

October 15th, 2023
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY, 10/15 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
 10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

MONDAY, 10/16 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention

TUESDAY, 10/17 No Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY, 10/18 8:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

THURSDAY, 10/19 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention

FRIDAY, 10/20 8:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

SATURDAY, 10/21 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention

SUNDAY, 10/22 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
 10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

Sunday Readings

Holy Gospel

Luke 8: 5 - 15

“A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. 6 Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. 7 Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. 8 Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.” As he said this, he called out, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen!”

9 Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. 10 He said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets^[b] of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak^[c] in parables, so that ‘looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand.’ 11 “Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. 12 The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. 13 The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. 14 As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not

*Upcoming Events
in Parish & Eparchy*
Nov. 8th – *Synaxis of Michael the Archangel and Other Heavenly Powers*
Nov. 21st – *Entrance of the Theotokos to the Temple*

mature. 15 But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

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

Galatians 2: 16 – 20

...yet we know that a person is justified^[d] not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ.^[e] And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we

might be justified by faith in Christ,^[f] and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. 17 But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! 18 But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. 19 For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; 20 and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God,^[g] who loved me and gave himself for me.

Quotes from Thomas Kempis

11. Acquiring Peace and Zeal for Perfection

Part-3

If we were to uproot only one vice each year, we should soon become perfect. The contrary, however, is often the case -- we feel that we were better and purer in the first fervor of our conversion than we are after many years in the practice of our faith. Our fervor and progress ought to increase day by day; yet it is now considered noteworthy if a man can retain even a part of his first fervor.

If we did a little violence to ourselves at the start, we should afterwards be able to do all things with ease and joy. It is hard to break old habits, but harder still to go against our will. If you do not overcome small, trifling things, how will you overcome the more difficult? Resist temptations in the beginning, and unlearn the evil habit lest perhaps, little by little, it lead to a more evil one.

If you but consider what peace a good life will bring to yourself and what joy it will give to others, I think you will be more concerned about your spiritual progress.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Sunday collections for the weekend of 10/15/23, including envelope offerings - \$1412, donations -\$312, candle -\$60

Weekly budget: \$1250, Income \$1793, Support Ukraine Fund: \$1650

**Protection of the Mother of God
Ukrainian Catholic Church
Byzantine Rite**
2880 Highway 138 NE
Conyers, GA 30013

Father Volodymyr Petrytsya

Parish office phone 770-760-1111

Emergency phone 224-400-0558

Email: parish@mogchurch.com

Website: www.mogchurch.com

Confession before or after Divine Liturgy.

Confession is recommended as a regular monthly practice. The graces received from confession are an excellent way to help us become closer to Jesus.

*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.*