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Schedule for Divine Liturgy

SUN	Sep 18	15 th Sunday after Pentecost. Divine Liturgy Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Pg. 258 Eternal Light Candle - +Deceased members of The Byers Family	<u>10 AM</u>
SUN	Sep 25	16 th Sunday after Pentecost. Divine Liturgy Tone 7 Pg. 156 Liturgy: Health & Birthday Blessings of Rev.Fr. Timothy Clegg, by Marie Hudak Eternal Light Candle - Health & Birthday Blessings of Rev.Fr. Timothy Clegg, by Marie Hudak	<u>10 AM</u>
FRI	Sep 30	Divine Liturgy. In memory of +William Czepak	<u>10 AM</u>
SUN	Oct 2	17 th Sunday after Pentecost. Divine Liturgy Protection of the Theotokos Pg. 261 Liturgy: Health & Birthday Blessings Stephanie Byers McKnight and Dianne Byers Koza Eternal Light Candle - +Deceased members of The Byers Family	<u>10 AM</u>

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Please consider honoring your family and friends by asking for the **Eternal Light Candle** (\$10 donation) or a **Liturgy** (\$20 donation) in honor or memory of them. This makes for a great birthday or anniversary gift! We have many weeks available. **Simply drop an envelope with a donation and request into the collection basket.

Please join us at the Social in the Church Hall today after liturgy

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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Could you imagine a group of billions of people who hold up a symbol of execution like a gun or electric chair or a hypodermic needle as their identifying mark of their faith? They boast in it and hold it up proudly. To the people of the first century, this is how absurd the Christians were who held up the most feared execution method as the symbol of their new found faith. The Cross.

Saint Paul states in Galatians 6:14 "*But far be it from me to boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.*" This testimony calls us all to accept and take the example of Jesus to not reject the crosses in our life but rather to carry them proudly and without complaint.

We all have them. We experience crosses daily; struggling relationships, tough careers and jobs, illness and sickness, demands on our time, and so much more. However, there is a relief for us that gets us through the struggles, and that is the crucifix.

In Numbers 21:4-9, we hear the full account of the foreshadowing of the crucifix and its healing power. "Then the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and put it on a flag pole; and it shall come about, that everyone who is bitten, and looks at it, will live.""

There is a difference between a plain cross and a crucifix. The Church encourages everyone to have a crucifix in their house. A crucifix has the corpse of Jesus on it just as God commanded Moses to put a serpent on the staff. Gazing upon the crucifix reminds us of Jesus' sacrifice. It reminds us that our crosses can never compare to His. It is also our source of spiritual life and healing needed in our struggles.

So when you are asked about the crucifix, "why do Catholics put Jesus back on the cross when He is Risen?", you can safely and confidently explain that it is a biblical command straight out of the OT as a source of healing. You can also explain there is no Resurrection without the Crucifixion. We cannot expect a resurrection from our own life's spiritual deaths without our own crucifixion to the world through our own crosses.

Engage Jesus in a new way of prayer. Find that crucifix in your home and just gaze upon it. Let the Holy Spirit move you and feel His healing enter into your circumstances. No words need spoken, but rather let Jesus speak to you.

Prayer to St Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

