

September 6th, 2026
15th Sunday after the Pentecost

SUNDAY, 9/6 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
 10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

MONDAY, 9/7 NO Divine Liturgy

TUESDAY, 9/8 NO Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY, 9/9 6:15 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention

THURSDAY, 9/10 NO Divine Liturgy

FRIDAY, 9/11 7:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

SATURDAY, 9/12 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention

SUNDAY, 9/13 8:45 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
 10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

Announcements

1-Parish Schedule Update

Please note that the pastor will be away from the parish on September 7 and 8. Therefore, there will be no services on those days. Thank you for your understanding.

2-First Confession & Solemn Holy Eucharist

On Sunday, September 13, the children of our parish will celebrate their First Holy Confession and Solemn Holy Eucharist. On that Sunday Divine Liturgy begins at 8:45am. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this beautiful and important step in their life of faith.

3-Parish Feast Day Celebration – Pokrova

Although the liturgical Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos (Pokrova) falls on October 1, our parish will celebrate its Feast Day together on Sunday, October 4. On that day, we will have one bilingual Divine Liturgy, bringing our entire parish family together in prayer and unity. Following the Liturgy, everyone is warmly invited to stay for a potluck lunch.

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost – Love God and Love Your Neighbor

Gospel: Matthew 22:35–46

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus is asked which commandment is the greatest. His answer is clear: love God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. In these two commandments, Christ gives us the foundation of the entire Christian life. Love of God is more than emotion or devotion. It means placing Him first, trusting His will, and allowing our faith to shape the choices we make each day. At the same time, our love for

God must become visible in the way we treat others. We cannot truly love God while ignoring, judging, or refusing to care for the people around us. The second commandment is especially challenging because Christ does not tell us to love only those who are easy to love. Our neighbor may be someone close to us, someone in need, or even someone with whom we disagree. Christian love calls us to patience, mercy, forgiveness, and respect. The Gospel then turns our attention to the identity of Christ Himself. He is not merely a teacher who gives commandments; He is the Lord who calls us into a life transformed by love. To follow Him means allowing His love to become the measure of our own. As we reflect on this Sunday’s Gospel, let us ask ourselves: Is my love for God visible in the way I love others? May the Lord give us hearts that are faithful to Him and generous toward our neighbor, so that our lives may truly reflect the Gospel.

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the great feasts of the Church and a celebration of hope. With Mary’s birth, the Church sees the beginning of the fulfillment of God’s plan of salvation, because from her would come Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. Mary’s life reminds us that God often begins His greatest works in quiet and hidden ways. Her birth did not seem extraordinary to the world, yet through her humble “yes,” God prepared the way for the Incarnation. This feast teaches us to trust that the Lord is also at work in the ordinary moments of our own lives. The Nativity of the Theotokos is also a feast of joy because it points forward to Christ. Mary is honored not for herself alone, but because she becomes the Mother of the Lord and a model of faith, obedience, and complete trust in God. As we celebrate her birth, let us ask the Most Holy Theotokos to help us grow in humility, faithfulness, and readiness to follow God’s will. May her example inspire us to welcome Christ more fully into our hearts and lives. Most Holy Theotokos, save us through your prayers!

Safe Environment Notice

It is important, from time to time, to remind the people of our Eparchy that if anyone has been the victim of sexual abuse by the clergy or laity, he or she should come forward and make that known either to the bishop, to one’s pastor, or to a member of the special Review Board that handles such cases. The bishop can be reached at his Chancery at: 1-440-888-1522 or by writing at: Most Rev. Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat, P.O. Box 34780, Parma, OH 44134

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Sunday collections for the weekend of 8/30/26, including envelope offerings - \$ 835, donations -\$ 302, candle -\$ 85
Weekly budget: \$1500, Income \$ 1222

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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.***