

July 13th, 2025

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY, 7/13

9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners

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

MONDAY, 7/14

7:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

TUESDAY, 7/15

NO Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY, 7/16

NO Divine Liturgy

THURSDAY, 7/17

NO Divine Liturgy

FRIDAY, 7/18

NO Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY, 7/19

NO Divine Liturgy

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Announcements

1 - Pastor’s Absence

Please note that Fr. Volodymyr will be away from the parish from **July 15–19**. During these periods, **there will be no weekday services. Sunday Liturgies will take place as usual.**

Reflection on The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

“What have You to do with us, O Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?” (Mt 8:29)

In this dramatic Gospel passage, Jesus enters the region of the Gadarenes and confronts two men possessed by demons. The demons immediately recognize Him—not merely as a teacher or prophet, but as the Son of God. Their fear and submission reveal Christ’s absolute authority over all evil.

The Power and Authority of Christ

This passage reminds us that no force of darkness can withstand the presence of Christ. His word is stronger than fear, bondage, addiction, or despair. Even when others are too afraid to approach Jesus, as the townspeople were, He approaches those in need—even those who seem furthest from grace.

St. John Chrysostom writes: “The demons speak, not because they know Him willingly, but because they are compelled by the presence of divine authority.”

When Mercy Is Misunderstood

Strangely, after Jesus heals the two men, the people of the town beg Him to leave. Instead of rejoicing over the deliverance of the possessed, they focus on the loss of their herd of swine.

Upcoming Events

in Parish & Eparchy

July 25th – Dormition of St. Ann

Aug. 6th – feast of Transfiguration

Their reaction warns us: a hardened heart can reject even a miracle if it comes at the cost of worldly comfort.

Are there moments when we too are more concerned about convenience than conversion? Matthew 9:1 closes this passage: “And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city.” Even when rejected, Christ does not stop offering mercy—He continues His mission to heal, teach, and save.

Reflection Question: Where in my life do I resist Christ’s power because I fear what it might cost me?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, You who cast out darkness with a word, enter the corners of my heart. Drive away all fear, sin, and resistance, and give me the grace to welcome You fully—no matter the cost. Have mercy on me, Son of God.

Quotes for Reflection – 5th Sunday After Pentecost

1.

St. John Chrysostom “The demons believed, yet trembled; but men, though healed, often show less gratitude than those who were afflicted.”
2.

St. Basil the Great “To deny the presence of evil in the world is to render Christ’s victory meaningless.”
3.

St. Gregory the Theologian “It is not the absence of demons that makes us holy, but the presence of Christ within us.”
4.

St. Ephrem the Syrian “He who fears to lose earthly possessions will never see the treasure of heaven.”
5.

St. Seraphim of Sarov “Acquire the Spirit of Peace, and a thousand around you will be saved.”
6.

St. Maximus the Confessor “The demons cannot dwell where the light of humility burns.”
7.

St. Isaac the Syrian “It is a greater miracle for a soul to repent than for the dead to be raised.”
8.

St. Anthony the Great “The devil fears a heart burning with faith more than a tongue armed with words.”
9.

St. Macarius of Egypt “There is no greater blindness than to see the works of God and remain unmoved.”
10.

St. Theophan the Recluse “People fear that God will take something from them, when in truth, He comes only to give.”

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Sunday collections for the weekend of 7/6/25, including envelope offerings - \$220, donations -\$381, candle -\$101, online giving - \$100

Weekly budget: \$1250, Income \$802

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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.***