

June 8th, 2025
Pentecost Sunday

SUNDAY, 6/8 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
 10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

MONDAY, 6/9 8:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

TUESDAY, 6/10 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention

WEDNESDAY, 6/11 8:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

THURSDAY, 6/12 NO Divine Liturgy

FRIDAY, 6/13 NO Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY, 6/14 NO Divine Liturgy

SUNDAY, 6/15 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
 10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

Announcements

1-Pastor’s Absence

Fr.Volodymyr will be away from parish on **June 12th-14th** as will be going on camping with young families on their request.

*Upcoming Events
in Parish & Eparchy*
June. 16th – *Peter Fast begins*
June. 29th – *Peter & Paul Feast*

2-All American Youth Pilgrimage

The All American Youth Pilgrimage will be held June 12-15 at Pokrova Church, 6810 Broadview Road, Parma, Ohio. If you are interested in this event you may read more about it here <https://www.stjohnschurchbelfield.com/post/seventh-all-american-youth-pilgrimage-june-12-15-2025> or talk with the pastor.

3 – St.Peter Pence collection

On **Sunday, June 29**, we will take up the annual **Peter’s Pence Collection** at the request of the **Holy Father**. This special offering supports the charitable works of the Pope and aids those suffering from poverty, conflict, or natural disasters around the world.

Reflection on Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday – The Feast of the Holy Spirit

“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit...” (Acts 2:4)

Pentecost marks the birth of the Church, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles like tongues of fire, fifty days after Pascha. What began in the Upper Room spread to the ends of the earth—and continues today in every heart open to God.

In the Byzantine tradition, Pentecost is also called Trinity Sunday, for it is through the Spirit that we come to know the Father and the Son. The Troparion of the feast declares:

“Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who have shown the fishermen to be most wise, sending down upon them the Holy Spirit. Through them You have caught the whole world in Your net...”

The Spirit Transforms

The fearful apostles became bold witnesses. Pentecost reminds us that the Holy Spirit is not only a past event but a present fire, renewing the Church, strengthening the weak, and illuminating the hearts of the faithful.

The Kneeling Prayers

In our tradition, we kneel publicly for the first time since Pascha during the Vespers of Pentecost, known as the “Kneeling Service.” In these ancient prayers, we humbly call upon the Spirit to dwell in us, forgive our sins, and guide our lives.

Pentecost Today

The Holy Spirit is given to each of us through Baptism and Chrismation. He is not a distant force, but the Giver of Life, present in every prayer, every sacrament, every moment we turn to God.

Come, O Holy Spirit!

O Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, present everywhere and filling all things, Treasury of blessings and Giver of life—come and dwell within us, cleanse us from all stain, and save our souls, O Good One!

Catechetical Instruction from We Walk with Christ:

Part-1

Just as there is only male and female, marriage can only be defined as a union of a man and a woman in the Holy Mystery of Marriage within the Church.

The marriage of a man and woman is holy. It is a sacred bond between a husband and wife who make the commitment to be faithful to one another as the Church is faithful to Jesus Christ. Saint Paul tells us in Romans 16:5 that marriage establishes a domestic church.

Because a marriage is holy, it is a sin to covet the wife or husband of another. To covet the spouse of another can lead to additional impure thoughts, acts, and adultery in thought and deed.

A marriage is sanctified when a husband and wife struggle in their daily life to overcome the sins of selfishness, failure to communicate, lust, and more. When a man and a woman are married, they make a commitment to help one another attain heaven.

We Walk with Christ: Youth Catechism, Chapter Three, We Love, Theme 10, "You Shall Not Covet Your Neighbor's Wife," amended. You can purchase copies through the Eparchy's website.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Sunday collections for the weekend of 6/1/25, including envelope offerings - \$605, donations -\$234, candle -\$28
Weekly budget: \$1250, Income \$867

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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 REMEMBER YOUR PARISH AND THE EPARCHY OF SAINT JOSAPHAT IN PARMA IN
YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.***