

July 21st, 2024
9th Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, 7/21 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
10:20 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention + Baptism

MONDAY, 7/22 8:00 am No Service

TUESDAY, 7/23 8:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

WEDNESDAY, 7/24 8:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

THURSDAY, 7/25 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention

FRIDAY, 7/26 8:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

SATURDAY, 7/27 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention

SUNDAY, 7/28 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

Announcements

1-Vigil Liturgy This Saturday

Only this Saturday (July 27th) Vigil Divine Liturgy will be at 6pm instead of 5pm.

2-Financial Statements from St. Josaphat Eparchy

Financial Statements for 2023 year of St. Josaphat Eparchy is available at www.stjosaphateparchy.com/financial-statements/

3-Night Time Prayers

On August 2nd, 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.

4-Mothers in Prayer

On July 27th will be the next prayer meeting of Mothers in Prayer. The meeting will be after Typica Service on Saturday.

BULL OF INDICTION OF THE ORDINARY JUBILEE OF THE YEAR 2025

Francis, bishop Of Rome, servant Of The Servants Of God
Part-6

10. During the Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind. I think of prisoners who, deprived of their freedom, daily feel the harshness of detention and its restrictions, lack of affection and, in more than a few cases, lack of respect for their persons. I propose that in this Jubilee Year governments undertake initiatives aimed at restoring hope; forms of amnesty or pardon meant to help individuals regain confidence in themselves and in society; and programmes of reintegration in the community, including a concrete commitment to respect for law.

This is an ancient appeal, one drawn from the word of God, whose wisdom remains ever timely. It calls for acts of clemency and liberation that enable new beginnings: “You shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants” (Lev 25:10).

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.

This institution of the Mosaic law was later taken up by the prophet Isaiah: “The Lord has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour” (Is 61:1-2). Jesus made those words his own at the beginning of his ministry, presenting himself as the fulfilment of the “year of the Lord’s favour” (cf. Lk 4:18-19). In every part of the world, believers, and their

Pastors in particular, should be one in demanding dignified conditions for those in prison, respect for their human rights and above all the abolition of the death penalty, a provision at odds with Christian faith and one that eliminates all hope of forgiveness and rehabilitation. [6] In order to offer prisoners a concrete sign of closeness, I would myself like to open a Holy Door in a prison, as a sign inviting prisoners to look to the future with hope and a renewed sense of confidence.

11. Signs of hope should also be shown to the sick, at home or in hospital. Their sufferings can be allayed by the closeness and affection of those who visit them. Works of mercy are also works of hope that give rise to immense gratitude. Gratitude should likewise be shown to all those healthcare workers who, often in precarious conditions, carry out their mission with constant care and concern for the sick and for those who are most vulnerable.

Inclusive attention should also be given to all those in particularly difficult situations, who experience their own weaknesses and limitations, especially those affected by illnesses or disabilities that severely restrict their personal independence and freedom. Care given to them is a hymn to human dignity, a song of hope that calls for the choral participation of society as a whole.

12. Signs of hope are also needed by those who are the very embodiment of hope, namely, the young. Sadly, they often see their dreams and aspirations frustrated. We must not disappoint them, for the future depends on their enthusiasm. It is gratifying to see the energy they demonstrate, for example, by rolling up their sleeves and volunteering to help when disasters strike and people are in need. Yet it is sad to see young people who are without hope, who face an uncertain and unpromising future, who lack employment or job security, or realistic prospects after finishing school. Without the hope that their dreams can come true, they will inevitably grow discouraged and listless. Escaping into drugs, risk-taking and the pursuit of momentary pleasure does greater harm to them in particular, since it closes them to life’s beauty and richness, and can lead to depression and even self-destructive actions. For this reason, the Jubilee should inspire the Church to make greater efforts to reach out to them. With renewed passion, let us demonstrate care and concern for adolescents, students and young couples, the rising generation. Let us draw close to the young, for they are the joy and hope of the Church and of the world!

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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.***