



***OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH***

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***Saturday, September 20, 2025
Sunday After The Exaltation of The Holy Cross
Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20
Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1***

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 20 – *For the repose of the souls of John & Irene Paluch*
–*requested by Barb, Dawn & Vincent Paluch*

Saturday, September 27 – *For the repose of the soul of Pete Kohut, Sr.*
–*requested by Mary Ann Bosley*

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 – DIVINE LITURGY 5PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 – DIVINE LITURGY 5PM

RUMMAGE SALE

Our Lady of Lebanon Church
2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV

BASEMENT HALL

Saturday, September 27

8:00am to 2:00pm

(Concessions)

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Today, is the Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross of the Lord. We hear a passage from the Gospel, in which the evangelist Mark conveys to us the words of our Lord: “Whoever wants to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me. Because whoever wants to save his soul will lose it, and whoever loses his soul for my sake and the Gospel will save it.” (Mk. 8: 35) The words we just heard from Jesus in the Gospel are confirmed by the apostle Paul, speaking about his own life: “I am crucified with Christ” (Gal. 2, 19); “I live, but I live no longer” (Gal. 2, 20)... “Not my ‘I’, but Christ lives in me.” (Gal. 2, 19-20)

The Lord does not say that following Him means living painlessly and carefree, but He affirms the necessity of renouncing oneself and carrying one’s cross in order to be called His followers. He tells us to take up our cross, not someone else’s, not His cross, but our own! The way of Christ is the only way of life and salvation, all others are human. People learned a lot, gained a lot, overcame, penetrated to distant and hard-to-reach places,

but this did not make human life happier, more joyful, more peaceful. That is why the Lord tells us: this: “What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and destroys his own soul?” (Mk 8:36) Let’s think about this: no matter what a person achieves, if his soul does not simultaneously grow spiritually in perfection, become nobler, enlightened, everything will be in vain. And now we are well aware of this, looking around us, knowing that even material well-being cannot make people better and happier. Are we aware of what is happening during the Divine Liturgy we celebrate? Who are we looking for – Christ or ourselves? When we partake of His Body and Blood, do we change into Him? When Holy Communion ends, does Christ live in us, or do we again go in search of our own “I”? After all, it is in the Eucharist that the Lord Jesus comes so that we can directly share His suffering, endured out of love, which saves us all from death and gives us life. Let Jesus touch our souls, embrace us. To be crucified with Him means to give oneself to the infinitely good Father, to no longer belong to oneself, to be open to others. All our joys and sorrows are transformed in this humble self-sacrifice of love. At the end of the mission in one parish, crosses were distributed to parents of families to hang at home. At the end, a poor boy – an orphan – approached and asked for a cross for himself. Those who knew him asked: “Why do you need a cross if you don’t have your own home?” “Truly, I have no home of my own, because I am a poor hireling – an orphan; I am alone in this world and I would like to have some friend with me. Maybe Jesus Christ wants to be my friend.” The poor boy’s request moved everyone present to tears, and he, having received the cross, pressed it to his chest and ran. This example shows us that Jesus is a friend of even the poorest.

Kissing, raising and glorifying the Holy Cross today, we glorify in it not only the tree itself, as a Christian symbol, but as the secret of God’s boundless and inexhaustible love. The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross reminds us of the value of our own life cross. If a Christian combines his or her cross with the Savior’s cross through spiritual renunciation, then it will become a powerful source of God’s power, a guide to the Kingdom of Heaven. It will truly reveal to us the light of God’s providence, which will once again bring us closer to God and unite us with Him.

Dear believers! Hope in God... in His love. He will never embarrass us, because the Heavenly Father testified to His faithful love through the suffering of His Son on the cross. He gives us this love through the mouth of the Holy Spirit. “Hope will not put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” (Rom. 5:5)

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-INS

Lord God, through the prayers of Mary, Our Mother, bring your healing presence to all who are sick, injured, or troubled. Amen

Walter Zien, Rosella George, Dawn Paluch, Sister Mary Bowman, Mary Rose Koreny, Betty Rushkevich, Sharon James, Veronica Piehowicz, Marty Joe Michaels, Janice McCart, Barb Sago, Patti Kudlak Kettler, Pete Kohut, Jr., Isabella Wood, Matt & Michelle Piszczor, Jim Marnell, Fr. Michael Bliszc, Elaine James, George James, Don Platt, Stephanie Poch, Susan Durig, Susie Davis, Bob Mull, Tom Waligura, Rose Linaweaver, Torrie Davis, Stephen & Joann Neal, Patricia Pockl, Tammy Yankoski, Charlie Lohr, Josh Slonaker, Hugette Burk, Mark Michaels, Carol Gogal, Tina Pascale, Sr. Jean Vidonic, Jessica & Abigail Baranek, Sheleva and Bowman Families, Barb & Bob Poch, Taytum Grace, Bob Bailey, Jeannie Burkett, Vera Oliver, Nadia Marc, Walter McMasters, Lori Poch, Nicole Rowley, Arlene Lawson, Walter J. Waligura III, Anthony Skvarka, Wendy Coulson, Ashley & Monty, Rachel Bianchi, Olga Panivnyk, Glenna Adams, Natalie Moses, Jeannie Reddy, Joyce & Walter McMasters, George & Eli Katrovac, Barbara Cox Pappas

If you would like to submit a name for our prayer list please write the name on a piece of paper and drop it in the collection basket.

Financial Report

Saturday, September 13, 2025

Weekly Collection: \$157.00 2nd Collection: \$8.00

Candles: \$8.00

Total Collection: \$173.00

Total Pierogi: \$313.00

Expand Operating, LLC - \$549.51 (Royalty Check)