

- POSTPONED A WEEK:

Due to the unhealthy air quality, the previously scheduled Saturday Work Party is cancelled. We will move it to the more appropriate date of September 19, the customary weekend date of Glendi (may it rest in peace).

- CREATIVITY AND [DEIFICATION](#):

...man's creativity—which he has as the image of the One Creator—is demonstrated less by his production of material things or his reproduction of human life, than when he is a “collaborator with God” in the regeneration and divinization of his nature, so as to enter as a new and immortal *hypostasis* [meaning, fully united to Christ and therefore fully human] into the Kingdom of Heaven. —Fr. Zacharias of Essex

- FIRES AND THE DIOCESE:

Archbishop Benjamin [posted a letter](#) regarding those parishes and faithful who are in fire zones. Once again, let us all pray with particular zeal for God's help:

O GRACIOUS GOD save Your people from nature's fury of raging fire. Save those whose homes and families are in the path of the wild fires consuming our land. And watch over the lives of those who with courage fight fires. Comfort the families who labored for their homes. Do not allow the forces of nature to be a penance for us who have sinned. Save us, O Lord, from the destructive power of fires. Fallen nature may rage but You, O Lord, are merciful. Grant us the humility to repent of our negligence in tending to the order of Creation, and saves our souls O Good One. Amen.

- A PRAYER FOR LIGHT:

We beseech Thee, O Lord, let our hearts be graciously enlightened by Thy holy radiance, that we may serve Thee without fear in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; that so we may survive the storms of this world, and with Thee for our Pilot attain the haven of eternal brightness; through Thy mercy, O blessed Lord, Who dost live and govern all things, unto ages of ages. Amen.

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Prefeast for the Feast of the Cross

- TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone Five:

Let us the faithful praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death and to raise the dead, by His glorious Resurrection.

- TROPARION OF THE FOUNDING, Tone Four:

Thou hast revealed the beauty of the holy dwelling place of Thy 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 Thee therein, the life and resurrection of all!

- TROPARION OF THE FORE-FEAST, Tone Four:

We offer in supplication the life-creating Cross of Thy goodness, O Lord, which Thou hast granted to us although we are unworthy. Through the

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Theotokos, save all Orthodox Christians, O only Lover of man!

- KONTAKION OF THE RESURRECTION, Tone Five:

Thou didst descend into hades, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, and we cry to Thee: O Lord, save us!

- KONTAKION OF THE FORE-FEAST, Tone Four:

Thy precious Cross rises like the sun and mystically makes all things holy and pure. Let us prepare to welcome it with faith.

- KONTAKION OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CHURCH, Tone Four:

The Church is shown to be a many lighted heaven that doth shine a guiding light upon all them that do believe; wherein while standing, we cry aloud: Do Thou Thyself now establish this house, O Lord.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Indicates Streaming Services*

- Saturday, Sept. 12: ~~9 AM, Work Party~~ *Postponed due to smoke*
5 PM, Great Vespers*
- Sunday, Sept. 13: 8:30 AM, Matins
10 AM, Divine Liturgy*
11:45 AM, Church School
6:15 PM, Vigil for the Exaltation of the Cross*
- Monday, Sept. 14: 9 AM, Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the
Exaltation of the Cross*
- Wednesday, Sept. 16: 5 PM, Vespers*
7 PM, Study of the *Way of the Ascetics*
- Thursday, Sept. 17: 10 AM, Akathist to St. Seraphim
- Friday, Sept. 18: 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions
- Saturday, Sept. 19: 5 PM, Great Vespers*

- THE "FOUNDING":

September 13 is the day before the [*Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*](#) (Vigil at 6:15 PM), as well as the anniversary of the Founding/Dedication of

the [*Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem*](#) built by St. Constantine and St. Helen his mother on September 13, 335 AD. The anniversary of the consecration/dedication and founding of this particular church is kept each year because of where it is located: built upon Golgotha where Jesus was crucified and extending to the place of His tomb—this holy place which was formerly a place of shame and death, is now a place of victory over death and a model of sorts for all temples. See video of the [*church here*](#).

- CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS:

This Sunday we begin Church School classes directly after the Divine Liturgy, in person, outside, with social distancing and the wearing of masks. It's awkward and inconvenient to not be in a classroom, but distance learning via Zoom, while a useful, convenient and truly amazing tool, has drawbacks. Because the weather and smoke are factors for outdoor activities right now, we have *Plan A*: if the air clears, then we can meet outside; *Plan B*: we use Zoom for this first class. See below for more information.

PLAN A

- ☞ Preschool/K—*Teacher*: Niki M. The class will meet on the porch in front of Father Lawrence's office
- ☞ 1st thru 3rd Grade—*Teachers*: Vicky B. & Daphne R. The class will meet on the porch in front of Sunday School rooms near basketball hoop
- ☞ 4th thru 5th graders—*Teachers*: John G & Aaron B. The class will meet under the tree next to the library
- ☞ Middle Schoolers 6th thru 8th grades—*Teachers*: Dn. Jeremiah & Gloria C. The class will meet on porch in front of Hall
- ☞ High School—*Teachers*: Gretchen M. & Garret H. The class will meet behind the small church at the benches.
- ☞ For those who will be at home using Zoom—*Teacher*: Anastasia B. will sign on with Zoom students (link to be provided).

PLAN B

If the air quality this Sunday is unhealthy the classes will meet on Zoom. Each class will begin at 1 PM (this gives teachers and students time to get home after the Divine Liturgy. Links to be provided.