

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

SEPTEMBER 7, 2008

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8– SEPTEMBER 14, 2008

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8	8:30 DIVINE LITURGY	THE NATIVITY OF THE MOST-HOLY THEOTOKOS FOR ALL PARISHIONERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9	NO DIVINE LITURGY	
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10	NO DIVINE LITURGY	
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11	8:30 DIVINE LITURGY	SPECIAL INTENTION; REQ: BEVERLY GALLAGHER
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12	8:30 DIVINE LITURGY	SPECIAL INTENTION; REQ: JOHN CHABOT
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13	8:30 DIVINE LITURGY	SPECIAL INTENTION; REQ: JOHN CHABOT
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14	10:00 AM LITURGY	FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

Volunteers needed

In October, we will begin the “Generations of Faith” program of whole parish catechesis. There are many tasks that need to be done for this. Presenters, Hospitality, Craft/Project preparation, Food preparation, set-up, and clean-up. This will be a monthly event and will involve the whole parish. **There will be a meeting next Sunday after the Divine Liturgy of all those interested in volunteering to make this program a success.**

Ask Fr. James

Do you have a question about Liturgical Practices, the Church, Spirituality or any subject relating to our life as Eastern Christian? If so, write your question on a piece of paper and place it in the collection or e-mail your question to frjames@mac.com. He will answer your question in a future bulletin.

Congratulations to the House of Ukraine for the wonderful Labor Day festival. The hard work put in by so many resulted in a series of events that was enjoyed by all those who attended. *Многая Літа!*

New Refrigerator

Thanks to the money collected each week for the coffee and sweets, we were able to purchase a new refrigerator for the church hall to replace one that stopped working. It seems like so little when you place your donation in the basket, but it adds up over time! *Многая Літа і Дякуємо!* to Mary Kitt.

Never in the history of mankind has there been a woman so revered and yet controversial as Mary, the Mother of God. She stands in stark contrast to today's attitude of “me! Me! ME!”.

The Nativity of the Most-Holy Theotokos



In the city of Nazareth there dwelled a God-fearing elderly couple, Joachim, from the house of David, and Anna, from the priestly tribe of Aaron. In those days Hebrews, awaiting the Messiah, believed that any one who did not have children had in some way offended God and was being punished by having no descendants to be part of the Messiah's kingdom. Joachim and Anna grieved greatly because they were childless. Despite the ridicule and reproaches that Joachim and Anna received from their neighbors, they did not lose hope but continually prayed that God might grant them a child, which they promised to dedicate to the service of God.

For their patience, their faith and their love of God and of each other, their prayers were heard: a daughter was born to them in their old age. An angel directed them to name the child Mary, which in Hebrew means "lady and hope." The one who was to be the Mother of God was born into a righteous family, known more throughout the generations for its goodness than for its royal blood. The importance of this feast, the first in the Church calendar year (which begins September 1/14) is that it was the first step in preparing mankind for its promised salvation.

<i>Sunday Collection: August 17, 2008:</i>	\$237.00
<i>Sunday Collection: August 24, 2008:</i>	\$488.00
<i>Sunday Collection: August 31, 2008:</i>	\$737.00

Anna and Martha Oleksyshyn Memorial Matching Fund

Through the generosity of Roman Oleksyshyn and in memory of his wife and sister, this fund has been established to reduce the parish debt. Pan Roman will match donations to this fund up to \$10,000.00 – for a grand total of \$20,000.00! Donations to this matching fund must be noted as such. Please note that contributions should be made *in addition* to your normal weekly contribution. We have thus far received donations totaling \$7,075.00. With Pan Roman's matching contribution, that brings the Grand Total to \$14,150.00.