

August 10 th , 2025	
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	
SUNDAY, 8/10	<u>9:00 am</u> Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners <u>10:15 am</u> Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) with Baptism
MONDAY, 8/11	<u>7:30 am</u> Divine Liturgy for + souls in purgatory
TUESDAY, 8/12	<u>NO</u> Divine Liturgy
WEDNESDAY, 8/13	<u>6:15 pm</u> Divine Liturgy for + souls in purgatory
THURSDAY, 8/14	<u>NO</u> Divine Liturgy
FRIDAY, 8/15	<i>Feast of Dormition</i> <u>7:30 am</u> Divine Liturgy for special intention
SATURDAY, 8/16	<u>5:00 pm</u> Divine Liturgy (English) for special intention
SUNDAY, 8/17	<u>9:00 am</u> Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners <u>10:30 am</u> Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) with Baptism

Announcements

1- Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God – This Friday

This Friday, August 15, we will celebrate the Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God. Divine Liturgy will be served at **7:30 AM**. Let us come together in prayer on this great feast, honoring the Mother of God and asking for her intercession for our families, parish, and the whole world.

<i>Upcoming Events in Parish & Eparchy</i>
<u>Aug 15th</u> – Dormition
<u>Sep 1st</u> – New Church Year
<u>Sep. 8th</u> – nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Reflection — Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

(Matthew 14:22–34)

Today’s Gospel presents a moment of both fear and faith. The disciples are in a boat, battered by the wind and waves, when they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In their fear, they think He is a ghost. But He speaks the words every believer needs to hear: “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter, full of courage, steps out onto the water toward the Lord — but as soon as his eyes focus on the storm rather than on Jesus, he begins to sink. Yet even then, Christ stretches out His hand and saves him. This passage reminds us that:

- 1.Faith grows when we keep our eyes on Christ.** The moment we focus more on our problems than on the One who can save us, fear begins to pull us under.
- 2. Storms are not a sign of God’s absence.** Jesus came to the disciples in the storm, showing that He is closest to us in our trials.
- 3. Our prayer in moments of crisis can be as short as Peter’s:** “Lord, save me!” — and it is enough for Jesus to act.

Let us remember that the same Lord who calmed the waves can calm our hearts. Whatever storms we face — doubts, sickness, family struggles, or the uncertainty of the times — we can walk through them with courage if we keep our eyes fixed on Him. “Take heart... do not be afraid.”

Catechetical Instruction from We Walk with Christ:

Our Lord accepted suffering and died on the cross for us. By dying on the cross, he transformed an instrument of torment, suffering, and death into an instrument of salvation. The cross is a sign of the Lord's compassion for us. In praying and suffering for others, we imitate the compassion of the Lord. Some shed tears when they pray, a gift from the Holy Spirit for their repentance, compassion, suffering. St. John Klimakos teaches: "Many of the Fathers say that the question of tears, especially in the case of beginners, is an obscure matter and hard to ascertain, as tears are born in many different ways. For instance, there are tears from nature, from God, from adverse suffering, from praise-worthy suffering, from vainglory, from licentiousness, and from many other causes. Stripped by fear of God, let us train ourselves in all these ways, and acquire for ourselves pure and guileless tears over our dissolution. For there is no dissimulation or self-esteem in them, but on the contrary there is purification, progress in love for God, washing away of sin, and dispassion." St. Gregory of Nyssa teaches: "For surely, if a soul bewails its wicked life because it feels its bad effects, such suffering cannot be excluded from the sorrow that is blessed.... ...those who mourn now are blessed, because they shall be comforted in the world without end. Now the comfort comes through participating in the Comforter. For the gift of comforting is the special operation of the Spirit, of which we may also be made worthy, through the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." (St. John Klimakos, "On Joyful Mourning, The Ladder of Divine Ascent, St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox Monastery, SAGOM Press, Florence, Arizona, 2023) (St. Gregory Nyssa, The Lord's Prayer, The Beatitudes, trans. Hilda C. Graef, Paulist Press, Mahwah, New Jersey, 1954)

We Walk with Christ: Youth Catechism, Chapter Three, We Love, Theme 14, "Blessed Are They Who Mourn," amended. You can purchase copies through the Eparchy's website.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Sunday collections for the weekend of **8/3/25**, including envelope offerings - **\$710**, donations -**\$450**, candle -**\$79**, online giving - **\$90**
Weekly budget: \$1250, Income \$1329

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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.

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