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Gospel: John 3:13-17

**September 13, 2020
Sunday before the Exaltation of the
Precious Cross of Christ**

Epistle: 2Cor.1:21-:2:4

Schedule of Services

Sunday, September 13, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Parastas for Alice & Paul Mosley, and beloved wife Mary Ann Mosley, offered by family.

Sunday, September 20, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

A Special Donation of \$1,000.00 has been offered by Peter Senio, given for the restoration project of the Kitchen at St. Michael's Center. May the Lord Bless Peter for many more years of good health and salvation for his most generous gift.

A Special Thank You to: Lydia Given in directing our church choir this morning. Lydia is the wife of Seminarian Brad who will be entering his second year of studies this fall at St. Tikhon's Seminary.

Please Note: During the Covid 19 Pandemic we are limiting the Church liturgical services to one services on Sunday. Approximately three hours is spent during the week before our services sanitizing the Church. We want to

keep everyone safe and healthy. We thank Patsy& John Pash and Julie Spiecher for doing a tremendous job in cleaning and sanitizing.

With the approval of our Church Committee and a written contract, the Choir Directors Home adjacent to the Church has been rented for at least two years by Zoe Turton from Los Angeles, California. **Zoe has made the trip and has arrived safely to Jermyn on Thursday, September 3rd. May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless her for many years!**

With the unanimous support and approval of the Church Committee, the renovation of the kitchen at St. Michael's Center has begun with the cleaning (degreasing) of all the ovens and the stoves. (Phase one) **We will keep everyone posted with the progress.**

At our last Church Committee Meeting, because of the Pandemic and Covid 19 we have officially cancelled our Christmas in September Festival and Car Show scheduled for the last weekend in September for this year. **We will be presenting an alternative fundraising raffle for this year.**

A Special Thank You to all who continue to send in their weekly envelopes. We are very grateful for your continued generosity and support of our Church.

The decorated Cross for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross has been lovingly donated by the Lasichak family in loving memory of the newly departed Joan Lasichak. **May her memory be eternal!**

Please remember in your prayers: Peter Senio who is a guest at; The Gardens of Green Ridge, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa.,

The Sunday before the Elevation of the Precious Cross of Christ

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved." John 3:16-17

This verse is the very heart of the Gospel. It is the reason we are here, the reason the Church exists. It is the message we preach, Christ and him crucified, for the sake of love, for the salvation of the world. St. Paul claimed to preach this message and nothing else.

Love becomes incarnate. How could humanity ever go to God had He not first come to us?

Troparion — Tone 1

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.