

ST CYRIL THE SIXTH COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH - 100 BERNARD RD. JACKSONVILLE, FL 32218

ST. CYRIL VI MONTHLY BULLETIN

NEWS

++ St Cyril Community would like to wish all our September birthdays a wonderful and blessed day.

CHURCH'S SEASON:

- + DEPARTURE OF ST BARSOMA THE NAKED 9/10
- +FEAST OF EL-NAYROUZ (COPTIC NEW YEAR) 9/11
- +HE APPEARANCE OF THE HONORABLE CROSS 9/27

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"For God loves a cheerful giver"
(2 Corinthians 9:7)

"The death of martyrs is encouragement to the faithful, daring of the Church, confirmation of Christianity, destruction of death, proof of the Resurrection, mocking at demons, condemnation of the devil, teaching of true wisdom and a pious way of life, instillation of disdain for present material benefits and the path of striving for the good to come, comfort in the face of the misfortunes which befall us, an inducement to patience, instruction in courage, the root and fount and mother of all blessings...The blood of martyrs nourishes the Church much much more than the moisture of dew brings gardens in bloom." **St John Chrysostom**

SERVICE TIMES

Vesper Prayers:

Friday, 9/5 & 9/26- 6:00pm*

Divine Liturgy:

Saturday, 9/6 &
9/27- 8:30am*

***service with asterisk will be at St
Athanasius House*

FEAST OF THE CROSS

++On Saturday 9/27, the church celebrates the appearance of the Honorable Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. This appearance was revealed by Queen Helena who was the mother of Emperor Constantine. St Helena was directed by a divine dream to go Jerusalem in 326AD & start searching for the cross. She was told that under a pile of rubbish and dirt, she would find the Cross. She had the ground cleared and searched until 3 crosses were eventually found. The doubt as to which of the 3 was the Holy Cross was dispelled by applying each cross in turn to the body of a dying woman in the neighborhood. When the 3rd Cross (the Cross of our Savior) touched her, she was immediately healed. Thus the genuine Cross was discovered.

++In the Coptic Church, we celebrate the Feast of the Cross twice during the year: the first is on Tute 17 (in September) and is celebrated for 3 days which commemorates the consecration of the Church of the Resurrection (335AD) and the 2nd is on Paremhotep 10 (in March) which commemorates the discovery of the Holy Cross by Queen Helena; it falls during the Holy Great Fast and thus the church does not want to shift too much focus away from the fast & therefore celebrated for 1 day.

++The Cross represented punishment and a curse for criminals before the crucifixion of our Lord. Now, to the Christians, the Cross represents power, faith, love, suffering, and salvation. The Cross symbolizes the suffering before the victory. We are called, as Christians, to carry up our cross daily for Christ's sake, as we will all have tribulations while resisting the ways of the world. So we glorify the Cross that was blessed with the crucifixion of our Lord and look to it always to remind ourselves of His love, and to endure difficulty for His sake throughout our daily walk.

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