Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle – 2Cor 11:31-33; 12:1-9

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023**
9:30 am – Health and Blessings for all Parishioners

**Saturday – Oct. 14, 2023**
9:00 am – Liturgy

**Sunday – Oct. 15, 2023**
9:30 am – Health and Blessing for all Parishioners

**No Liturgy during the weekday (Monday-Friday) except upon request.**

The surprising symbolism of trees in Christianity

These trees speak profound spiritual lessons to us all. Interestingly enough, the Bible begins with a tree and ends with a tree, and the Savior of the world dies on a tree. Simply put, the history of our salvation is intimately linked to the existence of trees. Here are five common trees and their respective spiritual significance.

**Aspen** – According to one story, all trees bowed in sorrow after Christ’s death, except the aspen. It was forever doomed to tremble. Aspen trees symbolize pride.

**Cedar** – The cedar tree is mentioned in the Old Testament and is frequently used in art as a symbol of Christ.

**Cypress** – Even before Christianity, the cypress was seen as a symbol of death. It is a dark plant that once cut, does not spring up again.

**Elm** – The elm is known for its beautiful appearance and marvelous spread of branches. For this it has become a symbol of dignity and faithfulness.

**Oak** – Some traditions claim the wood of the cross was made out of an oak tree. It is also viewed as a strong tree, symbolizing faithfulness and endurance.

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Please pray for: Toni Jarosz, Zenon Repichowskyj and Ann Wojcichowskyj.

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Troparion and Kontakion:

Troparion (2): When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You!
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Kontakion (2): You rose from the tomb, O Almighty Savior, and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose. Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults. And the world, my Savior, sings Your praises for ever.
Now and for ever and ever: Amen.
Theotokion (2): The tomb and death could not hold the Mother of God, unceasing in her intercessions and an unfailing hope of patronage, for as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life by Him Who had dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

Prokimenon:

Prokimenon (2): The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.
Verse: The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.
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