

October 26th, 2025
20th Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, 10/26 **9:00 am** Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
 10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention
MONDAY, 10/27 **7:30 am** Divine Liturgy for special intention
TUESDAY, 10/28 **NO** Divine Liturgy
WEDNESDAY, 10/29 **6:15 pm** Divine Liturgy for special intention
THURSDAY, 10/30 **NO** Divine Liturgy
FRIDAY, 10/31 **7:30 am** Divine Liturgy for special intention
SATURDAY, 11/1 **3:00 pm** Divine Liturgy for special intention
SUNDAY, 11/2 **9:00 am** Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
 10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

Announcements

1 - Nighttime Prayers

Join us for Nighttime Prayers on **November 7th**, 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

2-All Saints' Day Celebration

Join us for All Saints' Day on November 1st at **3:00 PM** at Mother of God Catholic Church. Together we will celebrate the Divine Liturgy in honor of all the saints—known and unknown—who inspire us by their holy lives.

Families and children are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite saint, sharing in the joy and beauty of our faith. Let us gather as one community, giving thanks for the saints who guide us on our journey to holiness.

Reflection on the 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 16:19–31

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a striking parable that pierces through our comfort and challenges the way we see others — especially the poor and suffering.

A rich man dressed in fine clothes feasts lavishly every day, while a poor man named Lazarus lies at his gate, covered in sores, longing for scraps. The rich man ignores him. Eventually, both die: Lazarus is carried by angels to Abraham's bosom, while the rich man finds himself in torment.

This parable is not merely about wealth, but about awareness, compassion, and eternal consequences. The rich man's sin wasn't his riches — it was his indifference. He saw Lazarus daily but chose not to respond. His heart had become numb to suffering.

This Gospel invites us to reflect deeply:

*Upcoming Events
in Parish & Eparchy*

Nov. 8th – *Synaxis of Michael the Archangel
and Other Heavenly Powers*
Nov. 21st – *Entrance of the Theotokos to
the Temple*

Do I see the Lazaruses at my gate — the lonely, the hurting, the poor — and respond with love?

Have I become too comfortable, too distracted, too self-focused?

Am I preparing not only for life on earth, but for eternal life with God?

There is a haunting detail in the parable: the rich man knows Lazarus' name. He cannot claim ignorance. He simply chose not to care. And after death, he finds that the great chasm between them — once a small gate in life — is now impassable.

Yet even in this stark warning, Jesus extends hope. We are still alive. We still have today. We still have the chance to notice, to act, to love.

Let us not wait until it's too late. May we recognize Christ in the suffering, serve Him in the poor, and treasure the things that last for eternity.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." (Matthew 5:7)

Reflection for the Feast of Saint Demetrius the Great Martyr

"For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it." (Matthew 16:25)

Today we honor Saint Demetrius of Thessalonica, one of the most beloved martyrs of the early Church and a shining witness to courage, faith, and unwavering love for Christ.

Born into a noble family and appointed as a military commander in the city of Thessalonica, Demetrius could have lived a comfortable life in service to the empire. But instead, he chose to serve a greater King — Christ our Lord. When commanded to persecute Christians, he boldly refused and instead proclaimed the Gospel openly, knowing it could cost him his life. Saint Demetrius was imprisoned and ultimately martyred for his faith around the year 306. But his death was not the end — it became a beginning for many others who found strength in his witness. His tomb became a place of healing, and his name became known throughout the Christian world as a protector, intercessor, and defender of the truth.

In our modern world, we may not face physical persecution, but we are often tempted to remain silent, to compromise, or to live a faith that is comfortable but not courageous. Saint Demetrius challenges us to live with boldness — to stand for Christ even when it costs us something. Let us reflect:

Do I choose convenience over conviction in my daily life?

Am I willing to witness to Christ in my workplace, school, or community?

How can I honor the legacy of Saint Demetrius by defending the faith with love and truth?

May Saint Demetrius intercede for us, especially in times of spiritual struggle. Through his prayers, may we become fearless witnesses to the Risen Christ, just as he was.

"Holy Great-Martyr Demetrius, pray to God for us!"

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

**Sunday collections for the weekend of 10/19/25, including envelope offerings - \$750,
donations -\$929, candle -\$30, online - \$30
Weekly budget: \$1250, Income \$1709**

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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.*