

July 5th, 2026

6th Sunday after the Pentecost

SUNDAY, 7/5

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

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

MONDAY, 7/6

7:30 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

TUESDAY, 7/7

NO Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY, 7/8

6:15 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention

THURSDAY, 7/9

NO Divine Liturgy

FRIDAY, 7/10

7:30 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

SATURDAY, 7/11

5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention

SUNDAY, 7/12

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

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

Announcements

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost – The Healing of the Paralytic

Gospel: Matthew 9:1–8

On the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, the Gospel presents the healing of the paralytic—a miracle that reveals not only Christ’s power to heal the body, but, more importantly, His authority to forgive sins. When the paralytic is brought before Him, Jesus first says, “Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.” Only afterward does He restore the man's physical health.

This order is significant. While we often focus on our physical needs, Christ reminds us that our greatest need is the healing of the soul. Sin separates us from God and from one another, and only Christ has the power to restore us to the fullness of life. The miracle teaches us that true healing begins with reconciliation with God.

The Gospel also highlights the faith of those who brought the paralytic to Jesus. Their love and perseverance became the means by which their friend encountered the Lord. We, too, are called to carry one another through prayer, encouragement, and acts of charity. Sometimes, our faith can strengthen those who are too burdened to approach Christ on their own.

The crowd glorified God because they recognized that they had witnessed something extraordinary. Yet this same authority to forgive sins continues in the life of the Church through the Mystery of Repentance (Confession), where Christ still heals wounded souls and restores us to communion with Him.

As we reflect on this Gospel, let us ask ourselves: What areas of my life need Christ's healing? Whether our burdens are spiritual, emotional, or physical, the Lord continues to say to each of us, “Take heart.” He invites us to come before Him with faith, trusting that His mercy is greater than our weaknesses and that His grace has the power to make us whole.

Upcoming Events
in Parish & Eparchy

July 20th – St. Elijah

July 25th – Dormition of St. Ann

Aug. 6th – feast of Transfiguration

May this Sunday's Gospel encourage us to seek not only God's help in our daily struggles, but above all the healing and peace that come through His forgiveness, so that, renewed by His mercy, we may walk faithfully in the newness of life He offers.

On the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776

"The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence, were the only principles in which that beautiful assembly of young men could unite, and these principles only could be intended by them in their address, or by me in my answer. And what were these general principles? I answer, the general principles of Christianity, in which all those sects were united, and the general principles of English and American liberty, in which all those young men united, and which had united all parties in America, in majorities sufficient to assert and maintain her independence."

From a letter of John Adams to Thomas Jefferson, June 28, 1813

Our Venerable Father Anthony of the Monastery of the Caves in Kyiv (†1073)

On July 10, the Church commemorates Our Venerable Father Anthony of the Monastery of the Caves in Kyiv, the founder of monasticism in Kyivan Rus' and one of the greatest spiritual fathers of our Church. After spending years in prayer and ascetic life on Mount Athos, St. Anthony returned to Kyiv, where he settled in a cave overlooking the Dnipro River. His life of humility, prayer, and holiness soon attracted many disciples, giving rise to the famous Kyiv Pechersk Lavra, which became a spiritual center for all of Eastern Christianity.

St. Anthony reminds us that true greatness is found not in power or recognition, but in a life wholly devoted to God. He sought neither fame nor comfort, but silence, prayer, and communion with the Lord. From this hidden life came abundant spiritual fruit, inspiring generations of monks, clergy, and faithful Christians.

His witness is especially meaningful today. In a world filled with noise, distractions, and constant activity, St. Anthony teaches us the importance of making room for God through prayer and interior silence. He reminds us that our spiritual strength is not found in what we accomplish, but in our relationship with Christ.

As we honor this great saint of Kyiv, let us ask for his intercession that we may grow in humility, persevere in prayer, and seek God's will above all else. May the example of St. Anthony inspire us to become living witnesses of the Gospel in our families, our parish, and our daily lives.

Our Venerable Father Anthony of the Monastery of the Caves in Kyiv, pray to God for us!

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Sunday collections for the weekend of 6/28/26, including envelope offerings - \$940, donations -\$283, candle -\$72, online - \$30

Weekly budget: \$1500, Income \$1325

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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.***