

# The Way Of The CROSS

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## 2nd Sunday after Pentecost—All Saints of Rus'-Ukraine

Ven. Simeon Stylite of the Wonderful Mountain (596). Ven. Nicetas, Stylite of Pereyaslav (1186). Martyrs Meletius Stratelates, Stephen, John, and 1218 soldiers with women and children including : Serapion the Egyptian, Callinicus the Magician, Theodore, and Faustus (ca. 218). Holy New-Martyrs of Kholm and Pidliassia (1940s). All the Venerable and God-bearing Fathers who shone in the ascetic life on Mount Athos. St. Vincent of Lerins (c. 450).

### ORDER OF SERVICE:

#### Troparion and Kontakion

**Tone 1:** When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, / and the soldiers were guarding Your Most Pure Body, / You arose on the third day, O Saviour, / granting life to the world. / Therefore, the Powers of Heaven cried out to You, O Giver of Life: / Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ. / Glory to Your Kingdom. // Glory to Your Providence, O only Lover of mankind.

**Tone 8:** As the beautiful fruit of Your salvific sowing, / our land offers to You, Lord, all the saints glorified in it. / By their prayers and the prayers of the Theotokos keep our Church and people in profound peace, // O Greatly-merciful One.

**Tone 1:** O Lord, save Your People, / and bless Your inheritance! / Grant victory to Orthodox Christians over their adversaries, // and by Your Cross preserve Your Commonwealth.

#### Glory...

**Tone 1:** As God, You arose from the tomb in glory, / raising the world together with Yourself. / Human nature praises You as God, for death has vanished. / Adam exults, O Master. / Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries out: // You, O Christ, are the One Who gives resurrection to all.

#### Both now...

**Tone 3:** Today the choir of saints who pleased God in our land, / stands before us in Church and invisibly prays to God for us. / The angels, together with them sing praises, / and all the saints of the Church of Christ celebrate with them, // for together they all pray to the Eternal God for us.

#### The Epistle

**Reader:** The Prokimenon in the **1st Tone:** Let Your mercy, Lord be upon us as we have put our hope in You.

**Choir:** Let Your mercy, Lord be upon us as we have put our hope in You.

**Reader:** Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

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**Reader:** The Reading is from St. Paul's letter to the Romans [Romans 2:10-16]

**Reader:** Alleluia in the **1st Tone:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Choir:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Reader:** God avenges me and has subdued people under me.

**Choir:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Reader:** He magnifies the salvation of the king and deals mercifully for His anointed, for David and his forever.

**Choir:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel: [Matthew 4:18-23]

**Communion Verse:** Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, praise befits the upright. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

#### Romans 2:10-16 (Sunday Epistle)

10. But there will be glory, honor, and peace for everyone who practices doing good, for Jews first and for Greeks as well.

11. For God does not show partiality.

12. For all who have sinned apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law.

13. For it is not merely those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight. No, it is those who do the law, who will be justified.

14. For whenever Gentiles, who do not possess the law, do instinctively what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law.

15. They show that what the law requires is written in their hearts, a fact to which their own consciences testify, and their thoughts will either accuse or excuse them

16. on that day when God, through Jesus Christ, will judge people's secrets according to my gospel.

#### Matthew 4:18-23 (Sunday Gospel)

18. While Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers-Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew. They were throwing a net into the sea because they were fishermen.

19. He said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishermen of people!"

20. So at once they left their nets and followed him.

21. Going on from there he saw two other brothers-James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee repairing their nets. When he called them,

22. they immediately left the boat and their father and followed him.

23. Then he went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every illness among the people.

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**VESPERS:** Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

### DIVINE LITURGY:

**June 6:** Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

**June 13:** Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

**June 20:** Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

**June 27:** Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Financial Report May. 10

**Income 1241.05**

**Expenses 2359.37**

**Net -\$1118.32**

#### Building Fund

Goal — \$25,000

Collected —

\$9692.76

### Fund Raising

**Prayer for Needs:** Pamela, and Jeff, Lisa, Dustin, Lucinda, Sophia, Oksana, Patra, Ed, Richard, Chris and Mariana (traveling), Marusia

**Prayer for Sick:** Georgina, , Dustin, Chuck, Frank, Elsie,

**Prayer for the souls of those who have fallen asleep in the Lord:**

### GOD GRANT MANY YEARS: June

Birthdays: Elizabeth (1) Stephen (15), Sylvia P. (27), Heather (30)

Anniversaries: Sylvia and Dennis (28), Tim and Colleen (30)

OUR PARISH REQUIRES YOUR REGULAR DONATIONS FOR ITS ONGOING SUPPORT. ANY DONATION YOU CAN GIVE EITHER FOR THE OPERATION OR FOR THE BUILDING FUND WILL BE GRATEFULLY APPRECIATED.

REMEMBER THAT YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS AS WELL AS ANY FINANCIAL GIFT AND VOLUNTEER TIME YOU CAN GIVE. **THE COLLECTION BASKET FOR DONATIONS IS LOCATED ON THE BACK CORNER TABLE.**

### MEETINGS and STUFF

*Holy Cross Parish Council: After Divine Liturgy: June 6.*

*Adult Ed. Class: Postponed*

*3rd Sunday of Month: Bring a canned good donation to Church.*

**WELCOME** to all our guests who came to worship with us today IN THE FAITH OF THE APOSTLES THAT HAS BEEN PRESERVED UNCHANGED AND IS ETERNAL. May God save you for your prayers.

• Check out our Lending Library: **New Kid's album of Icon Cards are now available.**

• Let's not forget about our Food Bank Donations and 'Pennies from Heaven'.

• If you are working at your computer, turn on Ancient Faith Radio at: <http://ancientfaith.com>

• **Parish is selling Prayer Ropes and Beeswax Candles** as a fundraiser. Great for your devotional needs. See Sandy

*Hand your prayer request to Subdeacon Dennis or to one of the Acolytes before the service and he will bring it to the priest.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Church Calendars:** **\$3.00 each. They will be available at the back of the chapel.** Please pay Dave. **DIVINE LITURGY SERVICE BOOKS** for \$10.00. Please see Sandy or Fr. Evan.
- HOLY CROSS WEB SITE.** Holy Cross has revamped it's website. The web address is still the same, but the site has been transformed into a really cool looking blog site.
- Mother's Day Collection.** Thank you to all that donated to the collecting of layettes for babies for mothers in need for the Thelma Wynne Project.

### Venerable Simeon Stylites the Younger of Wonderful Mountain Commemorated on June 6

Saint Simeon the Stylite was born in the year 521 in Antioch, Syria of pious parents John and Martha. From her youth St Martha (July 4) prepared herself for a life of virginity and longed for monasticism, but her parents insisted that she marry John. After ardent prayer in a church dedicated to St John the Forerunner, the future nun was directed in a vision to submit to the will of her parents and enter into marriage.

As a married woman, St Martha strove to please God and her husband in everything. She often prayed for a baby and promised to dedicate him to the service of God. St John the Forerunner revealed to Martha that she would have a son who would serve God. When the infant was born, he was named Simeon and baptized at two years of age.

When Simeon was six years old, an earthquake occurred in the city of Antioch, in which his father perished. Simeon was in church at the time of

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the earthquake. Leaving the church, he became lost and spent seven days sheltered by a pious woman. St John the Baptist again appeared to St Martha, and indicated where to find the lost boy. The saint's mother found her lost son, and moved to the outskirts of Antioch after the earthquake. Already during his childhood the Lord Jesus Christ appeared several times to St Simeon, foretelling his future exploits and the reward for them.

The six-year-old child Simeon went into the wilderness, where he lived in complete isolation. During this time a light-bearing angel guarded and fed him. Finally, he arrived at a monastery, headed by the igumen Abba John, who lived in asceticism upon a pillar. He accepted the boy with love.

After a time, St Simeon asked the Elder John to permit him also to struggle upon a pillar. A new pillar was raised by the brethren of the monastery with the blessing of the igumen, near his pillar. Having completed the initiation of the seven-year-old boy into monasticism, Abba John placed him upon this pillar. The young ascetic, strengthened by the Lord, quickly grew spiritually, in his efforts surpassing even his experienced instructor. For his efforts, St Simeon received from God the gift of healing.

The fame of the young monk's deeds began to spread beyond the bounds of the monastery. Monks and laypeople began to come to him from various places, desiring to hear his counsel and receive healing from their infirmities. The humble ascetic continued to pursue asceticism with instructions from his spiritual mentor Abba John.

When he was eleven, Simeon decided to pursue asceticism upon a higher pillar, the top of which was forty feet from the ground. The bishops of Antioch and Seleukia came to the place of the monk's endeavours, and ordained him as a deacon. Then they permitted him to ascend the new pillar, on which St Simeon laboured for eight years.

St Simeon established a monastery on Wonderful Mountain, where the sick people he healed built a church in gratitude for the mercy shown them. The saint prayed for a spring of water for the needs of the monastery, and once during a shortage of grain, the granaries of the monastery were filled with wheat by his prayers.

In the year 560 the holy ascetic was ordained to the priesthood by Dionysius, Bishop of Seleukia. At age seventy-five St Simeon was warned by the Lord of his impending end. He summoned the brethren of the monastery, instructed them in a farewell talk, and peacefully fell asleep in the Lord in the year 596, having toiled as a stylite for sixty-eight years.

After death, the saint worked miracles just as he had when alive. He healed the blind, the lame and the leprous, saving many from wild beasts, casting out devils and raising the dead.

**The true Orthodox way of thought has always been historical, has always included the past, but has never been enslaved by it. The strength of the Church is not in the past, present, or future, but in Christ.**