



September 9, 2018

**Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross**

Liturgical Schedule

Sept 8 (Sat)	<b>Birth of the Theotokos</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
Sept 9 (Sun)	<b>Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
Sept 14 (Fri)	<b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
Sept 15 (Sat)	<b>Divine Liturgy</b> <i>Pasternak &amp; Spudic Families</i>	<b>5:00pm</b>
Sept 16 (Sun)	<b>Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b>	<b>10:30am</b>



The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of September 9 thru September 15 for a private intention.

Our Tithe to our parish  
September 2, 2018 - \$723.00



*Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.*

Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Ron Bishop, Marion Campbell, John Fekete, Carl Magdic, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko, Sue Sabol, Mary Soltis, Terry Soltis, Margaret Weber, John Voron Sr.



St. Elias Byzantine Catholic Church, 4200 Homestead-Duquesne Blvd, Munhall, is holding a *three-day Food Fest*, on the Church grounds. **No Admission Fee!**

*Friday, September 21: 3:00—7:00pm*

*Saturday, September 22: 3:00—9:00pm*

**Entertainment: Tammy Petty (DJ) 5:00—7:00pm**  
**Treasure 7:00—9:00pm**

*Sunday, September 23: 12:00—6:00pm*

**Entertainment: Frank Powaski Polka Show broadcast and Polka favorites**  
**12:00—5:00pm**

Each day will feature a Hungarian specialty item.

**All Three Days:** Bake Sale, Basket Raffle and Cash Bar available.

Indeed, this ancient Christian symbol ... is a powerful form of protection ... that we can carry with us wherever we go ... and use it frequently ... to call upon the name of the Lord ... and to renew ourselves in our baptismal commitment.

### A DAY OF FASTING

By tradition, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is a day of strict fasting (no meat or dairy products.) At this time, the fast is not obligatory, but it is highly recommended to keep some type of fasting on this day.

In our society where we have an overabundance of most everything, it is a good practice to keep days of fasting from time to time. This is not only a voluntary personal penance, but it also puts us into solidarity with those who have so little, many who do not have even the most basic necessities of food and water.



### Prayerful Condolences

Word has reached us of the passing of Rosella Busko. Rosella fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, Sept. 3, 2018. Our prayers and sympathy are extended to her family. *Eternal Memory! Vicnaja Jej Pamjat!*

We offer the prayerful condolences of our Parish Family to the family and friends of Brother Tom Somerfeld. Brother Tom passed away on September 4, 2018. May the Lord God give peace and consolation and may He grant to his departed servant +Brother Tom a peaceful repose and *Eternal Memory! Vicnaja Jemu Pamjat!*

### THE HOLY CROSS

*Joy to you, life-bearing Cross of the Lord,  
Invincible triumph of the true faith.  
You are the gate to Paradise,  
the strength of the faithful,  
and the stronghold of the Church.  
Because of you, corruption no longer has meaning nor power.  
By you we have been lifted up from earth to heaven.  
You are an invincible weapon against evil,  
a glory indeed for saints and martyrs,  
and a haven for salvation.  
You are the source of mercy to the world.*



The sign of the cross made on the forehead is one of the oldest observances of the Christian Church.

St. Basil the Great (329-379) mentions it ... along with the custom of facing the East when praying ... as one of the unwritten traditions that goes back to the apostles. It is quite possible that this tradition of the sign of the cross does in fact go back to the earliest stages of Christianity.

Originally, the sign of the cross was associated with baptism. Some early writers of the Church often use the sign of the cross to indicate baptism itself.

It also was used early on in the other sacraments/mysteries. In addition, Christians signed themselves before all the important activities of life. St. John Chrysostom speaks of this:

*Everything is done by the Cross. Baptism is given by the cross ... the laying on of hands is done by the cross. Wherever we are, traveling or at home, the cross is a great good, a saving protection, and an impregnable shield against the devil.*

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