

August 17th, 2025
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, 8/17 **9:00 am** Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
 10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention
MONDAY, 8/18 **7:30 am** Divine Liturgy for + souls in purgatory
TUESDAY, 8/19 **NO** Divine Liturgy
WEDNESDAY, 8/20 **6:15 pm** Divine Liturgy for + souls in purgatory
THURSDAY, 8/21 **NO** Divine Liturgy for + souls in purgatory
FRIDAY, 8/22 **7:30 am** Divine Liturgy for special intention
SATURDAY, 8/23 **5:00 pm** Divine Liturgy (English) for special intention
SUNDAY, 8/24 **9:00 am** Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
 10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

Announcements

1-Fall Youth Retreat 2024

The Fall Youth Retreat (FYR) will take place September 12–14 (Friday–Sunday) at Camp Guyasuta in Sharpsburg, PA.

This year's theme is: "The Saints: Beacons of Hope." The main speaker will be Subdeacon Alex Bricki from the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. Flyers and registration materials (English and Ukrainian) are available.

Even though we may not have many youth in our parish, we are encouraged to spread the word to family, friends, and neighboring parishes. This retreat is a wonderful opportunity for young people to grow in faith, form new friendships, and be inspired by the example of the saints. For details, please contact Fr. Lubomir Zhybak (zhybak@hotmail.com) or Michael Spak, FYR Coordinator (michael_spak@yahoo.com).

***Upcoming Events
in Parish & Eparchy***

***Sep 1st** – New Church Year*

***Sep. 8th** – nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Those who are meek are calm in the face of evil and refuse to fight evil with evil. Those who are meek love their enemies. They have self control over anger and do not seek revenge. They turn the other cheek when struck.

We have the right as Christians to defend ourselves against violent aggression. We have an obligation to protect our families against such attacks. But as Christians we must show restraint. We cannot seek vengeance, and we cannot use excessive force.

We gain self control over our passions through asceticism, a Greek word meaning training or exercise. To have control over the passions, we must train. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are part of this struggle, as is confession, Divine Liturgy, and Holy Communion.

You will find different lists of the passions, but a common, traditional list numbers them at eight: gluttony, lust, avarice, melancholy, anger, acedia, vainglory, and pride.

In our spiritual battle, we seek to offset the passions with virtues, among them: temperance, wholeness of being, generosity, joy in the Holy Spirit, long suffering, cheerfulness of spirit, humble mindedness, and humility. Others include faith, hope, knowledge, wisdom, and love. Evagrius Ponticus teaches: "The meek man does not refrain from love, even if he must suffer the worst...he is forbearing and patient, gentle and long suffering. For if forbearance is a characteristic of love, it follows that angry quarreling is not. Anger awakens sorrow and hatred, but love attenuates all three.

"If you stand firm in love, pay more attention to it than to the one who strikes you....He who has acquired the virtues of love imprisons the passions of evil....

St. Gregory of Nyssa teaches:

"Blessed, therefore, are those who are not easily turned towards the passionate movements of the soul, but who are steadied by reason. For the reasoning power restrains the desires like a rein and does not suffer the soul to be carried away to unruliness.

"To be of this mind is precisely to be habitually profoundly humble, for if humility is well established, wrath will find no entrance into the soul. And if wrath is absent, life will be in a settled state of peace."

(Gabriel Bunge, Dragon's Wine and Angels Bread: The Teachings of Evagrius Ponticus on Anger and Meekness, St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, Crestwood, New York, 2009)^[1]

(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 15, "Blessed Are the Meek," amended. You can purchase copies through the Eparchy's website.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Sunday collections for the weekend of 8/10/25, including envelope offerings - \$1065, donations -\$433, candle -\$50, online giving - \$30
Weekly budget: \$1250, Income \$1578

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