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**September 23, 2018**

*Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

*Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos*

*Commemoration of the Holy Martyr Menodora and those with her at Nicomedia*

(305 A.D.)

**THIS WEEK:**

WEDNESDAY – 6:30 Confessions  
7 p.m. **GREAT VESPERS**

THURSDAY – Great Feast of the  
*Exaltation of the Holy Cross*  
8:30 a.m. **DIVINE LITURGY**

FRIDAY – 7 p.m. Bible Study

Once there was a man who constantly complained about his troubles. He could list them day and night, he remembered every one of his troubles.

"Now," thought the man, "when I appear before the Lord, He will ask me:" *Tell me about your suffering, so that I choose a measure of heavenly joys commensurate with your suffering.*"

Therefore, he wrote down all his misfortunes, both large and small, in a separate notebook, so that he would

not lose it if he did not lose sight of it in the presentation to God and the joy of paradise.

And then the man died and appeared before the Lord. And the Lord said to him:

*Tell me about the joys that you experienced in life. I can not determine without this what extent of paradise joy you are ready for.* And the man could not answer anything, because he did not count his joys, but considered only troubles.

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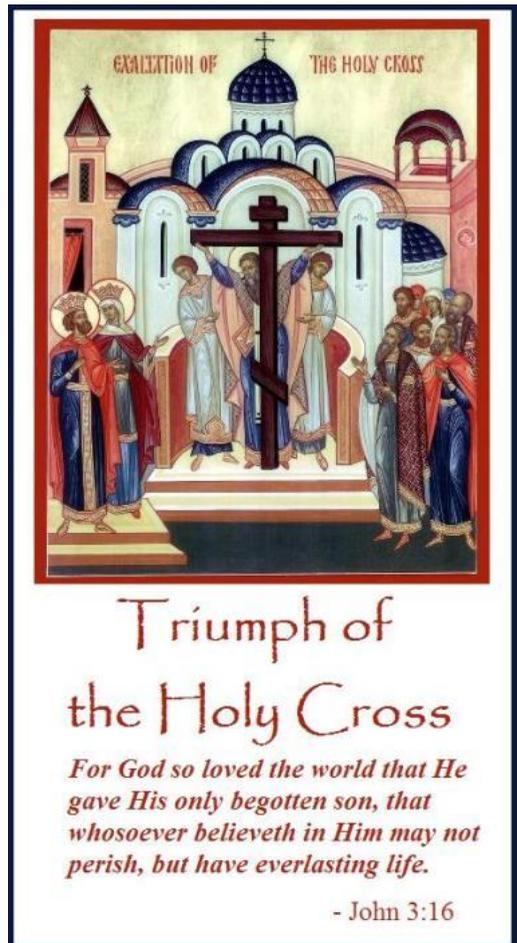
**Strict fast** Thursday is a day of strict fasting for Monongahela faithful. We abstain from all meat and dairy products as we remember the Lord's death upon the Holy Cross.

**Thank you!** for these recent donations towards the new Tomb of the Lord:

Daniel & Donna Timko \$250  
*In memory of Timko Family*

Edward & Linda White \$25  
*In memory of Evelyn Volk*

Joseph & Joyce Hann \$50  
*In memory of Evelyn Volk*



**Flea Market** sponsored by the Ladies Guild will be held **October 5-6**. Please bring in your clean and usable donations.

We also need your help in assisting on both days of the sale.

