

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Glory Forever!
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21 September, 2014: Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross

Holy Martyr Codratus, Bishop of Athens

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. Sept. 20 **5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil**
+Suffrages for Sarah Lipko by Mary (Polechko) Adams

Sun. Sept. 21 **10:30 AM: Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross: pro populo**

Sat. Sept. 27 **5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil**
+Suffrages for Michael Bankovich by Mary Catherine Ross

Sun. Sept. 28 **10:30 AM: Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost: pro populo**

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	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	
Sat. Sept. 20	-----	M. Harhai	J. Kontir, J. Snitzer	
Sun. Sept. 21	E. & R. Hess	T. Tomosky	J. & R. Knouse	
Sat. Sept. 27	-----	M. Hulyk	R. Garber, D. Mihalko	
Sun. Sept. 28	T. & M. Syphan M. Ruggieri	L. Cianciotti	R. Knouse, C. Cianciotti	
9/14/14 Collection:	Adult \$777.00; Cemetery \$100.00	Students \$9.00; Total: \$932.00	Candles \$46.00;	

Whatever Their Size, Carry Them «Whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it.»

One who knew the meaning of Jesus' words so well was **Flannery O'Connor**, the distinguished Catholic novelist who died in 1964 at the age of 39. From the age of 25 she lived with the knowledge she had a terminal disease, Lupus, - not to mention her sufferings from bone disintegration, shingles, anemia, and a tumor. Yet it was during fourteen years of sickness and suffering that she produced her greatest works of literary art. Her strong faith enabled her to say: «**I have never been anywhere but sick. In a sense sickness is a place, more instructive than a long trip to Europe. Sickness before death is a very appropriate thing and I think those who don't have it miss one of God's mercies...**» Those are strong words! How could a young woman call sickness one of God's mercies? Yet Jesus' words in the Gospel are just as strong: «If a man wishes to come after Me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and follow in My steps.» In some way Flannery O'Connor was able to accept the cross of her sickness and follow



in the Lord's footsteps. But she didn't do it with a nice sweet smile on her face. She did it with strong courage and conviction. She realized that her own sickness was the very thing that helped her to look at life around her with the eyes of faith, and to translate that life into literary pages that would win her international fame as a writer. Each one of us is called upon to carry a cross in our life at some time. For some it may be the cross of emotional or spiritual suffering, rather than physical suffering. Sometimes there are big crosses, sometimes small. Whatever their size, Jesus calls upon us to carry them.

Whoever Loses His Life ~ DEFLECTING SELF-HATE AUGUSTINE: This precept by which we are told to lose our life does not mean that a person should kill himself, which would be an unforgivable crime, but it does mean that **one should kill that in oneself which is unduly attached to the earthly, which makes one take inordinate pleasure in this present life to the neglect of the life to come.** This is the meaning of "shall hate his life" and "shall lose it." Embedded in the same admonition, He speaks most openly of the profit of gaining one's life when He says: "He that loses his life in this world shall find it unto life eternal." LETTER 243, TO LÆTUS.

ON RIGHTLY LOVING THE WORLD. CÆSARIUS OF ARLES: While there is much in the world to love, it is best loved in relation to the One who made it. The world is beautiful, but much fairer is the One who fashioned it. The world is glorious, but more delightful is the One by whom the world was established. Therefore, let us labor as much as we can, beloved, that love of the world as such may not overwhelm us, and that we may not love the creature more than the creator. God has given us earthly possessions in order that we may love him with our whole heart and soul. But sometimes we provoke God's displeasure against us when we love his gifts more than God himself. The same thing happens in human relationships. Suppose someone gives a special gift to his protégé. But the protégé then begins to despise the giver, and loves the gift more than the one who gave. Suppose he comes to think of the giver no longer as friend but enemy. Just so it is with our relationship with God. We love more those who love us for ourselves rather than our gifts. So God is known to love those who love him more than the earthly gifts he gives. SERMONS 159.6.

Next Sunday's Readings:

II Corinthians 6: 1 – 10 *The Marks of Apostleship*

Luke 5: 1 – 11 *The Calling of the First Disciples*



~ Announcements ~

- **Покров!** The Patronal Feast of our Church is on Wednesday, October 1st. The Divine Liturgy will be served at 5:30 PM w/ procession followed immediately by our Pokrov Dinner at the centre. Use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please make every effort to join your parish family in honor of *The Protecting Veil of the Holy Theotokos*. **PLEASE OFFER TO BRING A FELLOW PARISHIONER WHO MAY NOT LIKE TO DRIVE AT NIGHT!!!**
- **St. Benedict Rosary / Altar Society is having a FALL BINGO** on September 21st in the Continental Room of the Marguerite VFD, Marguerite, PA. See Poster for more information and number to call.

- **Time to Renew «Theosis»** The print subscription is now **\$72 per year**, due to an increased cost for printing and postage. The **discounted rate of \$48 per year** is still available **IF WE ORDER IN GROUPS OF TEN**. Parishioners who currently receive *Theosis*, please mark on the chart if you want to renew or not. New subscriptions are always welcome and encouraged! Please write your name on the sign up sheet, but **DO NOT WRITE YOUR CHECK** until we know if another 10 subscriptions has been reached. As a bulk order, the magazine must be delivered to the church.
- **“Catechetical Sunday”** Today we are pleased to celebrate an important event in our parish life, and reflect on the words “Go, teach all nations” as we reflect on our baptism and the commission given to us. How often do we think of ourselves as “Evangelizers”? Every time we do good (even to those who harm us) or refuse to accept too much change from a store clerk, we live the Gospel. The greatness of the Church is that it is for every human society, at every time, in every place. Our human family comes from varied land masses—and our own experience now is on American soil, where we can easily live the Word of Christ—and act them. The children & the adults who teach them are here to pray together & to be blessed at the start of a new School Year. Though we are unique & individual, we are one. We are here to bring Christ to others. What we do should mirror what we say. We ask God to grant to His servants, our students, our teachers, and ourselves the grace to know this truth.
- **СПАСБО БОШЬОЕ** to all who provided baked goods to this week's Friday Bingo.