

July 19th, 2026

8th Sunday after the Pentecost

SUNDAY, 7/19

9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners

10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

MONDAY, 7/20

7:30 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

TUESDAY, 7/21

NO Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY, 7/22

6:15 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention

THURSDAY, 7/23

NO Divine Liturgy

FRIDAY, 7/24

7:30 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

SATURDAY, 7/25

5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention

SUNDAY, 7/26

9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners

10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

Announcements

1- Holy Oil Service

We warmly invite everyone to the Holy Anointing (Holy Oil) Service on Saturday, **August 8th at 10 AM** at our church.

This special service, celebrated during the Dormition Fast, is a sacred opportunity to receive the grace of healing and spiritual renewal.

We are blessed to be joined by priests from St. John Chrysostom Melkite Church and Epiphany Byzantine Catholic Church, who will concelebrate the service with us.

Confessions will be available before and after the service for those wishing to prepare spiritually.

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost – Christ Feeds the Hungry

Gospel: Matthew 14:14–22

On the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, we hear the familiar account of the feeding of the five thousand. Faced with a great crowd and only five loaves of bread and two fish, the disciples saw only scarcity and impossibility. Jesus, however, saw an opportunity to reveal God's abundant providence.

Before multiplying the loaves, Christ first looked up to heaven, blessed them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to distribute. This beautiful sequence points us toward the Holy Eucharist, where Christ continues to nourish His people with the Bread of Life. Just as He fed the hungry multitude in the wilderness, He continues to feed our souls at every Divine Liturgy.

Upcoming Events

in Parish & Eparchy

July 20th – St. Elijah

July 25th – Dormition of St. Ann

Aug. 6th – feast of Transfiguration

This miracle also teaches us an important lesson about trust. The disciples believed that what they had was insufficient, but when they placed their small offering into Christ's hands, it became more than enough. God often works in the same way in our lives. He does not ask us to possess extraordinary gifts; He simply asks us to offer Him what we have. When our time, talents, and resources are placed in His service, He multiplies them for the good of others.

Finally, this Gospel calls us to imitate Christ's compassion. Before performing the miracle, Jesus looked upon the crowd with mercy because they were weary and hungry. As His disciples, we are called not only to receive God's blessings but also to become instruments of His generosity, sharing our blessings with those in need.

As we reflect on this Sunday's Gospel, let us place our trust in God's providence, approach the Eucharistic table with grateful hearts, and remember that in Christ there is always enough to satisfy the deepest hunger of every human heart.

The Holy Prophet Elijah – A Witness of Courage and Faith

On July 20, the Church commemorates the Holy Prophet Elijah, one of the greatest prophets of the Old Testament. He lived during a time when many people had turned away from the true God to worship false idols. Despite opposition, persecution, and threats to his life, Elijah remained faithful to the Lord and courageously proclaimed His truth.

The life of the Prophet Elijah teaches us that faith requires both courage and trust. On Mount Carmel, he called the people of Israel to choose whom they would serve. His unwavering confidence in God reminds us that we, too, are called to remain faithful even when the values of the Gospel are challenged by the world around us.

Yet Elijah also experienced moments of weakness, fear, and discouragement. After his victory on Mount Carmel, he fled into the wilderness, exhausted and afraid. God did not abandon him. Instead, the Lord strengthened him with rest and nourishment and revealed His presence not in the wind, earthquake, or fire, but in a gentle whisper. This reminds us that God often speaks most profoundly in silence and prayer.

As we celebrate the memory of the Holy Prophet Elijah on July 20, let us ask for the grace to remain firm in faith, courageous in defending the truth, and attentive to God’s quiet voice amid the noise of daily life.

Holy Prophet Elijah, pray to God for us!

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Sunday collections for the weekend of 7/12/26, including envelope offerings - \$ 900, donations -\$ 527, candle -\$ 55

Weekly budget: \$1500, Income \$ 1482

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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.***