



Holy Annunciation Orthodox Church

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September 15, 2019

**13th Sunday after Pentecost/ Afterfeast of
the Elevation of the Cross
Sunday after the Elevation of the
Cross/Greatmartyr Nicetas
Troparion**

O Lord, save Thy people
and bless Thine inheritance!
Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians
over their adversaries;
and by virtue of Thy Cross,//
preserve Thy habitation!

Remember in your Prayers: Bishop Herman, Priest Emilian, Priest John, Priest Nicholas, Priest James, Priest John, Kathryn, Lorraine, Jennifer, Rose, Effie, Christina, John, Christine, Ivy Elizabeth, Yvette, John, Tyler, David, Marie, Jenny, Paul, Paul, Annie, Erin, Clare, Dianne, Joe, Bryce, Luke, Melanie, Amailia, Stavro, Thomas, Ethan, Emmitt, Mary, Jack, James, Alaina, Kyle, William, Ron, Elizabeth, Christina, Missy, Bob, Carol, Linda, Korey, Cathy, Maggie, Tom, Mike, Artem, Antonina, Elaine, Cali, Mariah, James, John, Barbara, Tom, George, David, Charlie, Joseph, Heather, Jean, Nicole, Ally, Reagan, Tara, Sam, Ray, Bill, Hannah, Edward, Rick, Roy, Mary, Michael, Taylor, Pamela, Jillian, Jean, Jesse, Kurt, Nancy, Theodore, John, Finley, Michael, Paula, Nathan, Noah, Nikki Ann, Matthew, Diane, Sarah, Martin, Iva, Stephen, Rory, Paul, Gloria, Justina, Jean, Keegan, Jimmy, Roger, Harold, Michele, Dona

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday September 15- Church School 9:25 am
Divine Liturgy 9:30am followed by fellowship.

Monday September 16- Church Council meeting
6:30 pm

Saturday September 21- Vespers 6pm

Sunday September 22- Church School 9:25 am
Divine Liturgy 9:30am followed by fellowship.

Collection for September 8

Candles-\$34.00; Loose Money-\$190.00; Weekly
Envelopes-\$940.00; Special Funds (CAP.)-\$50.00; Total-
\$3,309.00

The Cross is the most fundamental symbol of Christianity. We see it everywhere in the Church, in our homes, and anywhere there are Christians. We make the sign of the cross when we pray. We identify Christianity with the Cross, because through the Cross the sins of the world were forgiven, death itself was destroyed, and joy came into the world. The Cross is ultimately a sign of victory, hope and love even though it is simultaneously a symbol of denial, sacrifice, and death. Here lies the great paradox of our Christian Faith. New life comes from dying in Christ. Abundant life comes from self-denial and sacrifice. The greatest meaning of life comes from learning to serve the other, sacrifice for the other, even die for the other. This may all sound harsh and difficult. Some will surely think, "The life of the Cross doesn't seem like a life I want to live." That's why St. Paul clearly stated, "The message of the Cross is foolishness to the world." And yet, for serious Christians, here lies the wisdom of God! We discover deep meaning through sacrifice and self-denial.