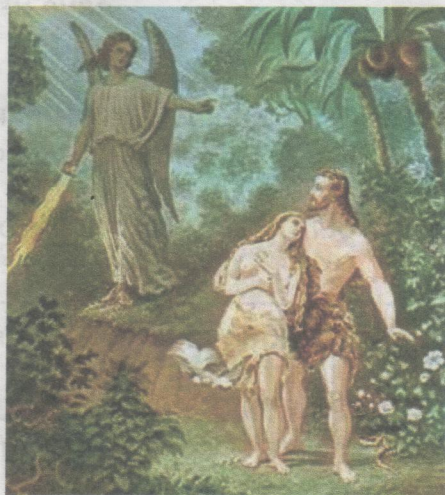
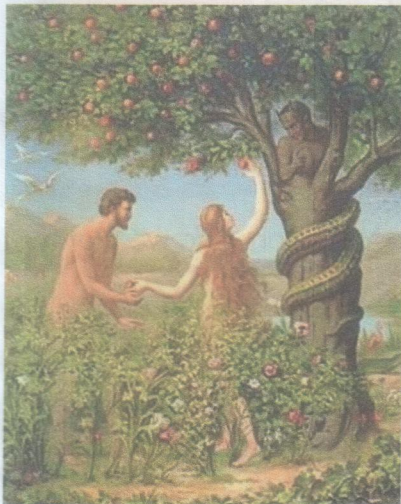
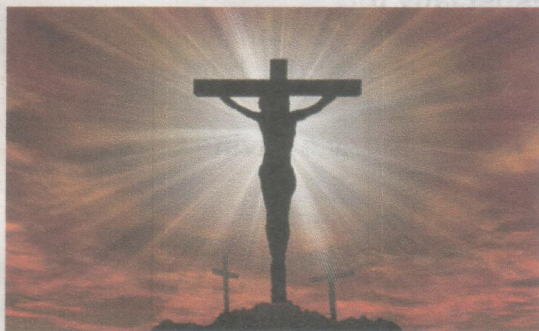


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September - 17 - Вересень

**Посвяття Воздвиження Чесного Хреста Господнього
Post-feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

1 Corinthians 15, 45-50 John 3, 13-17

Opening hymn: p. 10, verse 1 in Ukr. & Eng.

Communion hymn: p.10, verses 2,3 in Ukr. & Eng.

Closing hymn: Хресту Твоєму поклоняємось Владико ...

Today we pray especially for:

+ Mykola Kostyk at the request of Christine

Nasser (Michenko) and family

Peculiarities of today's Divine Liturgy:

1st Antiphone.

Verses sung by Fr. A. in Ukrainian

Choir responds in Ukrainian: Молитвами Богородиці ...

3rd Antiphone.

Verses sung by Fr. A. in English

Choir responds in English:

**O Son of God, crucified in the flesh,
save us who sing to You: Alleluia!**

Замість Трисвятого:

Хресту Твоєму поклоняємось Владико,

І святее Воскресіння Твоє славимо.

Instead of Holy God ...

To Your Cross o Master, we bow in veneration, and we glorify
Your Holy Resurrection

Увага Жіноча Ліра! Attention UCWLC members!

UCWLC Annual Meeting: СЬОГОДНІ TODAY

in the Knights of Columbus Room following Divine Liturgy. Hot
lunch to be served.

Mary Untier of Knots: History of Devotion



The first reference to Our Lady as Untier of Knots is attributed to St. Irenaeus (died as a martyr in 202). In his ancient text *Against Heresies* he wrote, "the knot of Eve's disobedience was loosed by Mary's obedience. These figurative knots of disobedience and sin are undone by Mary in heaven. Mary participates in Christ's redemptive action, allowing us to ask for her intercession. For centuries, devotion to Mary under this title

"Undoer of Knots" was localized to Germany. The devotion spread into South America aided by one of the Novena's chief promoters Pope Francis. In the 1980's, the then Fr. Jorge Bergoglio, was in Germany to finish his doctoral studies. He visited the church of St. Peter am Perlach in Augsburg and came across the original painting "Our Lady Untier of Knots" by Johann Melchior Georg Schmittner. This painting has been venerated since 1700. He was struck by the painting and the devotion. He brought a copy of the painting and the devotion back with him to Argentina, and promoted it under this name. Through Fr. Bergoglio Argentine Catholics came to know about this German devotion. Around this same time the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant disaster in Ukraine occurred and as a result the devotion spread across Europe. Victims sought intercession from Mary and eventually the first chapel dedicated to 'Mary Untier of Knots' was built in Styria, Austria in 1989. The image of Mary Untier of Knots at the main altar of the chapel was created by painter Franz Weiss. It differed from the original, because the artist took as his theme the Chernobyl tragedy.

Most Novenas under this title were composed by lay people in Brazil and Argentina and given to the whole Church in its ministry of healing. This Novena is traditionally used to seek Mary's intercession and resolution in marital and family situations where there appears to be not clear solution. Mary helps us to untie the knots of discord in our families, lack of understanding between parents and children, disrespect, violence, the knots of deep hurt between husband and wife, the absence of peace and joy at home. They are also knots of anguish and despair of separated couples, the dissolution of the family, the knots of a drug addict son or daughter, sick or separated from home or God, knots of alcoholism, the practice of abortion, depression, unemployment, fear, solitude. How they suffocate the soul, beat us down and betray the heart's joy and separate us from God. Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for us.

Divine Liturgy intentions:

Sept. 24 - + Vasyl Harasym at the request of Christine
Nasser (Michenko) and family

Oct. 1. - + Sophia Drozd on the 40th day after her passing at the
request of her family.

Faithful Cross! Above all other,
One and only noble Tree!
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thy peers may be;
Sweetest wood and sweetest iron!
Sweetest Weight is hung on thee.
Bend thy boughs, O Tree of Glory! .
Thy relaxing sinews bend;
For a while the ancient rigour
That thy birth bestowed, suspend;
And the King of heavenly beauty
On thy bosom gently tend!
Thou alone wast counted worthy
This world's ransom to uphold;
For a shipwrecked race preparing
Harbour, like the Ark of old;
With the sacred Blood anointed
From the smitten Lamb that rolled.