

October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, 10/12     9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners  
                         10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for + Gregory Mekosh

MONDAY, 10/13     NO Divine Liturgy

TUESDAY, 10/14     NO Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY, 10/15 NO Divine Liturgy

THURSDAY, 10/16   NO Divine Liturgy

FRIDAY, 10/17       7:30 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

SATURDAY, 10/18   5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention

SUNDAY, 10/19       9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners  
                         10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for + Igor Sushanskiy

Announcements

**1 - Pastor Away for Clergy Conference**

Fr. Volodymyr will be away from the parish from ***October 13<sup>th</sup> to October 16<sup>th</sup>*** attending the National Clergy Conference of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the USA, which will take place this year in Chicago. Please keep him and all clergy in your prayers, that this gathering may strengthen their faith, unity, and service to the Church.

**Reflection for the 18th Sunday after Pentecost**  
*Luke 7:11–16 – “Young man, I say to you, arise!”*

**The Compassion of Christ**

In the Gospel today, we encounter Jesus entering the town of Nain just as a funeral procession is coming out. A widow is burying her only son. The Gospel says that Jesus “had compassion on her.”

This word "compassion" in Greek, refers to a deep movement of the heart, a visceral reaction. Jesus is not distant or indifferent—He feels deeply the pain of this woman, who has lost her husband and now her only son. She is not just grieving; she is completely alone and vulnerable.

In this, we see the heart of Christ—a God who sees our tears and comes near to comfort us. He steps into the pain of our human condition and says: “Do not weep.” Not as a command to ignore pain, but as a promise that He is about to do something that changes everything.

**The Power of His Word**

With one word, Jesus raises the dead: “Young man, I say to you, arise!” The dead man sits up and begins to speak. This is not magic. This is the divine authority of the Son of God, whose word brings life from death, hope from despair, joy from mourning.

*Upcoming Events  
in Parish & Eparchy*

*Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> – Synaxis of Michael the Archangel  
and Other Heavenly Powers*

*Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> – Entrance of the Theotokos to  
the Temple*

This miracle points not only to Jesus’ power over death, but also to the coming resurrection and the healing He offers in our own lives—even when situations seem “dead”: broken relationships, crushed dreams, spiritual dryness. Jesus still says: “Arise.”

Let us hear this call anew—especially in our families, parishes, and communities where life may feel burdened or even lifeless. Christ’s word can bring it back to life.

**From Mourning to Mission**

After the miracle, the people are filled with awe and glorify God. They say: “God has visited His people.” This is more than amazement—it is recognition. Jesus is the Messiah, the One who brings God’s presence into human history. The resurrection of the widow’s son isn’t just for her; it becomes a witness to the whole town. Our own experiences of healing, renewal, or answered prayers are not just personal—they are meant to become testimonies. Through us, God continues to “visit His people.”

**A Message for Today**

We live in a world that often feels overwhelmed with grief—wars, broken homes, fear, and isolation. Like the widow, many feel alone. And yet, Jesus walks into those very moments, moved by love, ready to speak life.

May we, as Church, also be moved with compassion. Let us walk with the grieving, support the forgotten, raise the fallen, and comfort the lonely. Let us be the presence of Christ to those who mourn.

**Prayer**

Lord Jesus, You saw the pain of the widow and You acted with love and power. See our needs today. Speak life into what is broken. Raise what is fallen. And help us to be messengers of hope in a hurting world. Amen.

**Quotes for the Bulletin**

“Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.”  
— Saint Mother Teresa

✠ A perfect thought after a joyful parish celebration full of warm smiles and fellowship.  
“Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.”  
— Saint Augustine

“The Church is not a museum for saints but a hospital for sinners.”  
— Attributed to Saint Augustine

✠ A quote that speaks to humility and welcome in the parish community.  
“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

**THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**Sunday collections for the weekend of 10/5/25, including envelope offerings - \$935, donations - \$561, candle - \$49, online - \$30**

**Weekly budget: \$1250, Income \$1575**

**Parish Fair: Income \$622, Expenses ~ \$900**

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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.***