

July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, 7/27

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

10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for Ramin

MONDAY, 7/28

7:30 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

TUESDAY, 7/29

NO Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY, 7/30

7:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

THURSDAY, 7/31

NO Divine Liturgy

FRIDAY, 8/1

7:30 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

Night Time Prayers

9:00pm Confession

9:30pm Akaphist

10:00pm Divine Liturgy

11:00pm Healing Service

SATURDAY, 8/2

9:30 am Office of Holy Oil for Anointing the Sick

5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention

SUNDAY, 8/3

9:00 am 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 August 1st, 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.

2- Holy Oil Service

We warmly invite everyone to the Holy Anointing (Holy Oil) Service on Saturday, **August 2nd at 9:30 AM** at our church. This special service, celebrated during the Dormition Fast, is a sacred opportunity to receive the grace of healing and spiritual renewal. We are blessed to be joined by priests from St. John Chrysostom Melkite Church and Epiphany Byzantine Catholic Church, who will concelebrate the service with us. Confessions will be available before and after the service for those wishing to prepare spiritually.

Reflection on the Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

“According to your faith, let it be done to you.” (Mt 9:29)

This Sunday’s Gospel shows us the compassionate and healing power of Jesus as He restores sight to the blind and speech to the mute. These miracles reveal not only Christ’s authority but also the essential role of faith in receiving God’s grace.

Upcoming Events  
in Parish & Eparchy

Aug 1<sup>st</sup> – Night Time Prayers

Aug 1<sup>st</sup> – Dormition Fast begins

Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> – feast of Transfiguration

Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> – feast of Dormition

Faith That Sees

The two blind men cry out, “Son of David, have mercy on us!”—a profound recognition of Jesus as the promised Messiah. Though they could not see with their eyes, they saw clearly with their hearts. Jesus responds not merely to their need, but to their faith: “According to your faith, let it be done to you.” Their healing becomes a testimony that true vision begins with trust in God, not physical ability.

St. John Chrysostom writes: “The blind men saw more clearly than those with sight, for they recognized the Son of David and followed Him with perseverance.”

Healing That Restores Wholeness

Next, Jesus heals a mute man possessed by a demon. Once freed, the man not only speaks, but becomes a sign of God’s reign. The people marvel, yet the Pharisees respond with cynicism—accusing Jesus of acting by demonic power.

This contrast shows us that miracles alone do not create faith—only a heart open to God can truly recognize His work.

Christ the Healer of Body and Soul

The Gospel ends by summarizing Jesus’ mission: “He went about all the cities... healing every disease... and preaching the good news of the kingdom.”

He is the Great Physician, healing both physical and spiritual wounds, restoring people to communion with God and one another. His work continues today in the Church through the sacraments, the Word, and acts of mercy.

Reflection Question: Do I approach Jesus with the same faith and trust as the blind men—or do I allow fear, pride, or doubt to keep me silent?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, You opened the eyes of the blind and loosened the tongue of the mute. Open my heart to trust in Your mercy, to see You more clearly, and to proclaim Your goodness without fear. Heal me, so I may follow You in faith.

Quotes for the Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

- “Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.” St. Augustine of Hippo
- “Christ gave sight to the blind so that we might understand that He is the light of those in darkness—not only of the eyes, but of the heart.” St. Ephrem the Syrian
- “When you draw near to Christ, it is not the tongue but the heart that speaks; and when the heart is filled with faith, healing is never far.” St. Cyril of Jerusalem
- “The Word of God heals not only with touch, but by His very presence. Where Christ is welcomed, wholeness follows.” St. Gregory the Theologian

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Sunday collections for the weekend of 7/20/25, including envelope offerings - \$650, donations -\$370, candle -\$39

Weekly budget: \$1250, Income \$1059

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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.***