

**December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**SUNDAY, 12/17**    9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners  
                          10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

**MONDAY, 12/18**    ----- No Divine Liturgy

**TUESDAY, 12/19**    5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention

**WEDNESDAY, 12/20** 8:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

**THURSDAY, 12/21** 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention

**FRIDAY, 12/22**    8:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

**SATURDAY, 12/23** 4:00 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention

**SUNDAY, 12/24**    9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners  
                          10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention  
                          2:30 pm Great Compline with Lytia

**Announcements**

**1- Divine Liturgy on Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

*Great Compline with Lytia* will be on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm.

*Divine Liturgy for Christmas* will be at 9:00am on December 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday Readings**

**Holy Gospel**

**Luke 14:16– 24**

Then Jesus<sup>Ⓜ</sup> said to him, "Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. <sup>17</sup> At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.' <sup>18</sup> But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.' <sup>19</sup> Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.' <sup>20</sup> Another said, 'I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.' <sup>21</sup> So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.' <sup>22</sup> And the slave said, 'Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.' <sup>23</sup> Then the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that

**Upcoming Events**  
**in Parish & Eparchy**

**Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>** – *Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

**Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>** – *Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God*

**Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>** – *St. Stephen the First Martyr and Archdeacon*

**Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>** – *The Circumcision of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

my house may be filled. <sup>24</sup> For I tell you,<sup>[e]</sup> none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.'"

**Colossians 3:4– 11**

When Christ who is your<sup>[a]</sup> life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in

**Confession**

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glory.<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry).<sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>7</sup> These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>8</sup> But now you must get rid of

all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive<sup>[d]</sup> language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> In that renewal<sup>[e]</sup> there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

**Quotes by Saints**

***St Katherine Drexel***

Ours is the Spirit of the Eucharist, the total Gift of Self.

***St Colette***

If there be a true way that leads to the Everlasting Kingdom, it is most certainly that of suffering, patiently endured.

***St John of God***

*A saint who was once committed to a mental hospital? St John of God's story will fascinate you, while his service for the sick and poor will inspire you.*

Love the poor tenderly, regarding them as your masters and yourselves as their servants.

***St Dominic Savio***

*This young Italian saint is the patron of choir boys.*

Nothing seems tiresome or painful when you are working for a Master who pays well; who rewards even a cup of cold water given for love of Him.

**THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**Sunday collections for 12/10/23, including envelope offerings - \$741**  
**, donations - \$457, candles - \$98**  
**Weekly budget: \$1250, Income \$1296**

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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.*