

### Elevation of the Cross

The Elevation of the Venerable and Life-Creating Cross of the Lord: The pagan Roman emperors tried to completely eradicate from human memory the holy places where our Lord Jesus Christ suffered and was resurrected for mankind. The Emperor Hadrian (117-138) gave orders to cover over the ground of Golgotha and the Sepulchre of the Lord, and to build a temple of the pagan goddess Venus and a statue of Jupiter.

Pagans gathered at this place and offered sacrifice to idols there. Eventually after 300 years, by Divine Providence, the great Christian sacred remains, the Sepulchre of the Lord and the Life-Creating Cross were again discovered and opened for veneration. This took place under the Emperor Constantine the Great (306-337) after his victory in the year 312 over Maxentius, ruler of the Western part of the Roman empire, and over Licinius, ruler of its Eastern part. In the year 323 Constantine became the sole ruler of the vast Roman Empire.

In 313 he had issued the Edict of Milan, by which the Christian religion was legalized and the persecutions against Christians in the Western half of the empire were stopped. The ruler Licinius, although he had signed the Edict of Milan to oblige Constantine, still fanatically continued the persecutions against Christians. Only after his conclusive defeat did the 313 Edict of Milan extend also to the Eastern part of the empire. The Holy Equal of the Apostles Emperor Constantine, having gained victory over his enemies in three wars with God's assistance, had seen in the heavens the Sign of the Cross, and written beneath: "By this you shall conquer."

Ardently desiring to find the Cross on which our Lord Jesus Christ was crucified, Saint Constantine sent his mother, the pious Empress Helen (May 21), to Jerusalem, providing her with a letter to Saint Macarius, Patriarch of Jerusalem.

Searching for the Life-Creating Cross, she made inquiry of Christians and Jews, but for a long time her search remained unsuccessful.

Finally, they directed her to a certain elderly Hebrew by the name of Jude who stated that the Cross was buried where the temple of Venus stood. They demolished the pagan temple and, after praying, they began to excavate the ground. Soon the Tomb of the Lord was uncovered. Not far from it were three crosses, a board with the inscription ordered by Pilate, and four nails which had pierced the Lord's Body.

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### September 16, 2018

1st Sunday Church Charities/ 2nd Sunday Building Fund

#### Times of Services

Sep	16	Sun	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
	23	Sun	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy at Moraine State Park
	30	Sun	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
Oct	06	Sat		No Vespers
	07	Sun	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
	15	Sat	5:30 PM	Vespers

Parish Council Meeting, 6:30 PM Thursday, Oct. 11, 2018

### Sisterhood of the Altar

The annual Pokrov luncheon will be held on September 30, 2018 at

**Rose Haven Bed & Breakfast,  
605 North Main Street, Butler.**

After Divine Liturgy and a brief meeting in the hall so that membership dues are paid, the meeting will adjourn and then proceed to Rose Haven B&B. Car pooling is available.

Please make reservations with Doris Rasch or Eva Jean no later than September 16, 2018.

### Prokov



The Russian word Pokrov (Ποκροβ), like the Greek Skepi (Σκέπη), has a complex meaning. First of all, it refers to a cloak or shroud, but it also means protection or intercession. For this reason, the name of the feast is variously translated as the Veil of Our Lady, the Protecting Veil of the Theotokos, the Protection of the Theotokos, or the Intercession of the Theotokos. This feast is celebrated on October 1.

### Pan Orthodox Picnic

**September 23, 2018**

10:00 am Con-Celebrated Divine Liturgy at **McDaniels Boat Launch Pavilion #7", Moraine State Park, North Shore Entrance.**



We encourage everyone to stay after Liturgy to enjoy a Pot-Luck Picnic. Main dishes (meats) will be provided...we're asking attendees to please bring a side dish or dessert of your choosing to share.

Come join us for a great day of fellowship!

NOTE: There will be **NO DIVINE LITURGY AT ST. ANDREW'S THAT SUNDAY.** So, please make the short drive north and join us at beautiful Moraine State Park!!

### Halushki, Kielbasa & Sauerkraut Sales

The parish will be selling Halushki, Kielbasa and Sauerkraut at the Butler Farm Market, 901 Evans City Rd. Renfrew, PA (Rt. 68), on Saturday, October 6, 2018 from 9:00 AM till sold out.



**Pierogi Making Party**

**October 17, 18 & 19**