# September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY, 9/28 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners

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

MONDAY, 9/29 7:30 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

TUESDAY, 9/30 <u>NO</u> Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY, 10/1 6:15 pm Divine Liturgy for + Iryna Zarutska

THURSDAY, 10/2 <u>NO</u> Divine Liturgy

FRIDAY, 10/3 7:30 am Divine Liturgy for + Charlie Kirk

Night Time Prayers

9:00pm Confession

9:30pm Akaphist

10:00pm Divine Liturgy

11:00pm Healing Service

**SATURDAY, 10/4** 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy (English) for special intention

SUNDAY, 10/5 Parish Feast

**10:30 am** Divine Liturgy (Bilingual) for all parishioners

#### **Announcements**

## 1-Nighttime Prayers

Join us for Nighttime Prayers on *October 3rd*, 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.

# Upcoming Events in Parish & Eparchy

Oct. 1st -Protection of the Mother of God

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> – First Friday

Oct. 5th -Parish Feast

#### 2-Parish Feast Day Celebration — Pokrova

While the liturgical feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos (Pokrova) falls on Wednesday, October 1st, we will celebrate our Parish Feast Day together on **Sunday**, **October 5th**.

On that day, we will have ONE bilingual Divine Liturgy, bringing our whole parish family together in prayer and unity.

After the Liturgy, we warmly invite everyone to stay for a potluck lunch! If you are able, please bring a dish to share — homemade or store-bought — and let's celebrate together in the spirit of fellowship and gratitude.

"Under Your protection, O Mother of God, we take refuge!"

Let's make this day a joyful celebration of our faith, community, and spiritual family.

All are welcome — we hope to see you there!

#### **Reflection on the Sunday Readings**

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1–10 Gospel: Luke 5:1–11

#### Epistle Reflection – Living as Servants of God

St. Paul reminds us: "Now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (2 Cor 6:2)

He calls us not to delay our response to God's grace. The Christian life is lived here and now, in every season and circumstance. Paul describes his ministry as one of patience, endurance, hardship, yet also of purity, knowledge, and the power of the Holy Spirit. Our witness as Christians must shine even in difficulty. The strength of our faith is not shown when life is easy, but when we remain faithful under trial. We are ambassadors of Christ, called to bear His light in every situation.

## Gospel Reflection - "Put Out into the Deep"

In today's Gospel, Peter and his companions labor all night without catching anything. Yet when Jesus commands, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets," they obey—and the nets overflow with fish.

This is a lesson in trust. Even when our efforts seem fruitless, when we obey Christ's word, He brings forth abundance. Peter's response, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man," shows that the closer we come to God, the more we see our unworthiness. Yet Jesus does not reject Peter—He calls him to a new mission:

"Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

The miracle of the catch is not just about fish—it is about the birth of Peter's vocation and the call of every disciple: to bring others into the net of God's Kingdom.

## Living the Word

Do I treat each day as "the acceptable time" to grow in holiness?

Do I trust Christ enough to obey His word, even when I feel tired or discouraged? How am I being called to "catch" others—not with force, but with the witness of mercy and love...

## Prayer

Lord, You call me to deeper waters of faith. Give me courage to trust Your word, even when my nets feel empty. Strengthen me, like Peter, to follow You and to bring others to Your light. Amen.

#### THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Sunday collections for the weekend of 9/21/25, including envelope offerings - \$790,

donations -\$262, candle -\$110, online -\$500

Weekly budget: \$1250, Income \$1562

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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.