

July 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost	
SUNDAY, 7/6	<u>9:00 am</u> Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners <u>10:30 am</u> Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention
MONDAY, 7/7	<u>NO</u> Divine Liturgy
TUESDAY, 7/8	<u>NO</u> Divine Liturgy
WEDNESDAY, 7/9	<u>NO</u> Divine Liturgy
THURSDAY, 7/10	<u>NO</u> Divine Liturgy
FRIDAY, 7/11	<u>NO</u> Divine Liturgy
SATURDAY, 7/12	<u>NO</u> Divine Liturgy
SUNDAY, 7/13	<u>9:00 am</u> Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners <u>10:30 am</u> Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

Announcements

**1 - Pastor's Absence**

Please note that Fr. Volodymyr will be away from the parish from **July 7–12** and **July 15–19**. During these periods, **there will be no weekday services. Sunday Liturgies will take place as usual.**

**2 - Thank You for Supporting the Peter's Pence Collection!**

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to the Peter's Pence Collection. Through your generosity, we have collected \$230, which will help support the charitable works of the Holy Father and the universal Church. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and support!

<i>Upcoming Events in Parish &amp; Eparchy</i>
<u>July 25<sup>th</sup></u> – Dormition of St. Ann
<u>Aug. 6<sup>th</sup></u> – feast of Transfiguration

**Pope Leo XIV on Artificial Intelligence:**

Together with its extraordinary potential to benefit the human family, the rapid development of AI also raises deeper questions concerning the proper use of such technology in generating a more authentically just and human global society. All of us, I am sure, are concerned for children and young people, and the possible consequences of the use of AI on their intellectual and neurological development. Our youth must be helped, and not hindered, in their journey towards maturity and true responsibility. They are our hope for the future, and society's well-being depends upon their being given the ability to develop their God-given gifts and capabilities, and to respond to the demands of the times and the needs of others with a free and generous spirit. No generation has ever had such quick access to the amount of information now available through AI. But again, access to data — however extensive — must not be confused with intelligence, which necessarily “involves the person's openness to the ultimate questions of life and reflects an orientation toward the True and the Good” (Antiqua et Nova, No. 29). In the end, authentic wisdom has more to do with recognizing the true meaning of life, than with the availability of data.

**Catechetical Instruction from We Walk with Christ:**

In the world happiness is identified with material goods and physical health and beauty, or earthly things. The Christian understands, however, that happiness can only be found in God and so to be happy means to be blessed. As we read in Psalm 1: "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, that yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers."

At his Sermon on the Mount, Our Lord gave us a guide to life as a Christian and blessedness: The Beatitudes. In his sermons on the Beatitudes, St. Gregory of Nyssa tells us: "Beatitude, in my opinion, is a possession of all things held to be good, from which nothing is absent that a good desire may want." He contrasts beatitude with misery: "Now the opposite of beatitude is misery. Misery means being afflicted unwillingly with painful sufferings. The condition of either is therefore diametrically opposed to the other. For it is natural that a man who is called blessed should thoroughly relish the things that are set before him for his enjoyment; whereas it behooves the man who is deemed unhappy to be sorely grieved by his present condition." The Beatitudes are a guide to the Christian life, he tells us, because they are like a ladder with steps that take us upward to the kingdom of heaven: "It seems to me that the Beatitudes are arranged in order like so many steps, so as to facilitate the ascent from one to another. For if a man's mind has ascended to the first Beatitude, he will accept what follows as a necessary result of thought, even though the next clause seems to say something new beyond what had been said in the first."

Let us each climb the steps of this ladder and ascend to God. (St. Gregory Nyssa, The Lord's Prayer, The Beatitudes, trans. Hilda C. Graef, Paulist Press, Mahwah, New Jersey, 1954)

**The Beatitudes**

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness's sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you. (Matthew 5:1-11 RSV2CE)

*We Walk with Christ: Youth Catechism, Chapter Three, We Love, Theme 12, "...the Beatitudes," amended. You can purchase copies through the Eparchy's website.*

**THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**Sunday collections** for the weekend of **6/29/25**, including envelope offerings - **\$555**, donations -**\$705**, candle -**\$50**, online giving - **\$130**  
**Weekly budget: \$1250, Income \$1440**

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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.***