

October 1st, 2023
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost and
Protection of the Mother of God

SUNDAY, 10/1 8:45 am Divine Liturgy (English) with Baptism
 10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

MONDAY, 10/2 No Divine Liturgy

TUESDAY, 10/3 No Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY, 10/4 No Divine Liturgy

THURSDAY, 10/5 No Divine Liturgy

FRIDAY, 10/6 8:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

Night Time Prayers

9:00pm Confession
9:30pm Akaphist
10:00pm Vigil Divine Liturgy
11:15pm Healing Service

SATURDAY, 10/7 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy

SUNDAY, 10/8 11:00 am Parish Feast Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)

Announcements

1-Parish Feast Day

On October 8th will be celebration of the parish 25th anniversary. After Sunday Bilingual Divine Liturgy at 11AM we will be having Potluck Lunch in the Spirituality Center. Everybody is welcome!

2-Night Time Prayers

On October 6th, we will have Night Time Prayers in our Church. They will start at 9:30pm until Midnight As we are aware, prayers are always powerful and pleasing to the Lord. Since gathering together to pray in the evening requires additional effort on our part, we offer to God time which we normally use for sleep or rest. So, Night Time Prayers becomes a sacrifice on our part which is most pleasing to God.

Sunday Readings

Holy Gospel

Luke 6: 31 - 36

Do to others as you would have them do to you. 32 “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 If you lend

to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. 35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.[e] Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Confession

Confession is available before or after Divine Liturgy. In any other case please contact pastor. Confession is recommended as a regular monthly practice. The graces received from confession are an excellent way to help us become closer to Jesus.

Holy Epistle

II Corinthians 9: 6 – 11

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance,

so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 9 As it is written, ‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness[b] endures for ever.’

10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.[c] 11 You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;

Quotes from Thomas Kempis

11. Acquiring Peace and Zeal for Perfection

Part-1

We should enjoy much peace if we did not concern ourselves with what others say and do, for these are no concern of ours. How can a man who meddles in affairs not his own, who seeks strange distractions, and who is little or seldom inwardly recollected, live long in peace? Blessed are the simple of heart for they shall enjoy peace in abundance.

Why were some of the saints so perfect and so given to contemplation? Because they tried to mortify entirely in themselves all earthly desires, and thus they were able to attach themselves to God with all their heart and freely to concentrate their innermost thoughts. We are too occupied with our own whims and fancies, too taken up with passing things. Rarely do we completely conquer even one vice, and we are not inflamed with the desire to improve ourselves day by day; hence, we remain cold and indifferent. If we mortified our bodies perfectly and allowed no distractions to enter our minds, we could appreciate divine things and experience something of heavenly contemplation.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Sunday collections for the weekend of 9/24/23, including envelope offerings - \$787, donations -\$236, candle -\$53
Weekly budget: \$1250, Income \$1076

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*THE CHURCH WAS A MOTHER TO YOU IN LIFE, PROVIDING FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS;
PLEASE REMEMBE YOUR PARISH AND THE EPARCHY OF SAINT JOSAPHAT IN PARMA IN
YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.*