

September 24th, 2023
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY, 9/24 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
 10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

MONDAY, 9/25 No Divine Liturgy

TUESDAY, 9/26 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention

WEDNESDAY, 9/27 8:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

THURSDAY, 9/28 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention

FRIDAY, 9/29 8:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

SATURDAY, 9/30 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy

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

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!

Sunday Readings

Holy Gospel

Luke 5: 1 - 11

Once while Jesus[a] was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, 2 he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught crowds from the boat. 4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.’ 5 Simon answered, ‘Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.’ 6 When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. 7 So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, ‘Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!’ 9 For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be

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afraid; from now on you will be catching people.’ 11 When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Holy Epistle

2 Corinthians 6: 16 – 7:1

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.

What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we[b] are the temple of the living God; as God said,

“I will live in them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, 18 and I will be your father, and you shall be my sons and

daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and of spirit, making holiness perfect in the fear of God.

Quotes from Thomas Kempis

10. Avoiding Idle Talk

Shun the gossip of men as much as possible, for discussion of worldly affairs, even though sincere, is a great distraction inasmuch as we are quickly ensnared and captivated by vanity. Many a time I wish that I had held my peace and had not associated with men. Why, indeed, do we converse and gossip among ourselves when we so seldom part without a troubled conscience? We do so because we seek comfort from one another's conversation and wish to ease the mind wearied by diverse thoughts. Hence, we talk and think quite fondly of things we like very much or of things we dislike intensely. But, sad to say, we often talk vainly and to no purpose; for this external pleasure effectively bars inward and divine consolation. Therefore we must watch and pray lest time pass idly.

When the right and opportune moment comes for speaking, say something that will edify. Bad habits and indifference to spiritual progress do much to remove the guard from the tongue. Devout conversation on spiritual matters, on the contrary, is a great aid to spiritual progress, especially when persons of the same mind and spirit associate together in God.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

**Sunday collections for the weekend of 9/17/23, including envelope offerings - \$801, donations -\$373, candle -\$40
Weekly budget: \$1250, Income \$1214**

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PLEASE REMEMBE YOUR PARISH AND THE EPARCHY OF SAINT JOSAPHAT IN PARMA IN
YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.*