

### PRAYERS NEEDED

Bethel Adamov  
June Slavoff  
Chris Popovich  
Spasenija Spasenovski  
Biljana Spasenovski  
Anne Bowden  
Carol Egnatuk  
Zachary & Gabriel Beronja  
Tomka Nicolich  
Ila Shenk  
Alexander Hanchar  
Leonora Keathley  
Ramona Repair  
Phoebe Davis  
Gregory & Eve  
Radovan Schall  
Tami M.  
Grace Ann  
Sveta  
Menka  
Kate  
Alexandra  
Christian  
Peter Holoviak  
David "Fernando" Lopez  
Child of God Alexander Micevski  
Child of God Gabriella  
Child of God Sebastian

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

3 Fr. Roman & Mat. Rose Marie Star  
9 Tom & Charissa Oliphant  
18 Nikola & Vera Krstev  
23 Matt & Jamie Starkweather



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Milica Nicoloch  
1 Alexis Miller  
2 Seth Repair  
2 Randy Dowling  
2 Tina Mallo  
3 George Vrantsidis  
3 Alex Nicolich  
5 Lisa Repair  
8 Rudy Yost  
8 Ernest Gagye  
9 Zachary & Tyler Beronja  
10 Tomka Nicolich  
15 Nancy Vrantsidis  
16 Tammy Yosifovski  
16 Didier Gerges  
18 Jim Fisher  
19 Alexander Hanchar  
20 Marie Gagye  
21 Jean Hanchar  
22 Tasha Federinko  
24 Stephen Oliphant  
26 Amanda Beronja  
27 Kaden Nicolich  
28 Robert Hanchar  
28 Anthony Bell

*The Eternal Lamp is being offered throughout the month of  
September by Ana Olarean, in loving memory of  
+Florin Gavril Olarean and  
+Dragos Bodnarescu (42nd Anniversary after repose)*



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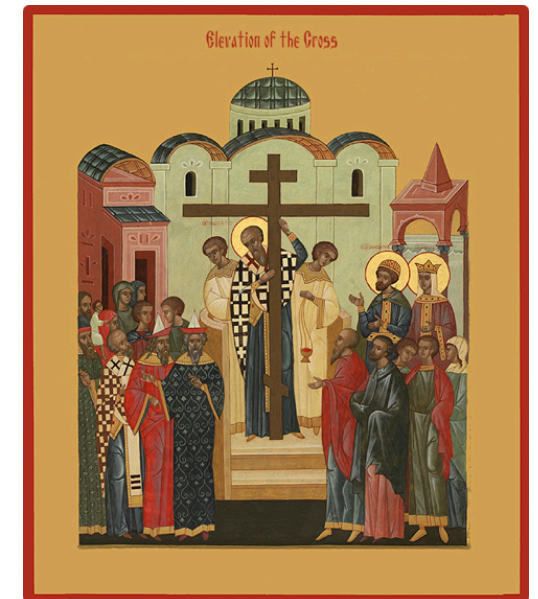
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### *September 2021 Parish Newsletter*

O Christ our God, Who wast voluntarily  
lifted up on the Cross, grant Thy mercies  
to Thy new people named after Thee.  
Gladden with Thy power Orthodox  
Christians and give them victory over their  
enemies. May they have as an ally that  
invincible trophy, Thy weapon of peace.

-- The Elevation of the Precious  
& Life-giving Cross

Kontakion, Tone 4



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*God's blessings and many thanks is expressed to Elias X. for generously sponsoring the  
September newsletter edition!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Gratitude:** Many thanks to everyone who helped "Stuff-A-Bus" during July and August. Battle Creek's children in need will appreciate the generous amount of school supplies which were provided by St. Elias' parishioners for this special campaign. Thank you for making a difference in children's lives!

**Sacramental Wine:** Many thanks to Ana Olarean for donating a case of wine for liturgical usage in loving memory of her husband +Florin Gavril Olarean and her father +Dragos Bodnarescu (42nd Anniversary after repose).

**Coins For Coats:** During the months of September and October, we'll be collecting spare change for those in need in Battle Creek to help purchase warm weather gear, which includes a coat, hat, scarf and mittens/gloves. Although 2020 was a year of uncertainty, over 2,000 individuals in need were served with proper winter clothing and ensuring dignity. This annual drive is being coordinated by Charitable Union, a small non-profit organization serving Battle Creek since 1887.

**Social Media:** An abundance of thanks to Matt & Jamie Starkweather for their dedication with live-streaming services during this unprecedented time and Anastasia Finkbeiner for the production and design of the monthly newsletter!

**Dedication:** An abundance of thanks to Fred Beronja, Gary Busch and Al Hanchar for their untiring labors and devotedness with parish responsibilities!

**Prospora Bakers:** An abundance of thanks is expressed to the following devoted Sisterhood members for faithfully baking prospora for divine services: Zivka Nanos, Tomka Nicolich and Olga Popovich.

**Spiritual Food for Thought:** The Holy Orthodox Church has determined the rules of preparation for Holy Communion. The main thing is to prepare the heart for uniting with the Lord. Fasting is necessary for calming the body, and once the body is at peace, the soul is at peace, too.  
 --Elder Thaddeus(Strabulovich) of Vitovnica  
 Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives: The Life and Teachings of Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica p.176

<i>September 2021 Parish Calendar</i>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sacred Scripture Quote:</b>                      "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." —Mark 8:34</p>			<p><b>1 Church New Year</b>                       Moleben 6PM (Service of Thanksgiving)</p>	2	3	4  Great Vespers 6PM
<p><b>5</b> Tone 2                       Divine Liturgy 10AM                       Prospora/donuts: Suzanne Gusching</p>	6	<p><b>7</b>                       Great Vespers 6PM</p>	<p><b>8 Nativity Holy Theotokos</b>                       Divine Liturgy 10AM</p>	9	10	11  Fr. Lawrence out of town
<p><b>12</b> Tone 3                       Divine Liturgy 10AM   <b>Parish Council Mtg.</b>                       Prospora/donuts: Helen Repair</p>	<p><b>13</b>                       Great Vespers 6PM</p>	<p><b>14 Elevation Holy Cross</b>                       Divine Liturgy 10AM                       (Strict Fast)</p>	15	16	17	18  Great Vespers 6PM
<p><b>19</b> Tone 4                       Divine Liturgy 10AM                       Prospora/donuts: Jamie Starkweather</p>	20	21	22	23	24	25 Central States Deanery Gathering at St. Innocent of Irkutsk (Redford, MI)
<p><b>26</b> Tone 5                       Divine Liturgy 10AM                       Prospora/donuts: Julia Spriggs</p>	27	28	29	30		