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St. John's Church

The Parish Chronicle

September 14, 2025

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Rector's Rambling

We adore thee O Christ, and we bless thee; because by thy Holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

Today is not only Sunday, it is also The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14). This Feast day goes back to the year 335, when the church built over the place of our Lord's Crucifixion and His Resurrection was dedicated on this date in that year.

The empress Helena, mother of Roman Emperor Constantine, directed the excavations of the site, buried when the Roman City of Aelia Capitolina was built over the ruins of Jerusalem. During that excavation what was believed to be the true Cross was believed to be found.

But more important than that holy place and holy object is the reality of why that Cross was holy! It is holy because upon it was hanged the body of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Upon that Cross Jesus bled and died not as a criminal or one unjustly condemned, but to pay the price for our sins, the propitiation, the atonement, that frees us from eternal death!

As by the tree Adam transgressed and we inherited that original sin, so by this tree (the Cross) we are justified by Jesus!

It is said that St. Bonaventure, the great Franciscan Theologian, spent more time meditating on a crucifix



(Cross with a representation of the Body of Jesus on it) then he did reading and writing, because the cross was his inspiration for that writing. And although we have mostly sanitized the idea of a cross by making it of pretty metals and wearing it as jewelry, it is to our advantage to spend time meditating upon its crude, rough hewn reality, and to think of how Jesus died upon it to pay the price for our (for MY) sins.

Let us look with love upon the cross, and thank God for his sacrifice made for us, and for the whole world.

Next week we look forward to celebrating on Sunday the Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist. At the 10 AM Service we will baptize, God willing, Victor Cole Stevenson. In the past four weeks we have had two funerals, two weddings, two milestone wedding anniversaries (55 and 50 years) and two baptisms! Thanks be to God for His Blessings.



ABOUT ST. JOHN'S

To Our Visitors

Welcome! The parishioners and clergy of St. John's are delighted that you have come to worship with us. We hope this house of prayer provides you with a place in which you can find solace, comfort, and strength. We invite your inquiries about the ministries available here at St. John's.

We offer a barrier-free environment for the infirm and handicapped. An access ramp for wheel chairs is located at the **SOUTHWEST** entrance of the church, near Woodward Avenue in the garden. There is also an elevator in the building which provides access to the undercroft, so everyone may fully participate in activities and fellowship.

We would be very pleased if you plan to return to St. John's on a regular basis, to **WORSHIP** as part of our parish family. Please complete a Visitor's Form located in the Order of Service and place it in the collection plate or give it to an usher.

Thank you for coming! We look forward to greeting you following the service today and hope to chat with you during our time of fellowship in the undercroft.

Communion Procedure

The Episcopal House of Bishops, in a 1979 teaching, lays out the following guideline for non-Episcopalians to receive communion in an Episcopal Church: The persons should 1) have been Baptized with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, 2) believe Christ is present in the sacrament, 3) have been admitted to Holy Communion in their own denomination, and 4) are attempting, by God's grace, to live in love and charity with their neighbor. If you have any questions, please speak to the priest.

To receive the Host, raise your crossed hands, right palm over left. You may also receive directly on the tongue. If you do not wish to receive the Cup, cross your arms over your chest and wait for the chalice bearer to pass by.

If you are not receiving communion, you still may come forward to the rail, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing.

If you are physically unable to approach the rail, please inform an usher and the Sacrament will be brought to you.

Pastoral Care

Please inform the clergy if you or a family member are ill, hospitalized, or unable to attend the regular worship of the Church so that a pastoral visit can be arranged. Please contact the clergy to discuss arrangements for baptisms, weddings, or burials **before** any announcement or other plans are made.

Outreach

Every Sunday: *Food or clothing* may be deposited in the basket at the entrance of the church to aid the neighborhood ministry to the poor through **Crossroads**.

First Sunday of the month: The *loose offerings* collected are given to support the mission work of the Church in Malawi, Central Africa. Please add a cash gift or extra check in the collection plate every first Sunday of the month!

Third Sunday of the month: The *loose offerings* collected are given to support the ministry of the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S SEPTEMBER 14—SEPTEMBER 21

Sunday 9/14 THE FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	7:30 A	Morning Prayer (chapel)
	8:00 A	Holy Communion (chapel)
	10:00 A	Choral Holy Communion
	11:15 A	Coffee Hour
	5:30 P	Evening Prayer
Monday 9/15 Exaltation of the Holy Cross	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
	4:00 P	Evening Prayer
	5:00 P	AA Meeting
Tuesday 9/16 St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, 258 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
Wednesday 9/17 EMBER DAY Edward Pusey, Priest 1882 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	12:15 P	Holy Communion
	5:00 P	AA Meeting
Thursday 9/18	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	9:00 A	Holy Communion and Benediction
	5:00 P	AA Meeting
Friday 9/19 EMBER DAY St. Theodore, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690 A.D.	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	11:00 A	AA Meeting
Saturday 9/20 EMBER DAY	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
Sunday 9/21 ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST	7:00 A	Morning Meditation (online)
	7:30 A	Morning Prayer (chapel)
	8:00 A	Holy Communion (chapel)
	10:00 A	Choral Holy Communion
	11:15 A	Coffee Hour
	5:30 P	Evening Prayer

NOTE: The Chronicle went to the printer last Tuesday. Calendar updates or changes can be found at www.StJohnsDetroit.org

Collect for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service; Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DAILY OFFICE READINGS (The Lectionary)***Morning Prayer**

SUNDAY	104	Ecclus. 17:1–15 Mark 3:20–21, 31–35
Monday	7	2 Sam. 12:1–10, 13–15a 2 Cor. 1
Tuesday	16	2 Sam. 12:15b–23 2 Cor. 2
Wednesday	17	2 Sam. 15:1–12 2 Cor. 3
Thursday	25	2 Sam. 15:13–29 2 Cor. 4
Friday	32	2 Sam. 15:30–16:4 2 Cor. 5:1–10
Saturday	31	2 Sam. 16:5–19 2 Cor. 5:11

Evening Prayer

SUNDAY	11, 12	Deut. 15:7–15 Matt. 26:6–13
Monday	4, 8	Ecclus. 3:17 Matt. 1:18
Tuesday	13, 14	Ecclus. 4:1–18 Matt. 2:1–12
Wednesday	18:1–20	Ecclus. 4:20–5:7 Matt. 2:13
Thursday	27	Ecclus. 15:11 Matt. 3
Friday	22	Ecclus. 16:17 Matt. 4:1–11
Saturday	29, 30	Ecclus. 19:4–18 Matt. 4:12

* If there is no “ending” verse listed, then read to the end of the chapter.

WISH LIST — PLEASE HELP US WITH THESE ITEMS

ST. JOHN’S tower door sign - \$3800
(visible to those driving down the Service Drive, and walking on Woodward Avenue)

Announcements**SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER**

Sunday Evening Prayer is prayed at St. John’s at **5:30 PM**. Join us for this 25 minute Service to finish the Sabbath Day as we started it - in worship and thanksgiving.

Weekday Services This Week –**Daily Morning Meditation**

Streamed daily @ 7:00 AM

Holy Communion

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday @ 12:15 PM

Thursday @ 9:00 AM *Special time this week*

Evening Prayer

Monday @ 4:00 PM

Christian Education – Sunday School today at 10 AM in the Undercroft.

Donations Accepted - we are accepting donations of individually wrapped packages of snacks (e.g., granola bars, cookies, nuts, etc.). While you’re shopping, please consider buying some, and bringing them in for the Church to use for Coffee Hour.

AED and Narcan - In case of medical emergency an Automated External Defibrillator and Narcan are located in the hallway between the Church and the Chapel, and also one in the Undercroft.

Parking Note - being a member of St. John’s does not mean that we can park in our side lot for free for Tigers, Lions games, shows at the Fox, etc. The lot is leased to Olympia Development, and we have use of it only for our church related events

Giving - If you are away on Sunday, you can mail your offering envelope to St. John’s, or contribute online with the our QR code through the GiveButter giving platform.



LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES

September 14

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Denise Grim

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Chelsea Hutchins
Huw Lewis
Tom Edwards

Ushers 10:00 AM:

John Barge
Peter Grim
Bryan Monaco
William Porter
Libby Schudel
George Waters
Terry Donnelly
Darren Savage
Elijah Buxo
Isaac Reed

Coffee Hour

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September 21

Lay Ministers 8:00 AM:

E – Richard Moritz
S – C. Stevenson

Altar Guild 10:00 AM:

Sarah Babcock
Nancy Donnelly
Suzanne Porter
Melody Huffer

Lay Ministers 10:00 AM:

Brian Campbell
Morley Stevenson
Cindy Edwards

Ushers 10:00 AM:

John Barge
Peter Grim
Bryan Monaco
William Porter
Libby Schudel
George Waters
Terry Donnelly
Darren Savage
Elijah Buxo
Isaac Reed

Coffee Hour

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The Vestry and Officers of St. John's

Peter Grim, Senior Warden
Pat Walter, Junior Warden
Cynthia Edwards, Secretary
Jared Moody, Treasurer

Terms expire January 2026

Elizabeth Butler David Gawrych
Bryan Monaco

Terms expire January 2027

Jared Moody Pat Walter
Helene Waters

Terms expire January 2028

Cynthia Edwards Peter Grim
Morley Stevenson

The Vestry typically meets monthly at 6:30 PM in the undercroft, September through June. All St. John's parishioners are welcome to attend.

St. John's Teaching Series

S.S.C. – Society of the Holy Cross

An order for priests in the Anglican Communion

SSC stands for *Societas Sanctae Crucis* – the Society of the Holy Cross. The Society was founded in London in 1855 by a small group of priests led by Father Charles Lowder. Fr. Lowder spelled out the objects of SSC: “To defend and strengthen the spiritual life of the clergy, to defend the faith of the Church, and to carry on and aid Mission work both at home and abroad.”

The Society has now spread throughout the world and is organised in autonomous Provinces under Provincial Masters elected by their Brethren. Priests of the Society live under a common Rule and meet together in their local SSC Chapters every month or two for prayer, Mass and some kind of study or conversation. Presiding over the Society worldwide is a Master-General who has a special responsibility to ensure an on-going fidelity among the Brethren to the spirit of the Society.

SSC is not a devotional guild, but takes its stance upon a shared vision of “a disciplined priestly life fashioned after a definite spiritual rule.” It is this Rule of Life which unites the Brethren in their various priestly ministries and lives. They are required to “consider their obligation to the Society as a close spiritual bond...which takes precedence to that of any other voluntary society.” This obligation includes a commitment to attend local SSC Chapter meetings and annual Regional and Provincial Synods. The life of the Society is experienced primarily through the local Chapter, and attendance at Chapter is of obligation unless prevented by genuine pastoral duties.

Priests of the Society can be recognized by the small gold lapel cross that they generally wear. On it is inscribed the motto of the Society – *in hoc signo vinces* – in this sign, conquer!

~ Fr. Kelly



Our Fr. Kelly and Fr. Robert Kerr of the Church of the Redeemer in Southfield are members of the Society of the Holy Cross in the Diocese of Michigan.

A DAILY PRAYER FOR**St. John's Church**

Bless, O Lord, this parish, and grant that Thy Name may be worshipped here in truth and purity, to all generations. Give Thy grace and wisdom to our Clergy, that they may exercise holy discipline, and be themselves patterns of holiness, simplicity, and self-denial. Bless all who worship here; take from us all pride, vanity and self-conceit, and give to us true humility and self-abasement. Enlighten our minds, subdue our wills, purify our hearts, and so penetrate us with Thy Spirit, and fill us with Thy love that we may go forth animated with earnest zeal for Thy glory; and may Thy living Word so dwell within our hearts that we may speak with that resistless energy of love which shall melt the hearts of sinners to the love of Thee. Open, O Lord, the hearts and hands of Thy people, that we may be ready to give and glad to distribute to our necessities. Bless the founders and benefactors of this parish, and recompense them with the riches of Thine everlasting kingdom, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Cycle of Prayer for Malawi, week of September 14:

◦Primate of the Province of Central Africa—The Most Rev'd Albert Chama; The Mothers Union of Malawi; Diocese of Chikwawa; Diocese of Dedza

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

St. Michael—The Anglican Church of South America; The Diocese of Omu-Aran—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Ondo—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); The Diocese of Ontario—The Anglican Church of Canada; The Diocese of Oregon—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Eastern Oregon—The Episcopal Church; The Diocese of Orlu—The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Episcopal Diocese of Michigan

Monroe—Trinity Church

Rochester—St. Philip's

Guecca, DR—Divine Providence

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**September 15**

M.J. Burns

September 18

Cam Walker

This Week's ANNIVERSARIES**September 14**

David & Annessa Scott

**OUR PRAYER LIST**

Healing and Comfort: Alice B., Sarah B., Al F., Bonnie B., Brianna W., Christopher B., Daria R., Durene B., Endolyn C., Elaine D., Eleanore S., Gail W., Gordon D., George W., Helene W., Jessica W., Jim Z., Julie B., Lawrence A., MJ B., Michael Z., Michael P., Paul M., Rexina M., Robert H., Sabrina H., Sandra Z., Sandy D., Carl P., Deb B.

If you would like to add a name to the Prayer List, please call the Church Office at 313-962-7358.

Serving in the United Nations: Sharon G. Lowery

Police Officers and Firefighters: For parishioner officers – Federal Service: Pat Walter; Orange County, NC: Michael Walter; and Fairfax County, VA: Stephen A. Shillingford.

Those Serving in the Military: Especially for Alan Mullin, Andrew Timpner, Brian Shea, Damon Dalby, Elijah Buxo, Ian Bass, Jonathan Walter, Kurt Helfrich, Nick Myers, Nick Norville, Steven Campbell, Joseph J. Sharpe, Ted Decker, Brian Finocchiaro, Catherine Finocchiaro, Zachary Livingston, & John R. Nicholson, III, graduate of West Point, Charles Lewis.

Diocese and the National Episcopal Church: That there may be a greater understanding of the Authority of Holy Scripture, and our submission to that Authority.

Year's Mind of Death:

Agnes McKnight	September 14, 1954
Warren J. Stanton	September 14, 1975
Agnes F. McClure	September 15, 1951
Mary Denning	September 15, 1956
Harry F. Rambler	September 16, 1954
Ragnar Pascal Tischer	September 16, 2004
Charles A. Hoag	September 17, 1957
Joan Rose Palmer	September 17, 2004
Samuel C. Hart	September 18, 1960
Dorothy M. Reidy	September 18, 1983
Matilda Hart	September 19, 1955
Edith Watson Marion	September 19, 1957
Elizabeth Parker	September 20, 1966
Charles Frederick Bliss	September 20, 1979