

# St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral



[www.stdemetriusuoc.org](http://www.stdemetriusuoc.org)

641-645 Roosevelt Ave.

Phone: (732) 541-1530 – mobile (732) 619-3259

Rev. Fr. James Cairns, Pastor

[frjamescairns@gmail.com](mailto:frjamescairns@gmail.com)

Protopresbyter Dr. Taras Chubenko, Pastor Emeritus



**Epistle** 2 Cor. 1:21–2:4;

Tone 5

**Gospel:** Mt. 22:1-14

## September 26<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Sunday before the Exaltation.**

**Forefeast of the Exaltation of the Cross.**

### **TODAY'S SERVICES: *Today's Greeter: TBD***

Sun. 9:00am Divine Liturgy – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – Commemoration of the Founding of the Church of the Resurrection at Jerusalem (335). Hieromartyr Cornelius the Centurion (1st c.). Martyrs Cronides, Leontius, and Serapion of Alexandria (237). Martyrs Seleucus and Straton (3rd c.).

### **SERVICES FOR THE WEEK:**

Mon. 10:00am Divine Liturgy - THE UNIVERSAL EXALTATION OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS (St. Andrew's Cathedral South Bound Brook)

Wed, 7:30pm Bible Study Class – In person @ the church & virtual

Sun. 9:00am Divine Liturgy – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Altar Servers:** Subdeacon J.D. Cairns, Qorey Carter, Ryan Fealy

**Reader:** Subdeacon Thomas Bodnar or Subdeacon J.D. Cairns

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:** George Terebush, Pani Mary Ann, Father Taras, David Deli, Richard Hycuna, Diane Decibus Morgan, John Piropato, John Zelenak, Hilda Zuccaro, Thomas Zuccaro, Joseph Nardi, Olga Piropato, Nancy Grabe, Mary Wrubleski, Margaret York, Ronald York, Ann Holoob, Jeanette Stokes, Bruce Wadiak, Patty Tucker, Michelle Goldberg, Raymond Wizna, Catherine Ann Bylinski, Anna Muzyka, Kathleen Ward, Olivia Zazworsky, Andrew, Christopher, Sarah, Arthur, Debra, Gloria, David, Alexander, Sophia, Joseph, Alan, John, Robert,

Kirsten, John, and David & children Karina, Oskar, Tessa, Robert, Jacob, and Jonathan, remembering all the sick, the suffering, those in hospitals and nursing homes, and all the men and women in the US Military, especially Vitaly Pacej, who serve our country and all of us. Please keep them in your prayers daily, asking God's protection upon them all.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:** Rebecca Buchan, Kristina Chubenko, Logan Chubenko, and Lizabeth Hycuna and all those celebrating birthdays or special intentions, may the Lord grant you all "Many Blessed Years, Mnohaya Lita!"

**Adult Bible Study:** We had our kick off class last Wednesday, and it was a great start to our future classes. **It is still not too late to join us.** For those that can make it, we will be in person in the church at 7:30 PM. For those interested in attending remotely, an invite to the remote meeting will be sent out every Wednesday. Please read Genesis Chapters 1 through 25 this week in the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

### **THE UNIVERSAL EXALTATION OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS**

Desiring to find the Cross upon which our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified, Saint Constantine sent his mother, the pious Empress Helen to Jerusalem, providing her with a letter to Saint Makarios, the Patriarch of Jerusalem. Saint Helen journeyed to the holy places connected with the earthly life of the Savior. Although the holy Empress Helen was no longer young, she set about completing the task with enthusiasm. In her search for the Life-giving Cross, she questioned both Christians and Jews, but for a long time her search remained unsuccessful. Finally, she was directed to a certain elderly Jew named Jude who stated that the Cross was buried beneath the temple of Venus. They demolished the pagan temple and, after praying, they began to excavate the ground. Soon the Lord's Tomb was uncovered. Not far from it were three crosses, and a board with the inscription ordered by Pilate, and four nails which had pierced the Lord's Body. In order to discover on which of the three crosses the Savior had been crucified, Patriarch Makarios alternately touched the crosses to a corpse. When the Cross of the Lord touched the dead man, he was restored to life. After witnessing the raising of the dead man, everyone was convinced that the Life-giving Cross had been found.

**RAFFLE TICKETS:** Please pick up your annual raffle tickets in the church basement to assist in saving the church on postage.

**ALL EMERGENCIES:** PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CALL FATHER JAMES for any and all emergencies – for hospital, nursing home, or home visitations. PLEASE call his Cell number 732-619-3259, if necessary, please leave a voice message, Father will return your call. THANK YOU.