

Glory to Jesus Christ!
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St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory Forever!
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7 SEPTEMBER 2025 / 7534 ~ SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS

Prefestive Day of the Birth of the Theotokos. The Holy Martyr Sozon.



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Sept. 06 17:00 Vigil: **SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS** *Suffrages for +Helen DeFlorio – Marge Hulyk*


Sun. Sept. 07 10:30 **SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS.** *Suffrages pro populo*

Mon. Sept. 08 18:30 **BIRTH OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS** w/ Mirovanije. *Suffrages for +Helen DeFlorio – Janet Biskup*

Sat. Sept. 13 17:00 Vigil: **THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS** w/ Mirovanije. *Suffrages for +Mary Lezo – daughter Dolores*

Sun. Sept. 14 10:30 **THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS** w/ Mirovanije. *Suffrages pro populo*



 Cross of Christ, immortal tree on which our Savior died, the world is sheltered by your arms that bore the Crucified. From bitter death and barren wood, the tree of life is made; its branches bear unfailing fruit and leaves that never fade. O faithful Cross, you stand unmoved while ages run their course; foundation of the universe, creation's binding force. Give glory to the risen Christ and to His Cross give praise, the sign of God's unfathomed love, the hope of all our days.

Text from Stanbrook Abbey Hymnal, Benedictine Nuns of Stanbrook Abbey, England

Let God arise ☩ and let His enemies be scattered; and let those who hate Him flee before His Presence. As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish; and as wax melts before the fire, so let the demons perish before the presence of those who love God and who sign themselves with the Sign of the Cross and say in gladness: Hail, most precious and life-giving Cross of the Lord, for you drive away the demons by the power of our Lord Jesus Christ Who was crucified on you and Who went down to Hades and trampled on the power of the devil, and give us you, His venerable Cross, for driving away all enemies. O most precious and life-giving Cross of the Lord, help me, with our Holy Lady, the Virgin Mother of God and with all the Saints throughout the ages. Amen.

From the Byzantine Office of Compline

Today God Who dominates the spiritual thrones of heaven welcomes on earth the holy throne which He had prepared for Himself. In His love for mankind, He Who established the heavens in wisdom has fashioned a living heaven. From a barren stem He has brought forth for us His Mother as a branch full of life. O God of miracles and hope of those who have no hope; O Lord, glory be to You.

Sticheron from Vespers

This is the day of the Lord: Rejoice, therefore, O nations! Behold, the chamber of Light and the scroll of the living Word has come forth from the womb. The gate that opens to the Rising Sun and is ready for the entrance of the High Priest, is here today. She is the only one who introduced Christ, and Christ alone, into the world for the salvation of our souls.

Sticheron from Vespers



~ Announcements ~

- **THANK YOU** to an anonymous parishioner who gave a kind donation towards the sealing of the lower parking lots! *May the Lord grant to His servant peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years! Многая літа!*
- **A CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE:** Divine Liturgy will be served at 3:00 pm, this **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th** at St. Elias Church, Munhall. The dinner will take place after the Divine Liturgy in the church basement.
- **THE BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE** is selling **\$500 strip tickets**. The winning number will be taken from the «Pick 3 Daily Number 1st Evening Drawing» on **Sunday, September 21st**.