

September 13th, 2026
16th Sunday after the Pentecost

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

MONDAY, 9/14 *Exaltation of the Holy Cross*
 7:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

TUESDAY, 9/15 *NO* Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY, 9/16 6:15 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention

THURSDAY, 9/17 *NO* Divine Liturgy

FRIDAY, 9/18 7:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

SATURDAY, 9/19 *NO* Divine Liturgy

SUNDAY, 9/20 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
 10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

Announcements

1-September 11 Remembrance

This last Friday we prayerfully remembered the victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks and pray for their families and loved ones.
May the Lord grant eternal rest to all who lost their lives and bring comfort and peace to those who continue to carry the wounds of this tragedy.
We also encourage to read the Pastoral Letter on the 25th Anniversary of September 11, available on the Eparchy of St. Josaphat website: https://stjosaphateparchy.com/pastoral-letter-on-the-25th-anniversary-of-september-11/?mc_cid=e6426ee7fe&mc_eid=2ca84cd360

2-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.

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost – God So Loved the World

Gospel: John 3:13–17

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus reveals the heart of God’s plan for our salvation: “God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son.” Our faith begins with this truth: God loves us and desires our salvation.

Jesus recalls the serpent lifted up by Moses in the desert. Just as those who looked upon it with faith were healed, so Christ is lifted up on the Cross so that everyone who believes in Him may receive eternal life.
The Cross is therefore not only a sign of suffering, but above all a sign of God’s love. In moments of difficulty, fear, illness, or uncertainty, we are invited to lift our eyes toward Christ and trust that God remains with us.
Jesus also reminds us that He came not to condemn the world, but to save it. Having received God’s mercy ourselves, we are called to bring that same mercy, hope, and compassion to others.
As we reflect on this Gospel, let us ask ourselves: When difficulties come, where do I turn? May we always turn to Christ, trust in His saving love, and allow that love to transform our lives.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross – The Cross as Victory and Life

On the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the Church lifts up the Cross of Christ before us—not as a symbol of defeat, but as the sign of victory, salvation, and life. What was once an instrument of suffering and shame has become, through Christ, the means by which death itself was conquered.
The Cross reveals the depth of God’s love. Jesus does not save us from a distance; He enters fully into human suffering and gives Himself completely for our sake. In the Cross, we see that true love is sacrificial, faithful, and willing to endure for the good of another.
This feast also reminds us that every Christian is called to carry a cross. Our crosses may come through illness, family struggles, disappointment, sacrifice, or the daily demands of faithfulness. Yet when these burdens are united with Christ, they are no longer meaningless. The Cross becomes a path of transformation and hope.
As we venerate the Holy Cross, we are invited to place Christ at the center of our lives and to trust that suffering does not have the final word. Beyond the Cross stands the Resurrection. May the Holy Cross strengthen us in times of trial, deepen our gratitude for Christ’s sacrifice, and help us live with courage, humility, and hope.
We bow to Your Cross, O Christ, and we glorify Your holy Resurrection!

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Sunday collections for the weekend of 9/4/26, including envelope offerings - \$ 555, donations -\$ 228, candle -\$ 79, online -\$ 225
Weekly budget: \$1500, Income \$ 1087

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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.***