Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church

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Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017 ***Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday before the Elevation of the Cross***

Today's readings are:

Galatians 6:11-18 and Saint John 3:13-17 *(Sun. before the Cross)*
II Corinthians 1:21-2:4 and Saint Matthew 22:1-14 *(14th Sunday)*

Weekly calendar:

Today			Molieben and the start of church school coffee hour
Sept. 11	Mon	5:30pm	Daily Vespers
Sept. 12	Tue	5:30pm	Daily Vespers
		6:30pm	parish council meeting
Sept. 13	Wed	**6:00pm**	**Vigil of the Elevation of the Cross**
Sept. 14	Thu	**9:00am**	**Divine Liturgy- *The Exaltation of the Precious and Life-giving Holy Cross***
strict fast day			[I Corinthians 1:18-24 and Saint John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28,30-35]
		5:00pm	OCF at Yale – Vespers in the Lovett Room of Battell Chapel
Sept. 15	Fri	5:30pm	Daily Vespers
Sept. 16	Sat	4:30pm	choir rehearsal
		5:00pm	**Great Vespers and Confessions**
Sept. 17	Sun	**9:00am**	**Divine Liturgy- *Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday after the Elevation of the Cross***
			[Galatians 2:16-20 and Saint Mark 8:34-9:1 *(Sun. after the Cross)*]
			[II Corinthians 4:6-15 and Matthew 22:35-46 *(15th Sunday)*]
			coffee hour

The day of the Exaltation of the Cross is always a day of fasting as we remember the price of our salvation- that our Lord and God poured out his life on the Cross in his perfect and total love for us.

On Oct. 1st the Annual FORCC Benefit Dinner will be at Saint Barbara's Church in Orange, beginning at 1:00 P.M. This year's speaker is Father Chad Hatfield, president of Saint Vladimir's Seminary. For dinner tickets see Alex Oji, our parish ticket chair. (Tickets are not available at the door.)

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As you were voluntarily crucified for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by your name. 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! *[Kontakion of the Exaltation of the Cross]*

THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS OF CHRIST *-from a sermon by Saint Theodore the Studite* (+826)

How precious the gift of the cross, how splendid to contemplate! In the cross there is no mingling of good and evil, as in the tree of paradise: it is wholly beautiful to behold and good to taste. The fruit of this tree is not death but life, not darkness but light. This tree does not cast us out of paradise, but opens the way for our return.

This was the tree on which Christ, like a king on a chariot, destroyed the devil, the lord of death, and freed the human race from his tyranny. This was the tree on which the Lord, like a brave warrior wounded in hands, feet and side, healed the wounds of sin that the evil serpent had inflicted on our nature. A tree once caused our death, but now a tree brings life. Once deceived by a tree, we have now repelled the cunning serpent by a tree. What an astonishing transformation! That death should become life, that decay should become immortality, that shame should become glory! Well might the holy Apostle exclaim: *Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world!* The supreme wisdom that flowered on the cross has shown the folly of worldly wisdom's pride. The knowledge of all good, which is the fruit of the cross, has cut away the shoots of wickedness.

The wonders accomplished through this tree were foreshadowed clearly even by the mere types and figures that existed in the past. Meditate on these, if you are eager to learn. Was it not the wood of the tree that enabled Noah, at God's command, to escape the destruction of the flood together with his sons, his wife, his son's wives and every kind of animal? And surely the rod of Moses prefigured the cross when it changed water into blood, swallowed up the false serpents of Pharoah's magicians, divided the sea at one stroke and then restored the waters to their normal course, drowning the enemy and saving God's own people? Arron's rod, which blossomed in one day is proof of his true priesthood, was another figure of the cross, and did not Abraham foreshadow the cross when he bound his son Isaac and placed him on a pile of wood?

By the cross death was slain and Adam restored to life. The cross is the glory of all the apostles, the crown of the martyrs, the sanctification of the saints. By the cross we put on Christ and cast aside our former self. By the cross we, the sheep of Christ, have been gathered into one flock, destined for the sheepfolds of heaven.

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Вознесыйся на Крест волею, тезоименитому Твоему новому жительству, щедроты Твоя Христе Боже, возвесели силою Твоею балговерныя люжя Твоя, победы дая им на сопостаты, пособие имущим Твое оружие мира, непобедимую победу. *(Кондак Воздвижение Креста Господня)*

Сегодня- 14-я Неделя по Пятидесятница / Неделя пред Воздвижением Креста
[Послание к Галатам 6:11-18 и от Иоанна 3:13-17 *(пред Воздвижением)*]
[Второе Послание к Коринфянам 1:21-2:4 и от Матфея 22:1-14 *(14-я Неделя)*]

Сред. 6:00чв Великая Вечерня с Литей и утреня

Четв. 9:00чу Литургиа- Воздвижение Честная и Животворящаго Креста Господна
Однодневный пост [Первое Послание к Коринфянам 1:18-24 и от Иоанна 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35]

Субб. 5:00чд Великая Вечерня и Исповедь

Воск. 9:00чу Литургиа- 15-я Неделя по Пятидесятница / Неделя по Воздвижением
[Послание к Галатам 2:16-20 и от Марка 8: 43-9:1 *(по Воздвижением)*]
[Второе Послание к Коринфянам 4:6-15 и от Матфея 22:35-46 *(15-я Неделя)*]