

**November 23<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**SUNDAY, 11/23**    **9:00 am** Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners  
                          **10:30 am** Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention  
**MONDAY, 11/24**    **7:30 am** Divine Liturgy for special intention  
**TUESDAY, 11/25**    **NO** Divine Liturgy  
**WEDNESDAY, 11/26** **6:15 pm** Divine Liturgy for special intention  
**THURSDAY, 11/27** **9:00 am** Divine Liturgy for special intention  
**FRIDAY, 11/28**    **NO** Divine Liturgy  
**SATURDAY, 11/29** **4:00 pm** Divine Liturgy for special intention  
**SUNDAY, 11/30**    **9:00 am** Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners  
                          **10:30 am** Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

**Announcements**

**St. Andrew's Pence Collection – December 7<sup>th</sup>**

At the request of Bishop Bohdan, our parish will take up a special St. Andrew's Pence collection on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

This collection supports the charitable and pastoral works of our Eparchy. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Thanksgiving Day Reflection**

On this Thanksgiving Day, we pause to recognize that every good gift comes from God. Gratitude is more than a feeling—it is a Christian way of seeing the world. When we give thanks, we acknowledge that our lives, our families, our health, and even the challenges that shape us are held in God's loving hands.

True thanksgiving leads us not only to appreciate what we have, but also to share with others, especially those in need. As we gather around our tables, may our hearts be filled with humility, generosity, and joy. May the Lord bless our homes and families, and may gratitude guide us in the days ahead.

Happy Thanksgiving!

**Reflection on the 24th Sunday After Pentecost – “Rich Toward God”**

*Gospel: Luke 12:16–21*

Jesus tells the parable of a wealthy man whose fields produced abundantly. Instead of sharing his blessings, he decided to build larger barns to store his goods and told himself, “Relax, eat, drink, be merry.” Yet that very night, God said to him, “Fool! This night your soul is required of you.”

*The Tragedy of Short-Sighted Riches*

The man in the Gospel is not condemned for his success, but for forgetting God and his neighbor. His wealth became his security, his comfort, and ultimately, his idol. He stored grain for his body but none for his soul.

*Upcoming Events  
in Parish & Eparchy*

*Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – St. Nicholas*

*Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> - The Conception of Saint Anna*

St. Basil the Great warns: “The bread you keep belongs to the hungry; the cloak you store in your chest belongs to the naked.” True wisdom is not in building bigger barns, but in building a generous heart—one that sees possessions as gifts entrusted for service, not for selfishness.

*“Rich Toward God”*

To be “rich toward God” means to live in gratitude and generosity—to see that our lives and resources are not truly ours but God's. All that we have, whether much or little, can be used for love. When we give freely, we make room for divine joy that no possession can replace.

St. John Chrysostom wrote: “When you care for the poor, you store treasure in heaven; what you give away is what you truly keep.”

*A Lesson for Our Time*

In a world that prizes wealth and security, Jesus calls us to remember that our true life is hidden in God. Our barns, investments, and possessions cannot save us. What endures forever is love—expressed in mercy, generosity, and faith.

*Reflection Prayer*

Lord Jesus, teach me to be rich not in possessions but in mercy. Free me from the illusion of security in things that pass away. Help me store my treasure in heaven through love, generosity, and trust in You. Amen.

**Catechetical Instruction from We Walk with Christ: Rejoice and Be Glad**

Christian joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. Joy is always with us. It is not dependent on what is happening outside of us. Suffering in the world, our own suffering, should not deprive us of Christian joy, which gives us the hope of God's help. The early Christians used the symbol of the anchor as a sign of hope in Christ. The anchor prevents a ship from drifting on the water. It hooks into the seabed to secure the ship, or its weight can be used to drag through the water to lessen drift. Jesus Christ is our anchor. Christian hope strengthens us in times of hardship and suffering. Some think of Christians as gloomy people. They hold this mistaken view because they do not know or understand the teachings of Christ. Some Christians can be gloomy, because they have not fully understood and embraced the teachings of the Lord. Being joyful is not a matter of disposition. Through faith we joyfully accept everything as a gift from God. Even fasting is dedicated to the elimination of all that hinders true joy. The Son of God has brought us the joy of salvation, resurrection, and transfiguration. Our divine services, which are steeped in the joy of Pascha, are evidence of this. 9 Saturday, November 15, 2025 St. Gregory of Nyssa writes: Let us therefore not be depressed, my brethren, if we are deprived of earthly things. For if a man is released from these, he lives in the palaces of Heaven. *St. Gregory of 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 21, "The End of the Beatitudes: Rejoice and Be Glad," amended.*

**THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**Sunday collections for the weekend of 11/16/25, including envelope offerings - \$1002,  
donations -\$621, candle -\$40**

**Weekly budget: \$1250, Income \$1663**

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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.*