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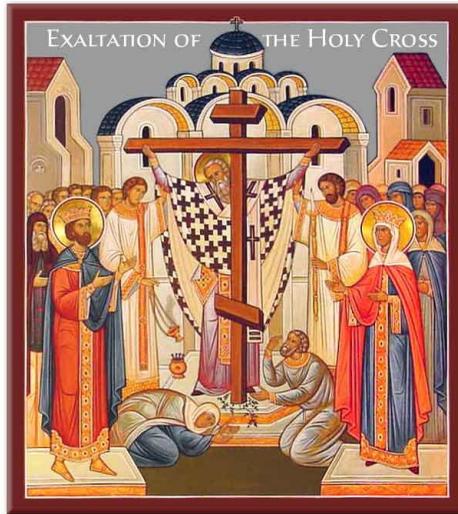
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DIVINE LITURGY - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020, TONE 6 / EOTHINON 4 SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

GREAT-MARTYR EUSTATHIOS AND HIS FAMILY; VENERABLE-MARTYR HILARION OF ST. ANNE SKETE ON ATHOS;
VENERABLE JOHN OF CRETE; MARTYRS MICHAEL, PRINCE OF CHERNIGOV, AND HIS COUNCILOR THEODORE



THE FIRST ANTIPHON (Psalm 21:1-3)

+ O God, my God, attend to me; why hast Thou forsaken me? Far from my salvation are the words of my transgressions.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

+ My God, I will cry by day, and wilt Thou not hearken? And by night, and it shall not be unto folly for me. But as for Thee, Thou dwellest in the sanctuary, O Praise of Israel. (Refrain)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. (Refrain)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON (Psalm 73:1-3,13)

+ O God, why hast Thou cast us off unto the end? Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased from the beginning.

Refrain: O Son of God, Who wast crucified in the flesh; save us who sing unto Thee, Alleluia.

+ This is Mount Zion wherein Thou hast dwelt. (Refrain)

+ God is our King before the ages. He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth. (Refrain)

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

HYMN OF ST. JUSTINIAN

Only Begotten Son and Word of God, who art immortal, Thou didst take on Thee for our salvation to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary and without change was made man, and was crucified also, O Christ our God, and by Thy death hast death subdued. Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: O save, O save us.

THIRD ANTIPHON: APOLYTIKION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE ONE (Psalm 98:1-3)

+ *The Lord reigneth, let the people rage; He sitteth upon the cherubim, let the earth be shaken. The Lord is great in Zion; and He is high above all peoples. Let them confess Thy great Name, for it is terrible and holy.*

Refrain: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy Kingdom.

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN)

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, who art risen from the dead, save us who sing unto thee: Alleluia.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE ONE

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy Kingdom.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. EUSTATHIOS AND HIS FAMILY IN TONE FOUR (**Be quick to anticipate**)

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee * received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. * For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants * and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. * O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANNA, Righteous Ancestor of God, Mother of the Theotokos:

O godly minded Anna, thou didst give birth unto God's pure mother who conceived Him Who is our Life. Wherefore, thou hast now passed with joy to thy heavenly rest, wherein is the abode of them that rejoice in glory; and thou askest forgiveness of sins for them that honor thee with love, O ever blessed one.

KONTAKION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE FOUR (**Thou Who wast raised up**)

Thou Who wast raised up on the Cross of Thine own will, O Christ our God, do Thou bestow Thy compassions upon this, Thy new commonwealth named after Thee. Gladden with Thy sovereign might our most Orthodox hierarchs, and vouchsafe them victory over every false teaching; and as Thy help in war may they possess the weapon of peace, the trophy invincible.

TRISAGION HYMN

People: (*sung*) Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us. (*three times*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. *Amen.* Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

Deacon: *With Strength!*

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

~THE NEW TESTAMENT READINGS~

THE EPISTLE (For Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

Deacon: *Let us attend.*

Reader: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Deacon: *Wisdom.*

Reader: The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)

Deacon: *Let us attend.*

Reader: Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

ALLELUIA for The Elevation of the Cross (Psalm 73:2,13)

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Reader: *Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased from the beginning.*

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Reader: *God is our King before the ages, He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth.*

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL (For the Feast)

Deacon: *Wisdom. Stand upright. Let us hear the Holy Gospel.*

Priest: *Peace be to all.*

People: And to thy spirit.

Deacon: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)

People: Glory to thee, O Lord, Glory to thee.

Deacon: *Let us attend.*

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

People: Glory to thee, O Lord, Glory to thee.

CHERUBIC HYMN

We who mystically represent the cherubim, and who sing to the life-giving Trinity the thrice holy hymn, let us now lay aside all earthly cares, that we may receive the King on all who comes invisibly up borne by the angelic host. *Alleluia.*

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Only-begotten, Begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made; of one essence with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and

the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets; And I believe in One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the Resurrection of the dead. And the Life of the world to come. *Amen.*

MEGALYNARION OF THE FEAST IN TONE EIGHT

O Theotokos, thou art a mystical paradise, which being untilld hath blossomed forth Christ, by Whom the life-bringing Tree of the Cross was planted in the earth. In worshipping Him now through its elevation, thee do we magnify.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

PRE-COMMUNION PRAYER – A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

I believe, O Lord, and I confess that thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, who didst come into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. And I believe that this is truly thine own immaculate Body, and that this is truly thine own precious Blood. Wherefore I pray thee, have mercy upon me and forgive my transgressions both voluntary and involuntary, of word and of deed, of knowledge and of ignorance; and make me worthy to partake without condemnation of thine immaculate Mysteries, unto remission of my sins and unto life everlasting. *Amen.*

Of thy Mystic Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant: for I will not speak of thy Mystery to thine enemies, neither will I give thee a kiss as did Judas; but like the thief will I confess thee: Remember me, O Lord, in thy Kingdom. Not unto judgment nor unto condemnation be my partaking of thy Holy Mysteries, O Lord, but unto the healing of soul and body.

THE COMMUNION HYMN - KOINONIKON (Psalm 4:7-9)

Refrain: The light of Thy countenance, O Lord, hath been signed upon us.

1). *Thou hast given gladness to my heart. (Refrain)*

2). *From the fruit of their wheat, wine and oil are they multiplied. (Refrain)*

3). *In peace in the same place I shall lay me down and sleep. (Refrain) Alleluia.*

Deacon: *With the fear of God and faith and love, draw near.*

People: Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us.

THE PEOPLE'S COMMUNION HYMN

Receive me today, O Son of God, as partaker of Thy mystical supper; for I will not speak, for I will not speak of Thy mystery to Thine enemies, neither will I give Thee a kiss as did Judas; but like the thief will I confess Thee. Remember me, O Lord, remember me, O Lord, in Thy Kingdom.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

We have seen the true light we have received the heavenly Spirit. We have found the true faith worshipping the Trinity, undivided, who hath saved us.

LET OUR MOUTHS BE FILLED

Let our mouths be filled with Thy praise, O Lord that we may sing of Thy glory. For Thou hast made us worthy to partake of Thy holy, divine, immortal, and life creating mysteries. Keep us in Thy holiness that all the day we may meditate upon Thy righteousness. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

St. Anna Orthodox Christian Church Announcements

Receiving Holy Communion unites us with Our Lord Jesus Christ, His unoriginated Father, the Holy Spirit, our Bishop and the Church, both in heaven and on earth. To commune signifies a commitment to Holy Orthodox Christianity and that all communicants share this common Apostolic Faith. As such, only those who are members in good standing of the Holy Orthodox Christian Church and who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and regular confession may receive the Eucharist. All those present today, including non-Orthodox, are invited to receive the Blessed Bread as a sign of our friendship.

If you are not a member of the assigned group for Sunday's services please join those in attendance in praying and celebrating these services by going to the St. Anna Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/StAnnaColumbia/> If you miss the appointed time for the service, you may view and pray along with the clergy and chanters after the service is completed by clicking on the link to that service. We understand that joining these services by viewing them on your phone, tablet, computer screen or TV may not be like you are used to joining services. However, under these circumstances, complying with the directives sent to us by the Metropolitan and doing all we can to not put any of you at a health risk during these uncertain days, we believe these online services will be a great way to supplement your personal and family prayers. May God protect and have mercy on us all.

UPCOMING SERVICES:

Saturday, September 19: Great Vespers (5:00 pm) – *All are welcome*

Sunday, September 20: Orthros (9:00 am) and Divine Liturgy (10:00 am) (Group B)

Saturday, September 26: Great Vespers (5:00 pm) – *All are welcome*

Sunday, September 27: Orthros (9:00 am) and Divine Liturgy (10:00 am) (Group A)

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>PROSPHORA (Holy Bread Baking)</u>	<u>EPISTLE READER</u>
Sun, September 20	B	Sh. Belinda Short (B)	Kevin Hathaway
Sun, September 27	A	Sh. Belinda Short (F)	Grant Kelley

Inquirer's Class – An Introduction to the Orthodox Christian Church – Fr. Stephen will continue a 10-week class this Wednesday at 7pm. Please invite your friends, family, and neighbors to come and participate in this special opportunity. All are welcome!

St. Anna Church School begins on Sunday, October 4, 2020 for all children (ages 3-10) of the parish weekly at 8:45am.

Current Healthcare Protocols

1. Practice social distancing: family units may stand together, with each household six feet apart.
2. As a sacrificial expression of love for one another, wearing of face masks is STRONGLY encouraged. Those unwilling or unable (small children) are asked to congregate in the fellowship area of the space. Masks are available to each family at the back when you first return to the church.
3. Spacing for communion is to remain intact. Approach the chalice with your mouth open. Small children and infants to commune last.
4. If you or any of your family or co-workers or friends with whom you have come into contact are exhibiting any of the Coronavirus symptoms please stay home and allow us to pray for the restoration of your health.

5. Hand sanitizer and disinfectant soap are available for your use as you enter the building at the kitchen sink and in the restrooms.



With the direction of His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS, the **3rd Annual Spiritual Fall Retreat 2020** schedule for all DOMSE parishioners is now published AND registration is now OPEN! October 2 – 4, 2020
"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1)
Schedule of Events can be found at the ALL NEW DOMSE Website: <https://domse.org/>
Register now for this FREE Virtual Fall Retreat: <http://tiny.cc/2020FallRetreat>

ST. ANNA PRAYER REQUESTS: (Please send updates to this Prayer List to: DnAndrewShort@Gmail.com)

- Planning for our church - Please pray for all of those involved with the short-term and long-term plans.
- Ben, Hannah and Judith Ophelia Kelley
- Rita Trimble
- Jayne Robbins
- Jordan Reesor (Basil's nephew)
- McCaffrey family (friends of Webster's)
- Ben Hathaway Family (Kevin/Laura's son)
- Robert Meese
- Anna Derryberry-Carter (Basil's sister)
- Robbie Derryberry (Basil's brother)
- Jen Bailey
- Melody Reddecopp (Anna Rose's friend)
- Mark Dumond (Julie's husband)
- TJ Segrest (Kevin and Laura Hathaway's friend)
- Kevin and Laura Hathaway
- Bonnie (Rachel Meese's grandmother – 100 yrs)
- Lisa Trimble
- Allen (Jairus Mayer's cousin)
- Cynthia Midgett (Nancy Webster's friend)
- Nila Dumond (Julie's mother-in-law)
- Julie Dumond
- Sister Stavriane (The Short's daughter)
- Lindsay Weaver
- Bob and Tina Schmidt (friends of Julie Dumond)
- Robert & Suzanne Derryberry (Basil's parents)
- Herbert Stuart (Nancy Webster's father)
- Joe and Margaret (Basil Derryberry's friends)
- Madeleine (Andrew Webster's friend)
- Brianna/Niko Cortez, baby Cruz (Danielle's cousin)

✠ Holy Righteous Ancestor of God, Anna, pray for us. ✠

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