Thomas, Petros, Gabriel
Clean-up Team 2: Gebrehiwot, Perlmutter C, Dale, Carper B

SMALL ENTRANCE HYMNS

Hymn of the Elevation of the Holy Cross (First Mode):

Save, O Lord, Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Grant Thou unto Thy faithful victory over adversaries; and by the power of Thy Cross, do Thou preserve Thy commonwealth.

Resurrectional Hymn: (Plagal Second Mode)

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb and those who guarded You became as though dead, and standing by Your sepulcher was Mary seeking Your pure and sacred body. For You did vanquish Hades, and uncorrupted by its touch, You came unto the virgin woman, bestowing the gift of life. O You Who rose from the dead, Lord, we give glory to You.

Angelike thinamis epi to mnima Su, ke i filassontes apenekrothisan. ke istato Maria en to tafo zitusa to achranton Su soma. Eskilefsas ton Athin me pirasthis ip aftu ipindisas ti Partheno, thorumenos tin zoin o Anastas ek ton nekron, Kirie thoxa Si.

Then repeat the Hymn of the Elevation of the Holy Cross.

Hymn of St. John the Baptist (Second Mode):

The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner; for thou hast proved to be truly more venerable than the Prophets, since thou wast granted to baptize in the stream Him Whom they proclaimed. Wherefore having contested for the truth, thou didst rejoice to announce the good tidings even to those in Hades: that God hath appeared in the flesh, taking away the sin of the world and granting to us great mercy.

Kontakion of the Elevation of the Holy Cross (Fourth Mode):

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 rulers 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.

EPISTLE READING: Galatians 2:16-20 (Sunday After the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

Brethren, you know 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.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 8:34-9:1 (Sunday After the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

The Lord said: "If any man would 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 of 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 that the kingdom of God has come with power."

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 17	Orthros & Divine Liturgy Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross St. Sophia & her daughters Faith, Hope & Love	8:45 AM
	First Day of Sunday School	12:15 PM
	Theology 101 (in the church)	12:15 PM
Monday, September 18	Crossroads Luncheon	11:00 AM
Tuesday, September 19	Bible Study: the Epistle of St. James	10:00 AM
	Mom's Night Out Tapas Potluck at the Corazza's	6:30 PM
	Parish Council Meeting	6:45 PM
Wednesday, September 20	Police Honor & Remembrance Service	3:30 AM
	Choir Practice	7:00 PM
Friday, September 22	No Moms 'n' Tots Bible Study	
Saturday, September 23	1 year Memorial for Maria Mazis	4:45 PM
	Great Vespers	5:00 PM
	GOYA Fireside Chat	6:00 PM
Sunday, September 24	Orthros & Divine Liturgy First Sunday of Luke St. Thekla Equal to the Apostles	8:45 AM

