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**Sunday before the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross,
Hieromartyr Cornelius the Centurion**

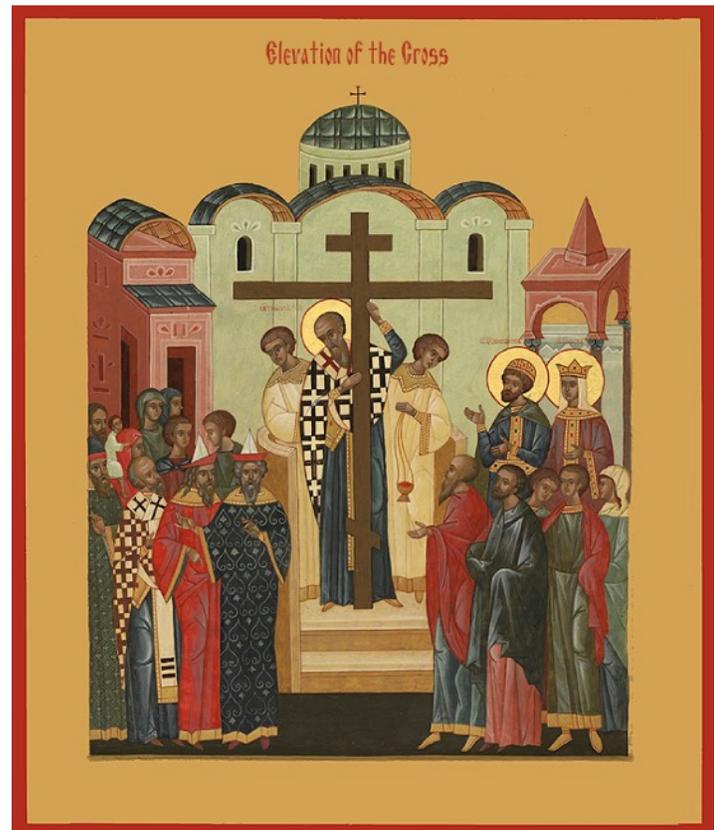
Welcome to Dormition Parish. We are glad to have you with us.

Elevation of the Cross

The Elevation of the Cross, celebrated on the fourteenth of September, commemorates the finding of Christ's Cross by Saint Helen, the mother of the Emperor Constantine in the fourth century; and, after it was taken by the Persians, of its recovery by the Emperor Heraclius in the seventh century at which time it was "elevated" in the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem. From this latter event the "universal elevation" of the Cross was celebrated annually in all of the churches of the Christian Empire.

The day of the Elevation of the Cross became, as it were, the national holiday of the Eastern Christian Empire similar to the Fourth of July in the United States. The Cross, the official emblem of the Empire which was placed on all public buildings and uniforms, was officially elevated on this day by the bishops and priests. They blessed the four directions of the universe with the Cross, while the faithful repeated the chanting of "Lord have mercy." This ritual is still done in the churches today after the solemn presentation and elevation of the Cross at the end of the Vigil service of the holy day following the Great Doxology of Matins.

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Elevation of the Cross Continued

The troparion of the feast which was, one might say, the “national anthem” sung on all public occasions in the Christian Empire of Byzantium, originally petitioned God to save the people, to grant victory in war and to preserve the empire “by the virtue of the Cross.” Today the troparion, and all the hymns of the day, are “spiritualized” as the “adversaries” become the spiritually wicked and sinful including the devil and his armies, and “Orthodox Christians” replace the names of ruling officials of the Empire.

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by the virtue of Thy Cross, preserve Thy habitation (Troparion).

As Thou was mercifully crucified for our sake, grant mercy to those who are called by Thy name; make all Orthodox Christians glad by Thy power, granting them victories over their adversaries, by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace (Kontakion).

The holy day of the Elevation of the Cross, although it has an obviously “political” origin, has a place of great significance in the Church today. It remains with us as a day of fasting and prayer, a day when we recall that the Cross is the only sign worthy of our total allegiance, and that our salvation comes not by “victories” of any earthly sort but by the only true and lasting victory of the crucifixion of Christ and our co-crucifixion with him.

When we elevate the Cross and bow down before it in veneration and worship to God, we proclaim that we belong to the Kingdom “not of this world,” and that our only true and enduring citizenship is with the saints in the “city of God” (Eph 2.19; Heb 11.10; Rev 21–22).

The first Old Testamental reading of the Vespers of the day tells of the “tree” which changes the bitter waters into sweetness—the symbol of the Tree of the Cross (Ex 15.22–16.1). The second reading reminds us that the Lord chastens

and corrects those whom He loves and that Divine Wisdom is “a Tree of life to those who lay hold upon her and trust in her, as in the Lord” (Prov 3.11–18). Again the reference is to the Cross which is, as the epistle reading of the day proclaims, “to those who are called ... the power of God and the wisdom of God” (1 Cor 1.24).

The third Old Testament reading is from the Prophecy of Isaiah which tells of the “city of the Lord” where both Jews and Gentiles will live together and “shall bow themselves down” at the place of God’s feet and “shall know that I the Lord am Thy Saviour and Thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Israel” (Is 60.11–16). Here we have the direct reference to God’s city where men shall worship at His feet; and together with the psalm line repeated constantly during the services which calls us to “bow before His footstool,” we have once again the reference to the Holy Cross (Ps 99.5, 110.1, et al.).

Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy holy resurrection, we glorify (Hymn of Veneration before the Cross).

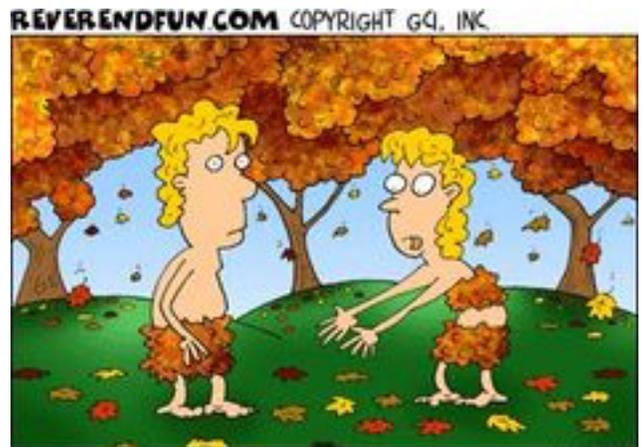
This central hymn of the Elevation of the Cross which lasts for eight days in the Church is sung many times. It replaces the Thrice-Holy of the Divine Liturgy. The normal antiphons are also replaced by special verses from the psalms which have direct reference to Christ’s crucifixion on the Cross (Ps 22, 74, 99). At the Matins, in the gospel reading from Saint John, Christ says that when He is elevated on the Cross He will draw all men to Himself (Jn 12.28–36). The long gospel reading at the Divine Liturgy is the passion account from this same gospel.

Thus, at the Elevation of the Cross the Christians make their official rededication to the crucified Lord and pledge their undivided allegiance to Him by the adoration of His holy feet nailed to the life-creating Cross. This is the meaning of this holy day of fasting and repentance in the Church today.



Thanks to Stephen Illich (See Genesis 6-8) 05-19-2005

**WE WERE TOLD YOU WERE TAKING CREATURES
THAT CAME TO YOU IN PEARS**



**WILL YOU PLEASE PICK UP ALL YOUR
CLOTHES?**

Saint of the Day from OCA.org

Hieromartyr Cornelius the Centurion

The Hieromartyr Cornelius the Centurion: Soon after the sufferings of the Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross and His Ascension into Heaven, a centurion by the name of Cornelius settled at Caesarea in Palestine. He had lived previously in Thracian Italy. Although he was a pagan, he distinguished himself by deep piety and good deeds, as the holy Evangelist Luke says (Acts 10:1). The Lord did not disdain his virtuous life, and so led him to the knowledge of truth and to faith in Christ.

Once, Cornelius was praying in his home. An angel of God appeared to him and said that his prayer had been heard and accepted by God. The angel commanded him to send people to Joppa to find Simon, also called Peter. Cornelius immediately fulfilled the command.

While those people were on their way to Joppa, the Apostle Peter was at prayer, and he had a vision: three times a great sheet was lowered down to him, filled with all kinds of beasts and fowl. He heard a voice from Heaven commanding him to eat everything. When the apostle refused to eat food which Jewish Law regarded as unclean, the voice said: "What God hath cleansed, you must not call common" (Acts 10:15).

Through this vision the Lord commanded the Apostle Peter to preach the Word of God to the pagans. When the Apostle Peter arrived at the house of Cornelius in the company of those sent to meet him, he was received with great joy and respect by the host together with his kinsmen and comrades.

Cornelius fell down at the feet of the apostle and requested to be taught the way of salvation. Saint Peter talked about the earthly life of Jesus Christ, and spoke of the miracles and signs worked by the Savior, and of His teachings about the Kingdom of Heaven. Then Saint Peter told him of the Lord's death on the Cross, His Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, Cornelius believed in Christ and was baptized with all his family. He was the first pagan to receive Baptism.

He retired from the world and went preaching the Gospel together with the Apostle Peter, who made him a bishop. When the Apostle Peter, together with his helpers Saints Timothy and Cornelius, was in the city of Ephesus, he learned of a particularly vigorous idol-worship in the city of Skepsis. Lots were drawn to see who would go there, and Saint Cornelius was chosen.

In the city lived a prince by the name of Demetrius, learned in the ancient Greek philosophy, hating Christianity and venerating the pagan gods, in particular Apollo and Zeus. Learning about the arrival of Saint Cornelius in the city, he immediately summoned him and asked him the reason for his coming. Saint Cornelius answered that he came to free him from the darkness of ignorance and lead him to knowledge of the True Light.

The prince, not comprehending the meaning of what was said, became angry and demanded that he answer each of his questions. When Saint Cornelius explained that he served the Lord and that the reason for his coming was to announce the

Truth, the prince became enraged and demanded that Cornelius offer sacrifice to the idols.

The saint asked to be shown the gods. When he entered the pagan temple, Cornelius turned towards the east and uttered a prayer to the Lord. There was an earthquake, and the temple of Zeus and the idols situated in it were destroyed. All the populace, seeing what had happened, were terrified.

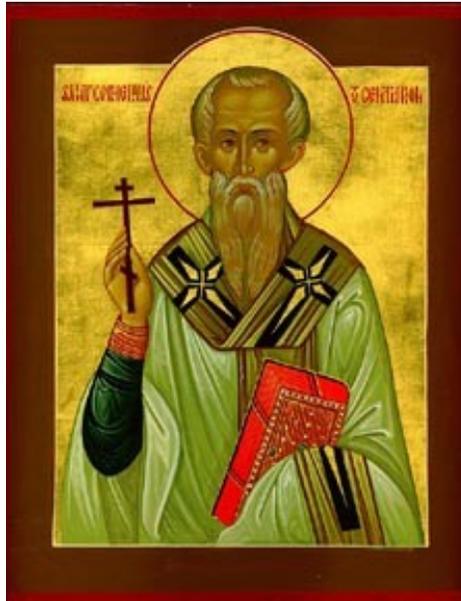
The prince was even more vexed and began to take counsel together with those approaching him, about how to destroy Cornelius. They bound the saint and took him to prison for the night. At this point, one of his servants informed the prince that his

wife and child had perished beneath the rubble of the destroyed temple.

After a certain while, one of the pagan priests, by the name of Barbates, reported that he heard the voice of the wife and son somewhere in the ruins and that they were praising the God of the Christians. The pagan priest asked that the imprisoned one be released, in gratitude for the miracle worked by Saint Cornelius, and the wife and son of the prince remained alive.

The joyful prince hastened to the prison in the company of those about him, declaring that he believed in Christ and asking him to bring his wife and son out of the ruins of the temple. Saint Cornelius went to the destroyed temple, and through prayer the suffering were freed.

After this the prince Demetrius, and all his relatives and comrades accepted holy Baptism. Saint Cornelius lived for a long time in this city, converted all the pagan inhabitants to Christ, and made Eunomios a presbyter in service to the Lord. Saint Cornelius died in old age and was buried not far from the pagan temple he destroyed.



Are you looking to learn more about your faith?

Liturgical Theology with an Eastern Christian Focus - This online course, taught by Fr. Danylo Kuc, introduces the various forms of worship in the Byzantine tradition with specific emphasis on contemporary Ukrainian Catholic practice. It aims to explore the basics of liturgical celebration in the Kievan tradition such as the Eucharist, the Holy Mysteries (Sacraments), and the Liturgy of the Hours, and examines some of the pastoral issues related to these forms of ritual. Contact Register at Newman Theological College at 780-392-2451 or newman.edu/FallCourseOfferings2020-21 <<http://newman.edu/FallCourseOfferings2020-21>> - Course: STD 558i/SYT 245i (an online course taken for audit/credit at your leisure Sep 9 to Dec 18).

ALSO

For your information, the Lumen Christi Institute is hosting a series of webinars on Eastern Catholic Theology in Action.

Series Lectures (times given in Mountains Standard Time, that is, Winnipeg time)

• Thursday, September 3, 7 p.m. CDT

- Introduction to Liturgical Mystagogy <<http://lumenchristi.org/event/2020/09/Liturgical-Mystagogy>> | Daniel Galadza (University of Regensburg)

• Thursday, September 10, 7 p.m. CDT

- A Theology of Wonder: An Introduction to the Poetry of Ephrem the Syrian <<http://lumenchristi.org/event/2020/9/Ephrem-the-Syrian>> | Andrew Hayes (University of St. Thomas, Houston)

• Thursday, September 17, 7 p.m. CDT

- Christ the Lover of Mankind: Philanthropia, Mystery, and Martyria in Eastern Christianity <<http://lumenchristi.org/event/2020/9/Christ-Lover-of-Mankind>> | Robin Darling Young (Catholic University of America)

• Thursday, September 24, 7 p.m. CDT

- Eastern Churches, Latin Territories: Ecclesial Catholicity and the Notion of Diaspora <<http://lumenchristi.org/event/2020/9/Eastern-Catholic-Diaspora>> | Alexander Laschuk (Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies at University of St. Michael's College)

• Thursday, October 1, 7p.m. CDT

- Expanding the Archive: Syriac Literature and the Study of Early Christianity Today <<http://lumenchristi.org/event/2020/10/expanding-archive-syriac-literature-study-of-early-christianity-today-erin-walsh>> | Erin Walsh (University of Chicago)

• Thursday, November 12, 7 p.m. CDT

- Quo Vadis: the Direction of Eastern Catholic Theology, a Pastoral Perspective for the 21st Century <<http://lumenchristi.org/event/2020/11/Quo-Vadis-Eastern-Catholic-Theology>> | Archbishop Borys Gudziak (Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia and Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the USA)
- For more information and to register, click <http://lumenchristi.org/news/2020/08/Eastern-Catholic-Theology-in-Action>

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YOUR CROSS-EXAMINATION IS WILDLY INAPPROPRIATE AND IS ALSO ONE OF THE KEY REASONS FOR SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

Attention Married Couples:

Leah Perrault is a fantastic Catholic speaker whom I (Fr. Bo) recommend. If you have the ability to join in these three evenings do so. It'll be worth it.

Yes, the typing below is small... but likely you are reading this on your computer anyway, so just zoom in a little.



Leah Perrault
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7 - 9 p.m.

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An online three-part series using Zoom

Dates and Times: Thursday evenings, October 1, 15 & 29
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time

Cost: \$90.00 for 3 sessions
A minimum of 15 participants are needed to offer this program.
Registration deadline: **September 28**

Recordings of each session will be available to anyone who cannot attend all three sessions. Cost is per person or couple - if more than two people are participating in this Zoom event, we invite you to make a donation to the retreat centre.

Registration Details: There are two options to consider when registering for this series:

- Visit our website: http://www.queenshouse.org/?page_id=4399
Participants can now register and pay online!
- Call Queen's House and register over the phone: 306-242-1916. As our staffing is minimal, please leave a message and we will be in touch ASAP.

Detail: For many of us, formal learning about sexuality begins and ends at puberty, but healthy sexuality in lifetime love comes from continuous conversation and growing together. Join a conversation among adults about how spirituality can deepen healthy sexuality at every stage of living.

Session 1: Belief & Sex

Our beliefs have a profound impact on our experience of sex, but we have not always been intentional about shaping our beliefs. We will explore how Scripture and Christian faith can support healthy sexuality over a lifetime and get intentional about the thoughts and beliefs that shape sex in relationships.

Session 2: Heart & Healing

Sex is gift, a language we speak with the body that flows out of the deepest part our hearts. We will dive into giving and receiving, review the practical communication skills that support healthy sex, and explore areas where healing can strengthen relationships and sex.

Session 3: Challenge & Change

Loving over a lifetime includes sexual challenges and change. From (in)fertility to aging, illness to addiction, we will walk through common sex challenges and changes. Leah will respond to questions provided by participants (anonymously, or not!)

Presenter:

Leah Perrault is the Director of Mission at St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon. When she's not busy with her day job, she speaks and writes. She is the author of three books, including two on sexuality and body theology. Leah has a master's of arts in pastoral theology from the University of St. Michael's College at the Toronto School of Theology and a bachelor's of arts in English comes from Campion College at the University of Regina. Leah and her husband, Marc, have been blessed with four amazing little people – Robyn, Eliot, Charlize, and Atticus. Their home is full of noise, books, toys, and big ideas.

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Our Social Mission Commission Needs YOU!

by [Eparchy Communications](#) | Aug 31, 2020

Volunteer with our Social Mission Commission!

If social development and justice is something that you have a passion for and if you would like to be more involved in what the Eparchy is doing in this regard, you are invited to respond by filling out the form below telling us about your interests! This will be considered and then forwarded to Bishop David who makes the final determination of acceptance on the commission. A term of 3 years is *recommended* but not required. Attendance at most of our meetings is required – approximately 4 maximum per year (either by Zoom or in-person). Participation in the works of the commission in some way is also part of membership – this will generally take the form of being on a committee – environment, sanctity of human life, indigenous relations, ethical consumption, for example (helping out with communications and/or planning events within those areas).

To visit the commission's webpage, visit: <http://eeparchy.com/social-mission>



International Youth Festival (Online)

by [Eparchy Communications](#) | Sep 4, 2020

Viter Na-Dii is like World Youth Day, for the Ukrainian Catholic Church! It gathers teens and young adults from across the world, uniting us in our shared faith, and celebrating our youth and our Church!

REGISTER NOW AT:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NTD2NRX>

Questions? Send our Youth Director, Millie, an email! youth@eeparchy.com

This Online Zoom Schedule would be as follows:

- 8:30 a.m. – Canadian National Welcome and Prayer
- 9:00 a.m. – Livestream of Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk
- 10:00 a.m. – Greeting from Canadian Youth
- 10:30 a.m. – Participants Choice
- 1:00 p.m. – Resume Canadian National Programming- Icebreakers
- 1:30 p.m. – Questions and Answers with Canadian Bishops
- 2:15 p.m. – Breakout Sessions with Speakers
- 3:00 p.m. – Talent Show and Final Blessing

Parish News & Beyond:

- We pray for the health and well-being of all the servants and handmaidens of God who need our prayers: **Fr. Josaphat** Turkalo, **Edward, Verna** Hnatiuk, **Miranda** Mayko, **Jean** Miskew, **Sarah** Komar, **Marge** Woitas, **Katie** Bunio, **Ann** Horsman, **Louis** Pekar & **Rosa** Maria Santos. (If you know any other people who should be on this list: please email me.)
- This week we wish Happy Birthday to **Rebecca** Vizza and **Thomas** Sokolowski who both celebrate this week. May God bless you both abundantly. Many Happy Years.
- A BIG Thank-You to all those who have been supporting our parish with online, sent in, and in person donations. Your support is helping us to keep moving forward in this unprecedented time. You are all the greatest.



Colouring Page for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross, the Holy Priest-Martyr Cornelius the Centurion

Troparion: Angelic powers were upon Your tomb* and the guards became like dead men;* Mary stood before Your tomb* seeking Your most pure body.* You captured Hades without being overcome by it.* You met the Virgin and granted life.* O Lord, risen from the dead,* glory be to You!

Troparion: O Lord, as You had shown from on high the splendour of the firmament,* so did You show on earth* the splendour of the dwelling place of Your holy glory.* Make it stand firm for ever and ever* and accept the supplications* which we offer unceasingly to You through Your Mother.* O Lord, You are the Life and Resurrection of all of us.

Troparion: We offer You the Life-giving Cross, O Lord,* as a means of intercession, and as a sign of Your bounty* which You have given to us in spite of our unworthiness.* Save our country and Your people* who offer You their supplications through Your Mother,* for You alone are the Lover of Mankind.

Kontakion: With His life-giving hand* Christ our God, the Giver of life,* raised all the dead from the murky abyss* and bestowed resurrection upon humanity.* He is for all the Saviour,* the resurrection and the life, and the God of all.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion: You have made the Church a resplendent heaven, enlightening all the faithful.* Therefore, we stand in the midst of this holy dwelling place and cry out to You:* Make firm this house, O Lord.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion: Today we see the saving Tree which blossomed from earthy seed.* It is lifted up in the Church by the hands of the bishop.* The universe adores and greets It with awe.* Save us by It, O Lord.

Prokeimenon:

Save Your people, O Lord,* and bless Your inheritance.

verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord, my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18 (NRSV)

Brothers and Sisters, see what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Alleluia verses:

I have exalted one chosen from the people and with my holy oil anointed him.

My hand shall always be with him and my arm shall make him strong.

Gospel: John 3:13-17 (NRSV)

The Lord said, No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Communion Hymn:

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.

O Lord, I love the house where you dwell,* the place where your glory abides.

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.