

October 11th, 2026
20th Sunday after the Pentecost

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

MONDAY, 10/12 **NO** Divine Liturgy

TUESDAY, 10/13 **NO** Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY, 10/14 **NO** Divine Liturgy

THURSDAY, 10/15 **NO** Divine Liturgy

FRIDAY, 10/16 **7:00 am** Divine Liturgy for special intention

SATURDAY, 10/17 **5:00 pm** Divine Liturgy for special intention

SUNDAY, 10/18 **9:00 am** Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
 10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

Announcements

1- Pastor Away for Clergy Conference

Fr. Volodymyr will be away from the parish from **October 12th to October 14th** attending the Clergy Retreats , which will take place this year in Florida.
Please keep him and all clergy in your prayers, that this gathering may strengthen their faith, unity, and service to the Church.

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*

Reflection on the Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost – Christ, the Giver of Life

Gospel: Luke 7:11–16

In today’s Gospel, Jesus encounters a funeral procession in the town of Nain. A widow is carrying her only son to his burial. Having already lost her husband, she now faces the heartbreaking loss of her child. Seeing her sorrow, Jesus is moved with compassion and tells her, “Do not weep.”

What makes this encounter so beautiful is that the widow does not ask Jesus for a miracle. He sees her suffering and approaches her first. Christ reminds us that God is never indifferent to our pain. Even when we struggle to find words for prayer, He knows what is happening in our hearts.

Jesus then touches the coffin and commands the young man to rise. With His words, death gives way to life, and sorrow turns into joy. This miracle reveals that Christ is not only a teacher or healer, but the Lord of life itself. Through His Resurrection, He offers us the promise that death will never have the final word.

We may not experience miracles in the same way as the widow of Nain, but Christ continues to bring life into places where hope seems lost. He strengthens us in grief, restores broken relationships, and gives courage when life becomes difficult. As His followers, we are also called to notice the suffering of others and respond with the same compassion He showed.

May this Sunday remind us that no sorrow is hidden from God and no situation is beyond His loving care. Let us place our trust in Christ, who walks beside us in our suffering and leads us toward the fullness of life.

“Lord Jesus, You are the source of life and hope. Comfort those who mourn, strengthen those who suffer, and teach us to bring Your compassion to everyone we meet.”

Reflection on the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Today, the Church honors the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea in 787. These bishops and teachers of the Church defended the veneration of holy icons and helped preserve an important truth of our Christian faith: God became man in the person of Jesus Christ.

At a time when many sacred images were being destroyed, the Holy Fathers reminded the faithful that icons are not idols. We do not worship wood or paint. Rather, through icons, we honor Christ, the Mother of God, and the saints whom they represent. As St. John of Damascus taught, because God became visible in Christ, He can also be depicted.

Icons are more than beautiful decorations in our churches and homes. They are windows into heaven, reminding us of God's presence and calling us to prayer. When we look upon the face of Christ in an icon, we are invited to recognize His presence in the people around us, especially those who suffer or need our love.

As we commemorate the Holy Fathers, let us be grateful for their courage in defending the faith. May their example inspire us to remain faithful to the teachings of the Church and to make Christ visible through our own lives.

“Lord Jesus Christ, help us to recognize Your holy image in every person and to reflect Your love through our words and actions.”

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Sunday collections for the weekend of **10/4/26**, including envelope offerings - \$ 1000, donations -\$ 467, candles -\$ 47, online - \$250
Weekly budget: \$1500, Income \$ 1764
Donation from Ukrainian National Federal Credit Union - \$1000
Auction - \$ 1110 , Parish Festival - \$760

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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.***