

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Glory Forever!
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14 SEPTEMBER 2025 / 7534 ~ FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The Passing of our Holy Father John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople.

LITURGY SCHEDULE:


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

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

Sat. Sept. 20 17:00 Vigil: **SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF
THE HOLY AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS** Suffrages for
+Helen DeFlorio – Marge Hulyk

Sun. Sept. 21 10:30 **SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE
HOLY AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS.** Suffrages pro populo;
esp. for Daniel and Jennifer Hess – 25th Wedding Anniversary.

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09 / 07 / 2025	Adults: \$1261	Candles: \$36	Holy Day: \$75	
COLLECTION	Maintenance: \$45	SUB-TOTAL: \$1417	Cemetery: \$200	
TOTAL: \$1617	ATTENDANCE	Sat. 18 + 4	Sun. 28 + 4	
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 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

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THE CROSS IS CHRIST'S GLORY AND TRIUMPH

We are celebrating the feast of the Cross which drove away darkness and brought in the light. As we keep this feast, we are lifted up with the crucified Christ, leaving behind us earth and sin so that we may gain the things above. So great and outstanding a possession is the Cross that he who wins it has won a treasure. Rightly could I call this treasure the fairest of all fair things and the costliest, in fact as well as in name, for on it and through it and for its sake the riches of salvation that had been lost were restored to us.



Had there been no Cross, Christ could not have been crucified. Had there been no Cross, life itself could not have been nailed to the tree. And if life had not been nailed to it, there would be no streams of immortality pouring from Christ's side, blood and water for the world's cleansing. The legal bond of our sin would not be cancelled, we should not have attained our freedom, we should not have enjoyed the fruit of the tree of life and the gates of paradise would not stand open. Had there been no Cross, death would not have been trodden underfoot, nor hell despoiled.

Therefore, the Cross is something wonderfully great and honorable. It is great because through the Cross the many noble acts of Christ found their consummation – very many indeed, for both His miracles and His sufferings were fully rewarded with victory. The Cross is honorable because it is both the sign of God's suffering and the trophy of His victory. It stands for His suffering because on it He freely suffered unto

death. But it is also His trophy because it was the means by which the devil was wounded and death conquered; the barred gates of hell were smashed, and the Cross became the one common salvation of the whole world.

The Cross is called Christ's glory; it is saluted as His triumph. We recognize it as the cup He longed to drink and the climax of the sufferings He endured for our sake. As to the Cross being Christ's glory, listen to His words: *Now is the Son of Man glorified, and in Him God is glorified, and God will glorify Him at once.* And again: *Father, glorify Me with the glory I had with You before the world came to be.* And once more: *«Father, glorify Your Name.»* Then a voice came from heaven: *«I have glorified It and will glorify It again.»* Here He speaks of the glory that would accrue to Him through the Cross. And if you would understand that the Cross is Christ's triumph, hear what He Himself also said *When I am lifted up, then I will draw all men to Myself.* Now you can see that the Cross is Christ's glory and triumph.

Saint Andrew of Crete