

## CALENDAR

**Sunday 9/7:**

**Sunday Before the Elevation**

8:30a Orthros (Matins)

9:45a Divine Liturgy

**Monday 9/8:**

**Nativity of the Most-Holy Theotokos  
[Services at St. George, Prescott]**

8:00a Orthros (Matins)

9:00a Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday 9/9:**

**Synaxis of Joachim & Anna**

**Wednesday 9/10: STRICT FAST**

**Menodora, Metrodora, &  
Nymphodora the Martyrs**

**Thursday 9/11:**

**Theodora of Alexandria**

7:00p Greek Festival Committee

**Friday 9/12: STRICT FAST**

**Autonomos the Martyr**

**Saturday 9/13:**

**Saturday Before the Elevation**

4:00p Great Vespers, Artoklasia

& Reception

**Sunday 9/14: WINE & OIL**

**Universal Elevation of the Precious  
& Life-Giving Cross**

8:30a Orthros (Matins)

9:45a Service of the Holy Cross

& Divine Liturgy

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ Fr. Andreas is on vacation until this Saturday. This morning, we welcome **Rev. Fr. David Balmer**, a retired priest from the OCA's Diocese of the South, as our Liturgist. Fr. David and his Matushka, Mary, live in Surprise.
- ♦ We will have a very special celebration for our **Parish Feast Day** next weekend. On Saturday, Sep. 13, we will have Great Vespers, *Artoklasia* and a veneration of our relic of the Holy Cross. **Vespers will begin at 4:00p, and be followed by a Reception.** All of the clergy and faithful of Arizona have been invited to this service. We need volunteers to help prepare food for the reception, please see Toula Howington or Tammy Kretsedemas for details. On Sunday morning, we will have the Service of the Elevation of the Holy Cross between Orthros and the Divine Liturgy (at approximately 9:45a).
- ♦ During Fr. Andreas's vacation, you may contact Fr. Jeffrey Frate of St. George Church of Prescott (928.777.8750) for any pastoral emergencies.

Now if the Jews, by looking to the brazen image of a serpent, escaped death, much rather will they who believe on the Crucified, with good reason enjoy a far greater benefit ... Seest thou the cause of the Crucifixion, and the salvation which is by it?

**St. John Chrysostom**

*Homily 27 on John 3, 4<sup>th</sup> Century*



# HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



METROPOLIS OF  
SAN FRANCISCO

## SUNDAY BEFORE THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS: HOLY MARTYR SOZON & KASSIANE THE HYM- NOGRAPHER. OUR FATHERS AMONG THE SAINTS JOHN AND SERGE, BISHOPS OF LERNA. September 7, 2014

### WELCOME VISITORS!

We are pleased that you have joined us today. In order to receive Holy Communion in the Greek Orthodox Church, one must be Baptized and/or Chrismated in the Christian Orthodox Faith. The Orthodox Church understands Holy Communion as a sign of unity. If you are interested in learning more about Christian Orthodoxy, please contact our priest, Father Andreas. Communicants should prepare themselves through fasting, prayer and confession. All Christians are invited to come forward at the dismissal of the Divine Liturgy to receive the holy bread, called *Antidoron*, which is offered to everyone as a blessing when they leave.

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## TROPARIA AND READINGS

### **Resurrectional Apolytikion 4<sup>th</sup> Mode**

When the tidings of the resurrection from the glorious angel was proclaimed unto the women disciples and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished to the Apostles with the boasting did they proclaim that death is vanquished ever more and Christ Our God has risen from the dead and granted to the world His great mercy.

### **Apolytikion of the Forefeast 4<sup>th</sup> Mode**

From the root of Jesse and the loins of David the King, Mariam, the child of God, is born for our sake this day. Hence, all creation exulteth on its renewal. Both Heaven and the earth rejoice together now. Praise her, O ye tribes of nations here below. The righteous Joachim rejoiceth, and Anna keepeth feast, crying out: The barren beareth the Theotokos, the nourisher of our life.

### **Holy Cross Church Hymn 1<sup>st</sup> Mode**

Save, O Lord Your people, and bless Your inheritance; grant victory to the faithful against the adversaries of the Faith, and protect Your people by the power of Your Cross.

### **Hymn of the Church in Greek & phonetics**

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαὸν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

SO-son KEE-ri-e ton la-ON soo, keh ev-LO-yee-son teen klee-ro-no-MEE-an soo, NEE-kas tes va-see-lef-SEE ka-TA var-VAR-on tho-ROO-me-nos, keh to son fee-LA-ton thi-A too stav-ROO soo po-LEE-tev-ma.

### **Kontakion of the Theotokos 3<sup>rd</sup> Mode**

On this day the Virgin and Theotokos Mary, the bridal chamber of the Heavenly Bridegroom, by the will of God is born of a barren woman. Being prepared as the chariot of God the Word, she was pre-ordained for this, since she is the divine gate and the true Mother of Life.

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### **2<sup>nd</sup> Eothinon Orthros Reading: Gospel according to St. Mark 16:1-8**

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were

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saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back, for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, “Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.” And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid.

### **Apostolic Reading: St. Paul’s Letter to Galatians 6:11-18**

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

### **Holy Gospel Reading: Gospel according to St. John 3:13-17**

The Lord said, “No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”