June 1st, 2025 Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

SUNDAY, 6/1 <u>9:00 am</u> Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners

10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

MONDAY, 6/2 8:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

TUESDAY, 6/3 <u>NO</u> Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY, 6/4 8:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention THURSDAY, 6/5 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention FRIDAY, 6/6 8:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

Night Time Prayers 9:00pm Confession 9:30pm Akaphist

SATURDAY, 6/7 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention

SUNDAY, 6/8 <u>9:00 am</u> Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners

10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

Announcements

1 - Nighttime Prayers

Join us for Nighttime Prayers on June 6th, from 9:30 PM to Midnight, in our church. These prayers are a powerful offering to the Lord, as we set aside time normally reserved for rest to unite in sacrifice and devotion. Let us come together in prayer, seeking God's grace and blessings.

Upcoming Events in Parish & Eparchy

Tune 8th —Pentecost

June. 16th – Peter Fast begins

June. 29th – Peter & Paul Feast

2- Mission Days

Starting on the feast of the Ascension May 29th to Pentecost, June 8th we will once again pray that the Lord might renew our life through the Holy Spirit. Throughout these ten Mission Days let us pray for our own parish, mission parishes in St. Josaphat Eparchy and our beloved Church.

3 - Mission Fund collection

On Saturday and Sunday (June 7th-8th) we will have Mission Fund collection

The Letter from Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

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our beloved Church in Ukraine. This year we especially pray for the ceasefire and peace in Ukraine.

Once again, we are called upon to discover and understand anew that our parish communities and families are missionary in nature. As a sign of unity with the entire Church the Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops is asking us to help with collection for the UGCC Mission Fund.

The fund collected in our parishes throughout St. Josaphat Eparchy will support pastoral ministry for our faithful in Eastern Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Siberia and places where we do not have established church structures.

In addition, a portion of these funds will be designated for our own mission activities within our Eparchy in Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina and to establish mission parishes in South Carolina and Kentucky.

By supporting the Missionary Fund, we support our own mission activities in our Eparchy. Thank you again for your goodness and generosity! Please remember the Eparchy in your prayers during the Mission Days, together with our clergy, young people and me. You are in my prayers! Sincerely yours in Christ,

May 2, 2025 +Bohdan J. Danylo Bishop of St. Josaphat Eparchy

Reflection on the Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

"That they all may be one..." (John 17:21)

This Sunday, we honor the 318 Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea (325 A.D.), who stood firm for the truth of the divinity of Christ and safeguarded the unity of the Church.

Faced with the heresy of Arius, who denied that the Son is truly God, the Fathers courageously proclaimed the faith we still profess today in the Nicene Creed—that Jesus Christ is "God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God." This was not merely a theological debate—it was about protecting the heart of our salvation: that the One who died and rose for us is truly the eternal Son of God.

In today's Gospel (John 17:1–13), we hear Christ's high priestly prayer to the Father:

"Holy Father, keep them in Your name... that they may be one as We are one."

The unity Christ prayed for begins in truth. The Holy Fathers of Nicaea remind us that right belief (orthodoxy) is not cold doctrine—it is the path to communion with the living God.

Let us give thanks for the courage and wisdom of these Holy Fathers. May we, like them, stand firm in the faith, remain united in love, and glorify the One true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

<u>Sunday collections</u> for the weekend of <u>5/24/25</u>, including envelope offerings - \$381, donations -\$707, candle -\$89

Weekly budget: \$1250, Income \$1177

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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.