

May 19th, 2024
Pentecost Sunday

SUNDAY, 5/19 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
 10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

MONDAY, 5/20 **Pentecost Monday**
 8:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

TUESDAY, 5/21 NO Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY, 5/22 8:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

THURSDAY, 5/23 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention

FRIDAY, 5/24 8:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

SATURDAY, 5/25 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention

SUNDAY, 5/26 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
 10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

Announcements

1-May Devotions

The Moleben Service to the Blessed Virgin Mary will be prayed each Tuesday throughout the month of May after Divine Liturgy.

2-All American Youth Pilgrimage

The All American Youth Pilgrimage will be held June 13-16 at Pokrova Church, 6810 Broadview Road, Parma, Ohio. If you are interested in this event you may read more about it here

<https://stjosaphateparchy.com/all-american-youth-pilgrimage-2024/> or talk with the pastor.

Reflections from Archimandrite Zacharias

All Saints — An Image of the Holy Spirit:

The saints cultivated the seed of His image in their hearts and bore the fruit of His likeness. That is why the truth of man's creation in the image of God is revealed in them, as well as the potential given to man to become like unto his Creator, and contain in himself both God and the created world. The Holy Spirit is the image of the Son of God because when He dwells in the deep heart, He depicts the exceeding beautiful countenance of Christ and makes His meek voice resound like a harp. But what is the image of the Holy Spirit? How is the third and secret Person of the Holy Trinity known? The saints of God throughout the ages form His images. They reflect His virtue, His humility, His love, His ethos. By their unshakeable faith and their godly suffering, the saints justify the spotless love of Christ that encompasses all things. God is well-pleased to clothe His faithful servants in a garment of holiness and to be glorified 'in the assembly of little gods'. St Sophrony states that, 'Holiness is not an ethical but an ontological concept. A man is not holy because his morals or conduct are good,' nor because he is a great ascetic – but because 'he bears within

*Upcoming Events
in Parish & Eparchy*
May 27th – Peter's Fast begins
June. 29th – Peter & Paul Feast

himself the Holy Spirit.'

Catechetical Instruction from We Walk with Christ:

Scientific theories posit that the world, limited in time and space, cannot be eternal and that with the exhaustion of natural resources, energy, there will be no life and the world will

Confession

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end. Jesus Christ offers us not a theory, but truth: this world will be transfigured into "the world to come." Creation owes its existence to God, the Creator, and the "world to come" is the fullness of God's plan for mankind. In God's plan, all will be achieved, and creation will be renewed and transfigured. Signs of the "world to come" are already in "this world," and, as a result, they instill hope for the future.

The citizens of the future are the holy. They live on earth according to the laws of the kingdom of God to come. They are a sign of the presence of the kingdom of God in this world. God does not destroy the world but transfigures it from within. Sin has no future. Sin will have no place in the second coming of Christ. In saying "Amen," we continue the mission of the apostles and become partakers of God's transfiguration of the world.

*We Walk with Christ: Youth Catechism,
Chapter One, We Believe, Theme 19,*

"The Life of the World to Come. Amen," amended.

Quotes from Saints

We believe that believers, who are purified by (Christ's) commandments, do not simply have some spiritual illumination and enlightenment, but that the Holy Spirit Himself abides in them; as it is written, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and, The kingdom of God is within you.

Saint John Chrysostom, The Gospel Commentary

By the cross the Lord cast down the tyrant and gained dominion over him. Before the cross was fixed on earth, neither had sin been annulled, nor had our nature -- in Christ -- conquered the world, nor had it been reconciled to God; therefore, the grace of the Holy Spirit was not yet given in full abundance... The prophets possessed the grace of the Spirit, but could not bestow it on others. The apostles multiplied that grace ten thousandfold.

Blessed Theophylact, The Explanation of the Holy Gospel

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

**Sunday collections for the weekend of 5/12/24, including envelope offerings - \$481,
donations -\$294, candle -\$54
Weekly budget: \$1250, Income \$829**

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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.*