



Assumption of the Virgin Mary

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Council Meeting

September 11

11:45 am

September 2022

Beloved Sisters and Brothers in The Lord,

Very often I get asked questions as to why our Orthodox faith uses different symbols, flowers, and other assorted items during our worship. Since September is the beginning of the Ecclesiastical New Year, and since September 14th is a major Feastday commemorating the finding of the precious cross on which Our Lord gave His life for the salvation of all humanity, I wanted to explain why we use fresh basil during that particular divine Liturgy.

This feast commemorates the finding of the Cross by the Empress Helen, the mother of Saint Constantine the Great on Golgotha in 326 AD, the place where Our Lord was crucified.

On the spot where the Cross was discovered, Saint Helen had found a flower, unknown to her, of rare beauty and fragrance, which has been named "Vasiliko", or Basil, meaning the flower of royalty.

The word "Vasiliko" means "of the King," since the word "Basileus" in Greek means "King"; so, the plant Vasiliko, (Basil), is tied to the Precious Cross of the King of Glory, Our Lord, and Savior Jesus Christ.

As we begin another Ecclesiastical New Year and celebrate The Elevation of The Cross, may Our Lord, who gave His life on the cross for the salvation of all of us, abundantly bless you and your families.

Your Brother in The Lord,

Rev. Stelios Sitaras



Greek Orthodox

Ladies'

Philoptochos Society

Cornelia Chapter

Elizabeth George

President

Summer Recess

*All ladies are invited.
Please join the
philanthropic arm of
the church*



George Marinos

Chapter

Nick Voris

President

CALENDAR

Thursday, September 1

9 am: The Ecclesiastical New Year
Divine Liturgy

Prosforo: Mary Jo Naschke
Council: Mary Jo Naschke

Sunday, September 4

9 am: Orthros
10 am: Divine Liturgy

Prosforo: Mary Jo Naschke
Council: Tina West & Lee Douvry
Fellowship: Mary Jo Naschke

Wednesday, September 7

6 pm: Bible Study
Community Center & Zoom

Thursday, September 8

9 am: The Elevation of the Holy Cross
Divine Liturgy

Prosforo: Mary Jo Naschke
Council: Stephanie Petas

Sunday, September 11

9 am: Orthros
10 am: Divine Liturgy

Prosforo: Katina Karageorgos
Fellowship: Katina Karageorgos
Council: Paul Aiello & Homer Rigas

Wednesday, September 14

9 am: The Elevation of the Holy Cross
Divine Liturgy

Prosforo: Mary Jo Naschke
Council: Mary Jo Naschke

Sunday, September 18

9 am: Orthros
10 am: Divine Liturgy

Prosforo: Mark Enterline
Fellowship: Mark & Susan Enterline
Council: Lee Douvry & Mary Jo Naschke

Wednesday, September 21

6 pm: Bible Study
Community Center & Zoom

Sunday, September 25

9 am: Orthros
10 am: Divine Liturgy

Prosforo: Tina West
Fellowship: Helen Souris
Council: Tina West & Paul Aiello

***Greek Festival
October 15 – 16
Volunteers Needed***

Church Etiquette – common questions

When to Stand:

- **During the Gospel reading**
- **Holy Communion and until the chalice is returned to the altar**
- **Anytime the gospel is held by the priest**
- **The Small Entrance**
- **During the Consecration**
- **The Lord's Prayer**
- **The Holy Creed**
- **The Grand Entrance**
- **When the priest faces the congregation**

Anyone who is unable to stand and/or feels the need to sit may do so.

Entering the Sanctuary:

Refrain from walking into the church when the gospel is being read

When entering from the door from the community center do not pass (short cut) in front of the altar to be seated on the opposite side of the church. Walk around the pews to enter from the narthex side.

Holy Communion:

To receive Holy Communion wait for the usher to direct you to enter the aisle – after receiving, walk around the outside of the pews to return to your seat.

Please check the church website for additional helpful guidelines.

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