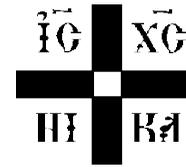
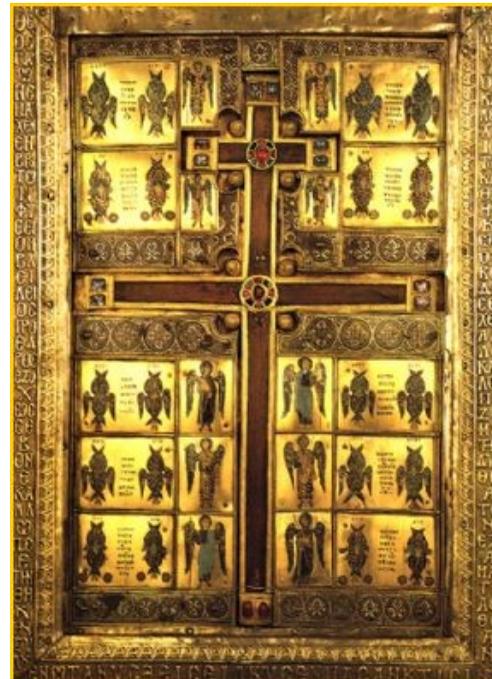


Weekly Schedule

Friday	Festal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.
Saturday	Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m. Confessions following Great Vespers
Sunday	Reading of Hours, 9:40 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m. <i>Fellowship Hour following Divine Liturgy</i>

The Procession of the Venerable Wood of the Life-Creating Cross of the Lord: In the Greek Horologion of 1897 the derivation of this Feast is explained: "Because of the illnesses that occur in August, it was customary, in former times, to carry the Venerable Wood of the Cross through the streets and squares of Constantinople for the sanctification of the city, and for relief from sickness. On the eve (July 31), it was taken out of the imperial treasury, and laid upon the altar of the Great Church of Hagia Sophia (the Wisdom of God). From this Feast until the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, they carried the Cross throughout the city in procession, offering it to the people to venerate. This also is the Procession of the Venerable Cross." In the Russian Church this Feast is combined also with the remembrance of the Baptism of Rus, on August 1, 988. In the "Account of the Order of Services in the Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Great Church of the Dormition," compiled in 1627 by order of Patriarch Philaret of Moscow and All Rus, there is the following explanation of the Feast: "On the day of the Procession of the Venerable Cross there is a church procession for the sanctification of water and for the enlightenment of the people, throughout all the towns and places." Knowledge of the day of the actual Baptism of Rus was preserved in the Chronicles of the sixteenth century: "The Baptism of the Great Prince Vladimir of Kiev and all Rus was on August 1." In the present practice of the Russian Church, the Lesser Sanctification of Water on August 1 is done either before or after Liturgy. Because of the Blessing of Water, this first Feast of the Savior in August is sometimes called 'Savior of the Water.' There may also be a Blessing of New Honey today, which is why the Feast is also called "Savior of the Honey." From this day the newly gathered honey is blessed and tasted.



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Troparion (Tone 1)

When the stone had been sealed by the
Jews, while the soldiers were guarding
Your most pure body, You rose on
the third day, O Savior, granting life
to the world. The powers of heaven
therefore cried to You, O Giver of
Life: "Glory to Your Resurrection, O
Christ! Glory to Your Kingdom!//
Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover
of mankind!"

Troparion (Tone 1)

O Lord, save Your people,
and bless Your inheritance!
Grant victories to the Orthodox Chris-
tians over their adversaries;
and by virtue of Your Cross,
preserve Your habitation!

August 1, 2010

**10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST —
Tone 1. Procession of the Honorable Wood
of the Lifegiving Cross of the Lord**

Kontakion (Tone 4)

As You were voluntarily raised upon the
Cross for our sake, grant mercy to those
who are called by Your Name, O Christ
God; make all Orthodox Christians glad
by Your power, granting them victories
over their adversaries by bestowing on
them the invincible trophy, Your weapon
of peace!

Prayers for The Faithful and Departed

Ken, Albert, Catherine, Alex, Emily,
Kavalkovich family, Andrews family,
LeRoy family and friends, Mary, Bar-
bara. **May God Grant Them Many
Years!**

Stella, Emil, Emily, Molly. **May Their
Memories Be Eternal!**

Epistle Reading

I Corinthians 4:9-16

For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now. I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:14-23

And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him. Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting. Now while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and the third day He will be raised up. And they were exceedingly sorrowful.

Welcome to our Visitors!

A warm welcome to all our visitors and guests who have joined us in celebrating the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for our Fellowship Hour in the Church Hall . **Please note: Only those Orthodox Christians that have properly prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession of sins should approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Collection

Please bring any food you would like to donate to church. We, as a church, will offer food to one of the local food banks, Philabundance.

Church Telephone Number

Our church's telephone number is 215-468-3535. If there is inclement weather, do please call the number and wait for the answering machine. If church is canceled, it will be announced here.

Bulletin Board

Please do check the bulletin board for announcements. There is, for example, a sign-up sheet for St. Tikhon's seminary golf outing.

Time and Talent Survey

Last week I asked you to complete a brief time and talent survey downstairs after the Divine Liturgy. Only one person responded. You can do better than this; please take two minutes to complete the survey this Sunday.

Godspeed Alex and Emily

Alex and Emily Petkas depart for Princeton, NJ, today and will be leaving our community. Please wish them well as they enter this next stage in their lives.