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Vol. 84 No. 1991 **Sunday, September 13th, 2026**

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Placing of the Cinture (Sash) of the Most Holy Theotokos



Divine Liturgy/ Choir Sunday - 9:00 am
Sunday School 10:20 am – 11:15am

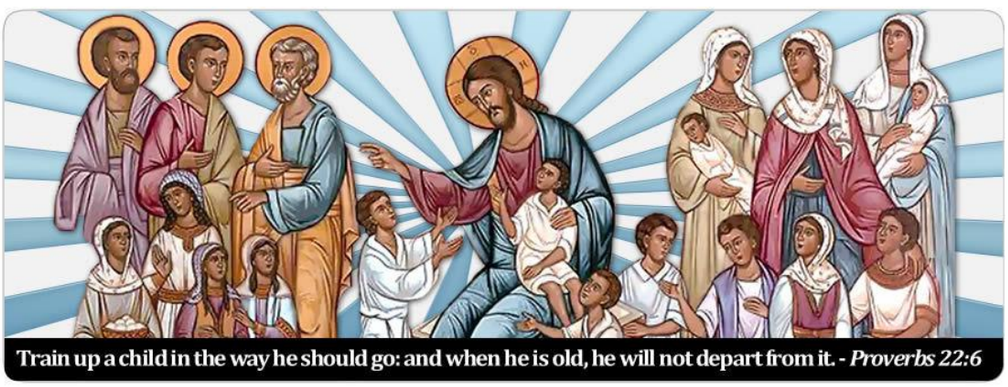
Panachida for ***+John and Anna Kovalik*** offered by the Kovalik Family; +***Mary Baranik (52nd Anniversary);***
+Anna Evanisko offered by the Evanisko and Miloro Families;
+Susan Semancik and ***+Uncle Andy Makar*** offered by Fr. Robert and Pani Kathy Buczak;
+ Nicholas Horbal offered by the family;
+George A. Nestor offered by wife Irene Nestor

Resurrection Tone 6 - Tropar & Kondak: pages 96-98

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

Gospel: Matthew 22:35-46

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SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13th!

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Wed. 9/16 …+Anna and Michael Bolha offered by the family; +Michael, John, and Anna Kurutz; and +Andrew Mindek (Perpetual)…….8:00 am

Thur. 9/17 … +Mary Matola offered by Charles Matola; +John and Helen Herman; and +Anna Krisfalusi offered by Mr. & Mrs. Elias Kozar (Perpetual)……8:00 am

Sat. 9/19 … Great Vespers……..…4:00 pm

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Sunday, September 20th, 2026

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 am **Sunday School 10:20 am – 11:15am**

Panachida for ***+Daniel Tvarozna*** (5th Anniversary) offered by wife, Darice;
+Samuel and Brunislava Gvozdich offered by grandson, Subdeacon Michael Oleksa;
+Gregg Kuzmyak (16th Anniversary) offered by his parents
+Michael Pysh (Birthday Remembrance) offered by Melanie and Dave Dudak***;***
+Julia Haschak (Birthday Remembrance) offered by the Haschak Family;
+John Wells and +Margaret Kuzmyak offered by Pani Kathy;
+Mary Mirilovich offered by husband John and family; ***+Very Reverend Michael Conrad; +Martha Lucas; and Christine Olga Hotrovich*** offered by Deacon Joseph Hotrovich

Resurrection Tone 7 - Tropar & Kondak: pages 99-101

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18 Gospel: John 3:13-17

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Monday, September 21st, 2026

The Nativity of the Birth-giver of God

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 am

Tropar & Kondak: Page 105

Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28

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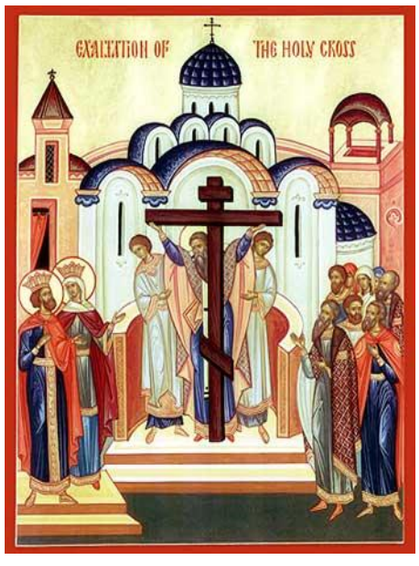
Bible Study begins Tuesday, September 22nd @ 6:30 pm

Wed. 9/23… +Margaret Peggy Furda offered by the family; +Husband Michael, Justine, sons John and Nicholas, Justina, parents Andrew and Mary, in-laws Paul and Anna, and brother Michael offered by Justina Slachta……..……8:00 am

Thur. 9/24 …+Charles Puskar offered by Mr. and Mrs. George Stegura; and +Nicholas Slachta offered by Vivian and Nick and Wendy Slachta (Perpetual)…….8:00 am

Sat. 9/26 … ***Vespers for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – 4:00 pm***

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Sunday, September 27th, 2026

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

A Day of Strict Fasting

Divine Liturgy/ Choir Sunday - 9:00 am
Sunday School 10:20 am – 11:15am

Tropar & Kondak: Pages 109-112

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Gospel: John 19:6-35

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WELCOME SEMINARIANS – ***Fr. Peter Sodini, Fr. Maximus Cannaverde, Deacon Brad Shaffer*** – (St. Alexis, Battle Ground Indiana), ***Clayton Wood*** (Holy Cross, Columbus, Ohio***), Reader John Fedornock III*** (Christ the Saviour Cathedral, Johnstown, PA)***, Nicholas Cizan*** (Holy Cross, Manville, N.J.)***, Spiridon Clay Raburn,*** (St. Nectarios, Lakeland, FL), ***Gabriel Saldana*** (St. Michael, Freeland, Pa.)***, Brad Dixon*** (St. Nectarios, Lakeland, FL.), ***David Miazga*** (St. Michael, Binghamton, NY), ***Graduate Robert Ignatius Leonardo*** (St. John, Rahway, N.J.).

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BIRTHDAY PRAYERS – ***Andrew Hower, Joan Bost (9/14), Susan Koval (9/16), Marlene Matolyak (9/19), and Colette Delong (9/18).*** You were remembered today in the Proskomedia.

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THE ETERNAL LAMP – is offered the week of September 13th in memory of ***+Nicholas Horbal by the family.***

THE ALTAR CANDLES – are offered in memory of ***+Nicholas Horbal by his daughter Mary Ann Savering.***

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A.C.R.Y. News -*Nursing Home/Shut-In Bags* {15 bags} will resume in October. Please drop off your donated items at the Cathedral auditorium stage with a note that they are for the Shut-In Bags***. Saturday's Kitchen*** volunteer dates are Saturdays, 10/24, 11/21 and 12/12. ***Cambria County Backpack*** Volunteer dates are Mondays at 4pm, 10/19, 11/16 and 12/14 located behind Garfield School. Contact person is Melanie Dudak, 1-814-659-5573. The ***Slavic Festival*** will be held at St Theresa's, Friday 9/18 from 4-10pm and Saturday, September 19 from 12- 9:30pm. Please come and support our Chapter who will be selling Medovniki, honey cookies for $3.00 each while supplies last. Our table will be located next to the Christ the Seminary Bookstore table with religious items hosted by Pani Betty. ***Volunteers are needed to sell the Medovniki at the ACRY table. If you can help please contact Emilie Sprincz at*** 814-242-4188.

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The Cincture of the Theotokos - September 13



The **Cincture of the Virgin Mary** (Greek: *zone* or *belt*) is a revered relic in the Orthodox Christian tradition, believed to be the only object preserved from the Virgin Mary's earthly life. According to tradition, she herself wove it from camel's wool and gave it to the Apostle Thomas after her Dormition The word "cincture" (Greek: *zone*) is sometimes also translated as "belt", "sash" or "girdle". At the time of her Dormition, the Theotokos was buried by the Apostles in Jerusalem. Three days later, Thomas the Apostle, who had been delayed and unable to attend the funeral, arrived and asked to have one last look at the Virgin Mary. When he and the other apostles arrived at Mary's Tomb, they found that her body was missing. The Virgin Mary appeared at that time and gave her belt (cincture) to the Apostle Thomas.

The history of the cincture prior to the reign of Justinian in the sixth century is unknown. It was kept at Jerusalem for many years, until it was translated to Constantinople in the 5th century, together with the Robe of the Virgin Mary, and deposited in the Church of St. Mary at Blachernae. This relic was embroidered with gold thread by the Empress Zoe, the wife of Emperor Leo VI, in gratitude for a miraculous cure. Later, the Emperor John VI Kantakouzenos (1347–1355) donated the cincture to the Holy Great Monastery of Vatopedi on Mount Athos, where it remains to this day, in a silver reliquary of newer manufacture which depicts the Monastery. The cincture is divided into three parts and very rarely leaves the monastery.

While the cincture is a Christian relic, its **symbolism and practices** have parallels in Jewish tradition. In Judaism, certain objects are considered sacred and are tied with specific knots, much like the cincture's symbolic "tying" to Mary's life. It emphasizes the sanctity of objects tied to divine or holy figures. The act of "tying" or "binding" is common in Jewish ritual. The cincture is "bound" to Mary's life, and in Orthodox worship, it is placed in a reliquary, symbolically "bound" to the sacred space. The cincture is associated with numerous miraculous healings.

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Thomas Buczak	Taylor Miller	Dr. Rose Ann Jordan	Remona Blunt-Wall	Amber
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Dave and Roberta Kovalik	Aberdeen Rudge	Cindy Birth	Joan and Ronald Bost	Jennifer Beas
Kira Pronin	Pat Hanuska	Roger Zankey	Cheryl Reese	Ellen Kuzmyak
Romayne and Henry Laichak	Dwight Nugle	Jess Ambrose	Sheri Smay	Elaine Adams
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until you have done something for someone who cannot possibly pay you back

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