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SUNDAY BEFORE THE ELEVATION OF THE CROSS

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

Sts. Joachim and Anna

Gospel: John 3:13-17

Tone: Three

THE EPISTLE

Prokeimenon: You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.

Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

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 not 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 in Christ Jesus, 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.

THE EUCHARISTIC OFFERINGS

The Holy Oblations are offered at the offertory of the Great Entrance for the health and welfare of those living members, and for those departed this life of Chimel, Franz, Serafin, Muculj, Bogris, Zrake and Maaya Family.

Today the Boris Family will offer the Coffee Reception. We ask our parishioners NOT TO WAIT to sign up for offering the Coffee Reception; this is a vital part of our parish life! The Chart is posted in the "Coffee Room" and the items needed are both in that room and on our web site (see our web page address above). The Coffee Reception does not need to

be "fancy;" just "Coffee'n." See Barbara DiNovi or Sandy Eliopoulos for information, but please take your turn, perhaps with another family.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The first day of church school is **September 15**. We encourage students and parents to sit with other church school students on the left front in the church. We will recognize students for their good attendance last school year and acknowledge teachers for their efforts. Students are reminded to **bring his/her backpack for a special blessing for the new school year. After church, we ask all parents to come to the Jabara Multi-Purpose room to learn about the Parent Auxiliary.**
2. **SEPTEMBER 20TH AND 21ST**, Saturday and Sunday, we will sponsor our third BERGEN STREET FEST. Please see Father Michael to volunteer your time at Bergen Street Fest. We have plenty of 2-hour time slots that need to be staffed across both Saturday and Sunday, September 20-21. Try your hand at something new. The Setup and Takedown teams, Bakery, Admission Gates, Beer Garden, and the Kids Zone all need plenty of help. Please see Father Michael today to sign up! Liturgy will begin at 9:00 AM on September 21st.
3. **FALL SCHEDULE, 2019**
 - A. **September 1st** – Regular Liturgy. This is the official beginning of the Church Year. On our secular calendar it is the day before LABOR DAY, which falls on Monday, September 2nd. (There will be no bulletin on that Sunday.)
 - B. **September 8th** – Regular Liturgy for the Feast Day of the Nativity of Our Lady. Also on this day, Father Joseph will address the entire parish during the Homily time regarding the future administration of the parish. This will include the new positions of Father Joseph and Father Michael.
 - C. **September 15th** – Regular Liturgy with the Procession of the Cross. Church School officially opens. Father Michael will speak to the Church School during the Homily time.
 - D. **September 20-21** – Bergen Street Fest! We need the support of the entire parish. Please check your email!
 - E. **September 11th** – Parish Council Meeting at 7:30 PM Sharp!
4. **The Holy Oblations Book** – It has come to our attention that some families are signing the Holy Oblation book every Sunday! The proper procedure is as follows: Please limit the names on anniversary dates so that we are not for example, commemorating by name too many of our fourth and fifth cousins (Aunts, uncles, etc.) ! Also when a family offers the gifts, there is a contribution to the Church, which goes with that offering. Our list has recently grown to 40-50 names. Certainly we can – and we do – pray for everyone, but we cannot mention all the individual names for four or five families every Sunday. It will help to remember then on birthdays, names days, anniversaries of funerals, etc.