

## Announcements

- Take a moment to congratulate the newly illumined servant of God, Catherine Croston!
- Church School classes will begin today.
- Please continue to use the **"Journey through the Liturgy"** provided at the front desk. Feedback is welcome!
- **Pierogi's** are not sold out! \$7/dozen!
- The new **parish directory** is under way. Please fill out the form sent to your email address. If you did not receive the form, contact Kathy (kishakw@aol.com).

### September Birthdays

Alissa Gates, 18th  
Andrea Lewis, 19th  
Shawn Monahan, 27th

### Coffee Hour

17th, Fedorko, Frischkorn,  
Gates, Gates  
24th, Vorkapich, Manos, Manos,  
Hoffman  
Oct. 1, Wescott, Huba, Croston,  
Brandon

### Upcoming

- Wednesday, Sept. 20th  
(Leavetaking of the Cross)  
6:30 Great Vespers  
-Saturday, Sept. 23th  
5:00 Great Vespers  
-Sunday, Sept. 24th  
9:10 Hours  
9:30 Divine Liturgy

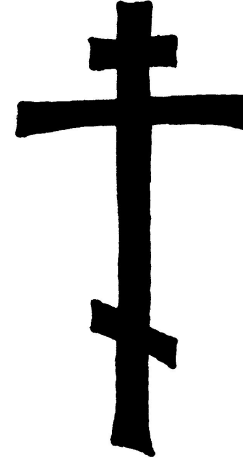
### Fr. John's Parish Wishlist

-Refinishing of 2nd chalice  
(approximately \$300)  
-Refinishing of 1st chalice  
(approximately \$150)  
(Ask Father why they should be refinished!)

# Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

Diocese of the Midwest (OCA)

*To Know and Love Christ, Sharing His Love with Others.*



Sunday, September 17, 2017

15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6. Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross. Sunday after Elevation.

Tone 6 Troparion (Resurrection)

The Angelic Powers were at Your tomb; / the guards became as dead men.  
Mary stood by Your grave, / seeking Your most pure body. / You took hell  
captive, // not being tempted by it. / You came to the Virgin, granting life. //  
O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

Tone 1 Troparion (Cross)

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!

Tone 5 Troparion (for the martyrs)

You blossomed in the courts of the Lord / as a fruitful olive tree, / holy martyr  
Sophia; / in your contest you offered to Christ the sweet fruit of your womb, /  
your daughters Faith, Hope, and Love. // Together with them intercede for us  
all!

Tone 6 Kontakion (Resurrection)

When Christ God the Giver of Life, / raised all of the dead from the valleys of  
misery with His mighty hand, / He bestowed resurrection on the human  
race. // He is the Savior of all, the Resurrection, the Life, and the God of all.

Tone 1 Kontakion (for the martyrs)

The holy branches of noble Sophia, / Faith, Hope, and Love, / confounded  
Greek sophistry through Grace. / They struggled and won the victory  
and have been granted an incorruptible crown by Christ the Master of all.

Tone 4 Kontakion (Cross)

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!

*Epistle* Galatians 2:16-20 (Sunday after the Elevation) and 2 Corinthians 4:6-15  
*Gospel* Mark 8:34-9:1 (Sunday after the Elevation) and Matthew 22:35-46



*Interpretation of the Divine Liturgy*

St. Nicholas Cabasilas

“The Little Entrance”

When the third antiphon is chanted, the entrance of the Gospel occurs with the entourage of lanterns. The Deacon or if there is no Deacon, the priest, holds the Gospel. So while he is about to enter into the Altar, he stands at a small distance from the Royal Gate. Then he asks God for holy angels to accompany him, for them to become participators of his in the sacred service and the doxology. He subsequently lifts the Gospel up high, shows it to the believers and, after entering into the Altar, places it on the holy Altar Table.

The elevation of the Gospel symbolizes the showing of the Lord, when He began appearing to the multitudes. Because the Gospel denotes Christ Himself. So now that Christ is being revealed, no one pays attention to the words of the prophets. So for this reason, after the small Entrance, we chant whatever relates to the new life which Christ brought. We hymn Christ Himself for all that He did for us. We also praise the All-Holy Virgin Mary or others saints, analogous to the feast or saint the Church is honoring each time.

*Visitors, we sincerely welcome you. If you have any questions, please speak with one of our greeters, or speak with Fr. John after the service. Please know that Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by fasting, prayer, and Confession.*