

November 2nd, 2025
21st Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, 11/2 **9:00 am** Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
 10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for Oksana and family

MONDAY, 11/3 **7:30 am** Divine Liturgy for Oksana and family

TUESDAY, 11/4 **NO** Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY, 11/5 **6:15 pm** Divine Liturgy for Oksana and family

THURSDAY, 11/6 **NO** Divine Liturgy

FRIDAY, 11/7 **7:30 am** Divine Liturgy for Tychanski family

Night Time Prayers
9:00pm Confession
9:30pm Akaphist
10:00pm Divine Liturgy
11:00pm Healing Service

SATURDAY, 11/8 *Synaxis of Michael the Archangel and Other Heavenly Powers*
4:00 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention

SUNDAY, 11/9 **9:00 am** Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
 10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for Daryna and family

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-Daylight Saving Time Change

Due to the end of daylight saving time, beginning Saturday, November 8th, our Vigil Divine Liturgy service will be held at 4:00 PM instead of 5:00 PM.

Please mark your calendars and join us as we continue to gather in prayer.

4-Divine Liturgy and Panakhyda Service

On Saturday, November 15th, we will celebrate the Divine Liturgy offered for the repose of the souls of **John and Jackie Harber**.

Immediately following the Liturgy, a Panakhyda (memorial service) will be served in their memory. Let us gather in prayerful remembrance, entrusting them to the boundless mercy and love of our Lord.

Reflection on the 21st Sunday After Pentecost

Gospel: Luke §38 [8:26–39]

("Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee...")

*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*

Encountering the Power of Christ

In today's Gospel, Jesus crosses the lake to the region of the Gerasenes, a place considered unclean by Jewish standards. There, He meets a man possessed by many demons — a soul isolated, tormented, and living among the tombs.

This meeting reveals something profound: there is no place too dark, no heart too broken, no soul too lost for Christ to reach. Even in a land of impurity, even among the dead, His light enters, and evil trembles before Him.

The Human Struggle Within

The man possessed is not merely a figure of ancient superstition — he represents each of us when we lose peace with God. The "legion" of demons can symbolize our many internal struggles: fear, anger, addiction, guilt, despair. When these forces take root, we, too, can become like that man — disconnected from others, from peace, and from our true selves. But Christ sees beyond the madness. He does not condemn the man for his condition; He speaks to the broken heart behind the noise. His compassion restores what sin and evil had shattered.

The Cost of Freedom

When Jesus casts the demons into the swine, the herd rushes into the sea and drowns. The people of the region, instead of rejoicing, are afraid — they beg Jesus to leave.

Why? Because true freedom always comes at a cost. The pigs represent material comfort and worldly attachment. Many would rather keep their possessions than allow Christ to disrupt their lives for the sake of healing.

The question for us is: Do we welcome the freedom Christ offers, or do we fear what it might cost us?

Becoming a Witness

After being healed, the man begs to follow Jesus. But the Lord sends him home instead, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you."

The first missionary to the Gentiles was not a learned apostle, but a man who had experienced mercy. He goes back and becomes a living testimony that no one is beyond redemption.

We, too, are called to bear witness — not necessarily with grand words or long journeys, but with transformed lives that reflect the mercy we've received.

May this Sunday renew in us the confidence that Christ's mercy is greater than any evil, and that we, once healed, can become instruments of His peace.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Sunday collections for the weekend of 10/26/25, including envelope offerings - \$461, donations -\$396, candle -\$17

Weekly budget: \$1250, Income \$874

Annual Parishioner Contributions - \$200

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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.*