

Welcome, Visitors!

We thank you for attending St. Thomas today. If this is your first time in an Orthodox Church, you may find the Liturgy books at the entrance of the nave helpful for following along (just ask if you feel a little lost!). Sometimes, simply maintaining a worshipful presence, open to the Holy Spirit, is a good way to start.

After Divine Liturgy, please join us in the back for coffee and conversation. If Orthodoxy is new to you, you may have lots of questions! We'll do our best to help. During Holy Communion, non-Orthodox Christians are warmly welcome to seek a blessing from the priest, and/or partake of the blessed bread on the small table — if you'd like. The Eucharist in the Orthodox Church is intended for those who have been educated in, and accepted, the beliefs and practices of the Orthodox Christian Faith, **and** who have been baptized and/or chrismated into that Faith. We would not impose on you any profession of belief (through Communion or any other practice) with which you may not agree or feel comfortable.

Announcements

WORSHIP

Sat. 9/17 @ 6:00 PM Great Vespers
Sun. 9/18 @ 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Icon Exhibition Oct. 13 — 15

St. Paul the Apostle Orthodox Christian Church in Dayton, OH, will host the icon exhibition "Mary & The Saints: A Celebration of Eastern Orthodox Iconography" on October 13 – 15, 2016.

There will be an exhibition of over 75 rare icons of the Virgin Mary and various other saints commemorated by the Eastern Orthodox Christianity. Taken from private collections across the United States, the exhibition will include unique examples from 15th century Medieval Russia, 16th and 17th century Greece, through 19th century Imperial Russia, as well as contemporary icons painted in America. This is a singular opportunity to view prime examples of the spiritual art of the Eastern Orthodox Church as they were originally intended in their appropriate setting. Both self-guided and docent tours will be available.

Dates & Times

Fri. 10/14: 5-8 PM (Opening Reception)
Sat. 10/15: 10 - 5 PM
Sun. 10/16: 12 PM - 5 PM

Location: St. Paul the Apostle Orthodox Christian Church, 4451 Wagner Rd, Dayton, OH 45440
Admission: Free.

For more details, please visit the [Upcoming Events/Service Schedule](#) page on our blog.

St. Basil Film Study @ Holy Trinity in Carmel

Dinner begins at 6 pm followed by the film at 6:30 pm.
RSVP to wbmudis@gmail.com.
Fri. 9/23 "Transcendence"
Fri. 10/14 "A Thousand Words"
Fri. 11/11 "Babette's Feast"

Mowing

There is a signup sheet for lawn mowing on the white board in the fellowship hall. St. Thomas has a push mower at the church, and mowing takes about 30 minutes or less. For further details, see, text, or call Jay Faust (765) 434-1063.

Clergy

Father **Philip** Lashbrook, Priest

Fr. Deacon **Raphael** (Gary Fadil),
Deacon

Readers

Glenn **Alexander** McCroskery

Jerry **Columba** Roberts

Altar Servers

Eli **Attalah**

Nathanael Fadil

Jay **Gabriel** Faust

Glenn **Alexander** McCroskery

David Mykut

Joseph Mykut

Blain **Seraphim** Perkins

Jerry **Columba** Roberts

Choir

Mat. **Rebecca** Lashbrook

Rick **Gregory** Boudreau

Don **Patrick** Daily

Lisa **Fadil**

Hannah Fadil

Sarah Fadil

Arlen **Peter** Hartman

Shirley **Mary** Hartman

Jenny **Eugenia** Trusty

Michael Trusty

Parish Council

Jay **Gabriel** Faust, President

Glenn **Alexander** McCroskery, Vice
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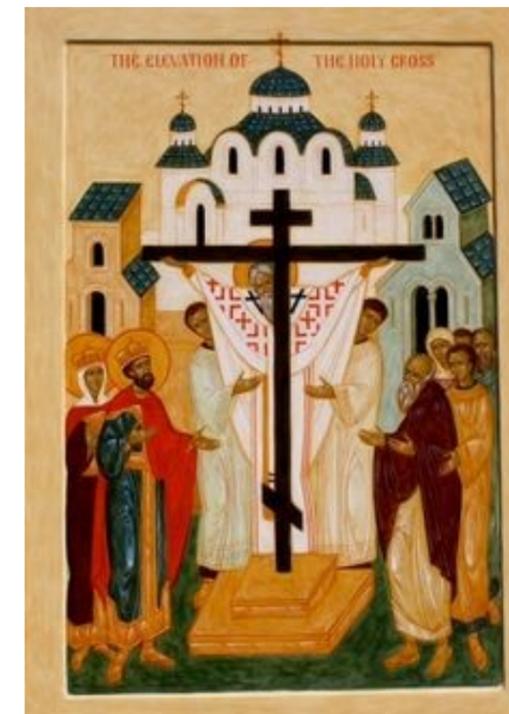
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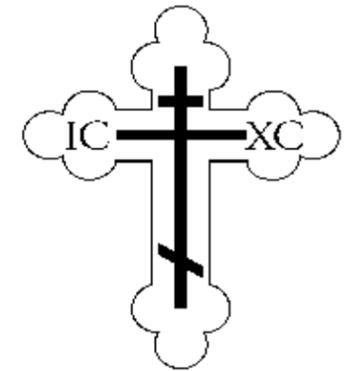
13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 4. Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross.

Sunday after Elevation. St. Eumenes, Bishop of Gortyna (6th c.). Martyr Ariadne of Phrygia (2nd c.). Martyrs Sophia and Irene of Egypt (3rd c.). Martyr Castor of Alexandria (3rd c.). Greatmartyr Prince Bidzini and Martyrs Princes Elizabar and Shalvi, of Georgia (1660).



Sunday, September 18, 2016

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This week's bulletin:

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Scripture Readings

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Galatians 2:16-20

Mark 8:34-9:1

1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Matthew 21:33-42

13th Sunday After Pentecost – Tone 4. Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross.

Tone 4 Troparion (Resurrection)

When the women Disciples of the Lord
learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection,
they cast away the ancestral curse
and elatedly told the Apostles:
“Death is overthrown!
Christ God is risen, //
granting the world great mercy!”

Tone 1 Troparion

O Lord, save Your people
and bless Your inheritance!
Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians
over their adversaries;
and by virtue of Your Cross, //
preserve Your habitation!
Entreat Him to save our souls!

Tone 2 Troparion (St. Thomas)

O Disciple of Christ, and colleague of the Apostles,
Your lack of faith became a confirmation of the resurrection,
For your searching hand made you believe,
O holy Thomas, worthy of all praise.
Obtain peace for us, and great mercy.

Tone 4 Kontakion (Resurrection)

My Savior and Redeemer
as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains.
He has shattered the gates of hell,
and as Master, //
He has risen on the third day!

Tone 4 Kontakion (St. Thomas)

The grace-filled apostle and true servant of Christ
cried out in repentance: You are my lord, and my God.

Glory ...

Tone 2 Kontakion (St. Eumenes)

Radiant with divine light, O blessed one,
illumine us who lovingly praise your precious and glorious passing;
Hierarch Father Eumenes,
unceasingly intercede for us all.

Now and ever ...

Tone 4 Kontakion

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!

Tone 7 Prokeimenon

Extol the Lord our God: worship at His footstool for He is holy! (Ps 98/99:5)
v: The Lord reigns, let the people tremble! (Ps 98/99:1)

Epistle (NKJV):

Galatians 2:16-20 (Sunday after the Elevation)
1 Corinthians 16:13-24

2:16 knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in
Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in
Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justi-
fied.

17 “But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sin-
ners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! 18 For if I build again those things
which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. 19 For I through the law died to the law
that I might live to God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but
Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of
God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

16:13 Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. 14 Let all that you do be
done with love.

15 I urge you, brethren – you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the first
fruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints –

16 that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us.

17 I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what
was lacking on your part they supplied. 18 For they refreshed my spirit and yours. There-
fore acknowledge such men.

19 The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the
Lord, with the church that is in their house. 20 All the brethren greet you.
Greet one another with a holy kiss.

21 The salutation with my own hand – Paul’s.

22 If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord,
come!

23 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. 24 My love be with you all in
Christ Jesus. Amen.

Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
v. Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old! (Ps 73/74:2)
v: God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth. (Ps 73/74:12)

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)
The light of Your countenance has shone on us, O Lord. (Ps 4/5:6)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel (NKJV):

Mark 8:24-9:1 (Sunday after the Elevation)
Matthew 21:33-42

8:24 And he looked up and said, “I see men like trees, walking.”

25 Then He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw
everyone clearly. 26 Then He sent him away to his house, saying, “Neither go into the town, nor tell any-
one in the town.”

27 Now Jesus and His disciples went out to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and on the road He
asked His disciples, saying to them, “Who do men say that I am?”

28 So they answered, “John the Baptist; but some say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.”

29 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

Peter answered and said to Him, “You are the Christ.”

30 Then He strictly warned them that they should tell no one about Him.

31 And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by
the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke this
word openly. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. 33 But when He had turned around
and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, “Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of
the things of God, but the things of men.”

34 When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever
desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 35 For whoever de-
sires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. 36 For
what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? 37 Or what will a man give
in exchange for his soul? 38 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful
generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the
holy angels.”

9:1 And He said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not
taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.”

21:33 “Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a
hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a
far country. 34 Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they
might receive its fruit. 35 And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned anoth-
er. 36 Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. 37 Then last of all
he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ 38 But when the vinedressers saw the son,
they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’ 39 So they
took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him.

40 “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?”

41 They said to Him, “He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to
other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.”

42 Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

‘The stone which the builders rejected

Has become the chief cornerstone.

This was the Lord’s doing,

And it is marvelous in our eyes?’

(Instead of “It is truly meet ...,” we sing:)

Tone 8

Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord!
You are a mystical Paradise, O Theotokos,
who, though untilled, have brought forth Christ;
through Him the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth.
Now at its Elevation,
as we bow in worship before it, we magnify you.