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Sunday, September 13, 2020
Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

The Gospel According to John 3:13-17

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may 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 eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

*Altar flowers are sponsored today and tomorrow in loving memory of Steve Lagios,
by his wife Pam and daughter Cookie.*

Live streaming from Holy Cross: <https://www.holycrosspgh.org/church-live-stream>

*Although restrictions have eased and we are permitted to allow attendance at divine services,
all services will continue to be live streamed.*

<i>This evening</i>	5pm Festal Great Vespers for the Feast of the Cross
<i>Monday, September 14</i>	<i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Patronal Feast Day of our parish)</i> 8:15 am Orthros; 9:30 am Divine Liturgy and Cross Procession
<i>Tuesday, September 15</i>	7pm Parish Council meeting
<i>Wednesday, September 16</i>	7pm Bible Study via Zoom
<i>Thursday, September 17</i>	<i>Sts. Sophia, Faith, Hope, and Love</i> 8:30 am Orthros; 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
<i>Friday, September 18</i>	
<i>Saturday, September 19</i>	5pm Vespers

We are hoping to be able to offer some in-person parish ministries this upcoming school year, albeit in a slightly modified form due to the pandemic. Most events will be listed in the monthly newsletter and weekly bulletin. Feel free to contact the office with any suggestions you may have.

Looking ahead to some of our youth ministries:

First day of in-person Church School: TODAY!

JOY family kickoff party (2nd-6th grades and families):

Sunday, September 20

3:00 pm at the Urso home: 1200 Newbury Highland, Bridgeville

Most activities will happen outdoors.

Please RSVP to annieurso2@gmail.com.

GOYA family kickoff party (7th-12th grades and families):

Sunday, September 27

4:00 pm at church (on the veranda)

Please RSVP to Denise Melis: dmelis@comcast.net.