September 13, 2026

Forefeast of and Sunday before Elevation of the Cross
Consecration of Resurrection Church in Jerusalem

As we enter the Church let us pray.....
I will come into Thy House In the multitude of Thy mercy;
And in Thy fear I will worship toward Thy Holy Temple.

Resurrectional Apolytikion in Tone 6
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 Holy Resurrection Church in Tone 4
Thou hast shown the earthly beauty of the holy tabernacle of Thy glory to be like unto the splendor of the heavenly firmament, O Lord. Strengthen it for ever and ever, and accept our prayers which we unceasingly offer therein unto Thee, through the Theotokos, O Thou Who art the Life and Resurrection of all.

Apolytikion of Forefeast of the Holy Cross – Tone 2
We offer thee in mediation the life-giving Cross which, of Thy goodness, Thou hast given unto us, the unworthy, O Lord. Save Thy hierarchs and Thy flock, and grant Thou peace through the Theotokos, O only Lover of mankind.

Apolytikion of St. John Chrysostom - Tone 8
Grace shining forth from your lips like a beacon has enlightened the universe. It has shown to the world the riches of poverty. It has revealed to us the heights of humility. Teaching us by your words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede before the Word, Christ our God, to save our souls!

Kontakion of the Holy Resurrection Church - Tone 4
The Church is shown to be * a many-lighted heaven * that doth shine a guiding light * upon all them that do believe; * wherein while standing, we cry aloud: * Do Thou Thyself now establish this house, O Lord.

THE SYNAXARION

On September 13 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we celebrate the Forefeast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross and commemorate the Consecration of the Church of the Holy Resurrection of Christ our God.

Verses

New Israel, fulfilling a law that is ancient, Doth honor thy tomb, O Word, with this consecration. On the thirteenth befell the consecration of the Resurrection's fane.

Holy Resurrection in Jerusalem is honored above all others. Constantine the Great constructed it at the place of Golgotha, where our Savior was crucified and buried, then arose. For a long time this place had been purposely buried beneath the earth by the Jews and heathen; furthermore, during the reign of Hadrian (117-138), a temple dedicated to Aphrodite was built over the site so that this sacred place might be even further desecrated and fall into utter oblivion. It was here that the Cross was hidden. However, at the command of the pious Emperor Constantine, excavations were made and the tokens of the saving Passion were found. It was here, then, that the very great and magnificent temple named in honor of Christ God's Resurrection was built under the supervision of the blessed Helen, while Macarius was Archbishop of Jerusalem. Macarius elevated the venerable Cross and consecrated this temple in the year 336.

On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyr Cornelius the centurion; and Venerable Hierotheos the Younger of Iviron monastery on Athos. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.

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THE EPISTLE

(For the Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross)
O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, O Lord my God.
The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (6:11-18)

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THE GOSPEL

(For the Sunday before the Elevation of the Holy Cross)
The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (3:13-17)

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The Inquirer's Class – will meet this Sunday September 13th following the Divine Liturgy. Next Inquirer's class is Sunday, October 4th following the Divine Liturgy. These classes are for those studying the Orthodox Christian Faith, and those wishing to deepen their understanding of the Faith. All are welcome.

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Welcome to Visitors. Orthodox parishes do not practice open communion. Holy Communion is reserved for Baptized, Chrismated Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and recent confession. All other visitors are warmly invited to receive the blessed bread (antidoron) at the end of the service

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St John Chrysostom Antiochian Orthodox Church is a parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America

His Eminence Metropolitan SABA, Metropolitan of New York and North America

His Grace Bishop Thomas, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic

The V. Rev. Peter Pier, Pastor

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Attendance 09-06-2026: 200

Operating Fund Offering Received 09/06/2026: $11,100.06

Amount Needed Each Week To Meet Operating Fund Budget: $7,443.00

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Church Calendar

Sat. Sept 12 6:00 pm Great Vespers

Sun. Sept 13 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. Inquirer's Class & SCS

Mon. Sept 14 **Feast of the Elevation of the Cross**
8:30 am Pre-Communion Prayers
9:00 am Festal Divine Liturgy

Wed. Sept 16 NO Vespers

Sat. Sept 19 NO Vespers.

Sun. Sept 20 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. Covered Dish Coffee Hour, SCS, Teen Parent Meeting, NO Inquirer's Class; JOY CLUB

Fr Peter will be on vacation from Tuesday 09.15.26 to Saturday 09.26.26. In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Dn John Shumski, cell: 717-817-8586

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Remember In Your Prayers

Before they call, I will answer, while they are yet speaking, I will hear" (Is. 65:24)

The Living – for their health &wellbeing

Metropolitan SABA
Bishop Thomas
Denise Zakula
Subdeacon Bartholomew and Olena Bassarab
Matthew Miller
Officer Jamie Miller
Joyce "Kasaine" Williams
Michael Acierno
Vera Timko
Beverly Kushner
Michelle Prince
Richard "Stephen" Vangel
Joshua "John" Ranck
Ronna "Sophia" Castle
Marko Bourne
Christine Bogosh
Sasha Florenz
Marjorie "Marion" Barrett

The Departed – Memory Eternal!

Metropolitan PHILIP
Bishop Antoun
Priest Boniface Black
Helen Diamond
Angela Burke
Wayne "Stephen" Coleson
Georgette Habib Soliman
Joseph Danyo
Leavitt "George" Keener
Reader Nicholas and Mary Jane Glagola
Norm "Nourhan" and Eva "Marie" Kailian
Nicholas Raptapolus
Walter and Mary Damm
Donnell Gregory and Mary "Rebecca" Beck
Michael Bogosh
Christos Tsakiris
Harry and Grace Dorion
Marianne Rupp and Mary Bincarowsky
Gene "Paul" Strayer
Katherine Monsour
George and Darla Feeser
Cindi "Monica" Bennett
Mary Kopey
Martha Allen
Mary Lou Grove
Melinda "Magdalena" Stika
James Fetter
Andrew Himes
Patty May
Julie Acierno
Vincent Michael Terzano-Borovic
Steven Smith
Edward Boner
Cheryl "Alexandra" Bury
Thomas Lehman
Barry "John" Hart
Angela Pandelidis
Kathryn Velen
Ray Jauncito
Jayme Miller

Theodore Federoff
Vincent McKee