

October 5th, 2025

Protection of the Mother of God - Parish Feast Day

SUNDAY, 10/5 Parish Feast
10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Bilingual) for all parishioners

MONDAY, 10/6 7:30 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

TUESDAY, 10/7 NO Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY, 10/8 7:30 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

THURSDAY, 10/9 NO Divine Liturgy

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

SATURDAY, 10/11 NO Divine Liturgy (English) for special intention

SUNDAY, 10/12 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

Announcements

1-Words of Gratitude on Our Parish Feast Day

On this blessed Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God, we pause to offer our heartfelt gratitude to all who have been part of our parish journey — from its earliest days until today. To those who established our parish, who built its foundation with prayer, sacrifice, and vision — we thank you.

To those who have served and supported it through the years, keeping faith alive in every generation — we honor you. And to all who continue to enrich our parish family today through your presence, your prayers, and your love — we bless God for you. May the Mother of God continue to protect and guide our parish, making it always a home of faith, hope, and love. Together, under her holy protection, may we continue to build a community united in Christ — one heart, one spirit, one family. “Under your protection, O Mother of God, we take refuge. Do not turn away from our prayers, but deliver us always from every danger.”

2- Pastor Away for Clergy Conference

Fr. Volodymyr will be away from the parish from *October 13th to October 16th* 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.

3-No Vigil Divine Liturgy Next Saturday

Please note that there will be *no Vigil Divine Liturgy next Saturday*, as both Fr. Volodymyr and Fr. Deacon Michael will be away from the parish.

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

We invite everyone to join us for Sunday Divine Liturgy as usual, and to keep one another in prayer throughout the week. Thank you for your understanding and for keeping our clergy in your prayers during their travels and service.

Reflection on the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God

Epistle: Hebrews 9:1–7 | Gospel: Luke 10:38–42; 11:27–28

The Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God, known as Pokrova, is a celebration of faith and divine care — a reminder that the Mother of God continues to extend her protective veil over the world, her children, and especially the Church. The roots of this feast reach back to the 10th century, when the faithful of Constantinople gathered in the Church of Blachernae as enemies surrounded the city. In that moment of fear, Saint Andrew the Fool for Christ and his disciple Epiphanius beheld a vision of the Theotokos standing in the air, radiant in light, spreading her veil over the people in a sign of protection. Peace followed — and hope was restored. This feast reminds us that Mary’s protection is not a legend, but a living promise. Her mantle still covers all who call upon her with faith — families in hardship, a nation in suffering, a parish seeking renewal. Under her care, despair gives way to courage, and division to unity. In today’s Gospel, we meet Mary and Martha — two women who welcome Christ into their home. Martha serves, while Mary listens. Both are needed in the Christian life: service and contemplation, work and prayer. So too in our parish: our external efforts — decorating, cleaning, cooking, organizing — are precious, but they find their true meaning only when united with inner prayer and love for Christ. The Mother of God teaches us this balance. She prays and intercedes for us, yet she also acts — visiting Elizabeth, protecting the Church, inspiring charity in her children. To live under her protection means to live like her: attentive to God, compassionate toward others, and courageous in faith. Today, we place our parish once more beneath her holy veil. We ask her to cover every home, to strengthen every heart, and to make us living witnesses of her Son’s mercy. “O Most Holy Mother of God, spread your protecting mantle over us — over our parish, our families, and our homeland. Teach us to pray, to serve, and to love as you do.”

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Sunday collections for the weekend of 9/28/25, including envelope offerings - \$540, donations -\$401, candle -\$45
Weekly budget: \$1250, Income \$986

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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.***