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September 14, 2014 - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Niech Bedze pochwalony
Jezus Chrystus.

R/. Na wieki, wiekow. Amen.

Praised be the Lord, Jesus
Christ.

R/. Now and forever. Amen.

9:00 AM - "Hymn of Faith"

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READING I - Nm 21:4b-9

With their patience worn out by the journey, the people complained against God and Moses, "Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in this desert, where there is no food or water? We are disgusted with this wretched food!"

In punishment the LORD sent among the people saraph serpents, which bit the people so that many of them died. Then the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned in complaining against the LORD and you. Pray the LORD to take the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people, and the LORD said to Moses, "Make a saraph and mount it on a pole, and if any who have been bitten look at it, they will live." Moses accordingly made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM -

Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38

R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Hearken, my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable, I will utter mysteries from of old.

R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

While he slew them they sought him and inquired after God again, Remembering that God was their rock and the Most High God, their redeemer.

R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

But they flattered him with their mouths and lied to him with their tongues, Though their hearts were not steadfast toward him, nor were they faithful to his covenant.

R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

But he, being merciful, forgave their sin and destroyed them not; Often he turned back his anger and let none of his wrath be roused.

R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!

READING 2 - Phil 2:6-11

Brothers and sisters: Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL - John 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. "This is the gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "Holy, Holy, Holy"

COMMUNION HYMN - "Gather Your People"

RECESSIONAL - "The Old Rugged Cross"



St. Francis Weekly "Kompositions"

WITH SINCEREST CONDOLENCES

We, the Parishioners of St. Francis Polish National Catholic Church were so sorry to hear of the passing of Anna Koterba, Fr. Andrew's mother. She died peacefully in her sleep. (Now, she is in Heaven with his dad, where she has wanted to be since he died fourteen months ago). God Bless Father Andrew, Monika, Adam and Robert and all your immediate and extended Koteba family and friends.

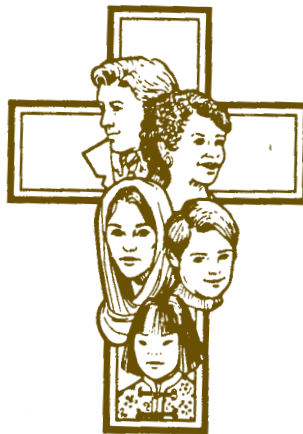
THE TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS SEPTEMBER 14

St. Paul the Apostle spoke of the power of Christ's Cross. According to tradition, the Empress Helena discovered the Lord's Cross in Jerusalem on September 14, 320. Five years later, a great church was built on Mount Calvary by Emperor Constantine to shelter the holy relic. Parts of the wood of the Cross were sent to the major cities of Christendom, where they were shown to the faithful on this special feast.

We worship you, O Christ,
and we praise you,
because by your Cross
you have redeemed the world.
By this holy tree
you gave your people victory,
and put aside the tree of our defeat.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS SEPTEMBER 15

The feast, popular in the Middle Ages, follows the feast of Mary's birth on September 8. It recalls the special bond between Jesus and Mary and reminds us of the torment and suffering of Christ. Mary suffered greatly as the Mother of God, and the pain she felt was real. The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows recalls the succession of sorrows Mary experienced during her life: the prophecy she heard from Simeon in the temple, the flight into Egypt, the three days loss of Jesus on the pilgrimage to Jerusalem, meeting Jesus on the way to Calvary, the hours she stood beneath the Cross, the removal of Jesus from the Cross, and the burial of Jesus in a tomb. Holy Mother, pierce me through; In my heart each wound renew of my Savior crucified.



Welcome to Our Church

2014 ST. FRANCIS UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 4th - 1:00 p.m.
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Come one, come all...creatures of God.
Your pets will receive a blessing for the year
and a St. Francis medal.

Sunday, December 7th - 3:00 p.m.
**CHRISTMAS/ST. NICHOLAS
FUND-RAISER DINNER**

Always a great day! Lots of delicious food and,
of course, a visit from St. Nick
with gifts for all the children.

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Early in the fourth century St. Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher over the tomb. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.