

*Sunday before the Elevation of the Cross
Dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher at Jerusalem*

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Welcome! We are honored that you have joined us in our celebration of the Lord's resurrection this day.

If you are a first time visitor to our parish, we invite you to sign our guest book. If you have a question, a prayer request, or any need, please speak with Fr. Marty, or with any parish member.

For our friends present with us who are not Orthodox Christians, please note that we have specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion. We ask that you refrain from going to Communion until you have spoken with Fr. Marty and understand our discipline and piety regarding this sacrament and its implication for responsibility towards and membership in the Orthodox Church. The bread and wine offered after communion and the bread offered at the end of the service is available to all.

If you are an Orthodox Christian from another parish who has prepared in accordance with your discipline, and have a blessing from your home priest to do so, we invite and encourage you to partake of Holy Communion.

This booklet contains the variable hymns and readings specific to today. Please feel free to take it with you. There are coil-bound booklets with the text for the Divine Liturgy – if you find it useful, please feel free to take one of those as well, with our compliments.

We also hope you will stay and join us in our coffee and fellowship hour, which immediately follows the service. We want the opportunity to get to know you, and for you to get to know us. Again, welcome!

Regular services:

Great Vespers, Saturday at 6:30pm

Confession, immediately following Great Vespers, other times by appointment.

Third and Sixth Hour Prayers, Sunday at 9:40am

Divine Liturgy, immediately following the hours.

Music Rehearsals, Saturday at 6:00pm

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Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 6

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb;
the guards became as dead men.
Mary stood by Your grave,
seeking Your most pure body.
You took hell captive,//
not being tempted by it.
You came to the Virgin, granting life.//
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

Troparion for the Dedication – Tone 4

You have revealed the beauty of the holy dwelling place of Your glory on earth
to be like the splendor of the heavenly firmament, O Lord.
Through the prayers of the Theotokos,
strengthen it for ever and ever
and accept our supplication
which we ceaselessly offer to You therein,
the life and resurrection of all!

Forefeast of the Elevation – Tone 4

We offer in supplication
the life-creating Cross of Your goodness, O Lord,
which You have granted to us
although we are unworthy.
Through the Theotokos, save all Orthodox Christians, O only
Lover of mankind!

Kontakion for the Dedication – Tone 4

The Church has been revealed to be a heaven filled with light,
which enlightens all the faithful.
Standing within it we cry: “Establish this house, O Lord!”

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and
unto ages of ages, amen*

Resurrectional Kontakion, Tone 6

When Christ God the Giver of Life,
raised all of the dead from the valleys of misery with His mighty hand,
He bestowed resurrection on the human race.//
He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Epistle: (176) – 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 and (215) Galatians 6:11-18 (Sunday before the Elevation)

Priest: Let us attend! +Peace be unto all!

Reader: And with your spirit!

Priest: Wisdom!

Prokeimenon, Tone 5

*Reader: The Prokeimenon, in the 6th Tone: O Lord, save Your people, and
bless Your inheritance!*

Choir: O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance!

Reader: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly!

Choir: O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance!

Reader: In the Fourth Tone, Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore.

Choir: Holiness befits Your house, O Lord, forevermore.

Deacon: Wisdom!

Reader: **The Reading from the Second Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians.**

Deacon: Let us attend!

Reader: Brethren, it is God Who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, Who hath shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ Jesus. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore have I spoken," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He Who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace, having spread through the thanksgiving of many, may abound to the glory of God.

Brethren, See how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these try to compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the Cross of Christ. For not even they themselves who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But God forbid that I should glory, except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From henceforth let no man trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Priest: + Peace be to you.

Alleluia: Tone 5

Reader: **And to Your spirit.** In the 1st Tone: Alleluia! I have exalted one chosen out of My people.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: For My hand shall defend him, and My arm shall strengthen him.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Reader: In the Second Tone, The foundations are in the holy mountains; the Lord loves the gates of Jerusalem.

Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: (92) – Matthew 22:35-46 and (9) John 3:13-17 (Sunday before the Elevation)

Priest: Wisdom! Let us Attend! Let us hear the Holy Gospel! Peace be with you all!

Choir: And with your spirit.

Priest: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. **Matthew**.

Choir: Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

Priest: Let us Attend!

At that time, a lawyer asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David." He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, till I make your enemies your footstool" '? If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

The Lord said, no one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Choir: Glory to You O Lord, Glory to You.

Communion Hymn: Kontakion for the Archangel Michael – Tone 2

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!

I have loved the beauty of Your house, O Lord, and the place where Your glory dwells.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Please join us in our fellowship hour immediately following the dismissal!
