

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 2, 2020

8:40 AM Rosary

9:00 AM Health/Blessings for Holy Ghost Parishioners

Monday, August 3rd NO SERVICES

Tuesday, August 4th

9:00 AM + Jeneiveve Benedick – by Jeannette Wolansky

Wednesday, August 5th

5:00 PM Confessions in the Sacristy (or by appointment)

6:30 PM BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, August 6th Transfiguration of Our Lord (blessing of fruit)

9:00 AM + Orest and Anastasia Mykytyn – by Oriana Smith

Friday, August 7th

9:00 AM + Brittany Wunderle – by Tom & Kristen Lehner

Saturday, August 8th

6:00 PM + Maria Hlynsky – by Mary Welch

Sunday, August 9th 10th Sunday after Pentecost

8:40 AM Rosary

9:00 AM Health/Blessings for Holy Ghost Parishioners

Regarding masks when attending the Divine Liturgy:

Dear Parishioners,

In accordance with recommendations issued by the State of Ohio and St. Josaphat Eparchy, the wearing of masks has been strongly recommended while at Church since the reopening of churches in May.

The wearing of masks has now been mandated by the Governor while in Summit County and when out in public, **including when attending worship services.**

More information can be found at <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/home>.

In accordance with this directive and for the safety and comfort of all of our parish family we are asking that you please wear your mask when attending the Divine Liturgy. Those younger than age 10 are exempt from wearing a mask.

We are so blessed to have such a faith filled and loving parish that pulls together in these times of trial and uncertainty. Thank you for your cooperation!

The man who dishonors his marriage bed says to himself, “Who can see me? Darkness surrounds me, walls hide me, no one sees me. Who can stop me from sinning?”

He is not mindful of the Most High, fearing only human eyes. He does not realize that the eyes of the Lord, ten thousand times brighter than the sun, observe every step taken and peer into hidden corners.

The one who knows all things before they exist still knows them all after they are made.

Sirach 23:18-20

CONGRATULATIONS:

This week **John Szijarto (8/04), Ronald Prexta (8/9)** celebrate their birthdays. Also **David & Dr. Maria Griffiths (8/7), Jeremy & Judy Schwager (8/8)** celebrate their wedding anniversary. We wish you a wonderful celebration, and a year of health and blessings flavored with pure joy, and **many blessed years... mnohaya i blahaya lita!**

STILL AVAILABLE...

Kolachi for \$10. Nut, Low-Sugar Nut, Apricot, Almond, and Poppyseed.

After church social gatherings are postponed until further notice

Saturday August 8th Vigil Liturgy will be celebrated at 6:00PM (instead of 5pm)

PYROGY OPEN:

We WILL have the Pyrogy Open this year. Saturday, August 22 at Mayfair Country Club. Shotgun start at 2 pm.

It is very important to get your foursome or individual golfers information and payments in! There are only 60 golfers in our outing and the slots are filling up. Please contact Chris Ross 330-620-8108 or Eddy or Mike as soon as you can. Thank you!!!

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

We, as the Ukrainian Catholic Church, celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration on August 6th.

The feast commemorates when Jesus took the apostles Peter, James and John with Him up upon Mount Tabor, and while they were on the mountain Jesus was transfigured; appearing in His divinity. His face shone like the sun, and His garments became dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus, talking to Him. Peter declared how good it was for them to be there and expressed the desire to build three booths: one Moses, one for Elijah and one for Jesus.

While Peter was speaking, a bright cloud over shadowed them. A voice came from the cloud saying – “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces filled with awe. Jesus came to them and told them to not be afraid. When the three looked up they saw only Jesus. As Jesus and His disciples came down from the mountain, He told them not to speak of what they had seen until He had risen from the dead.

Unfortunately, we came to a hard decision and decided to cancel our Summer Festival which was supposed to be at the end of June. There is some discussion however about preparing some FOOD on a "take out" basis.

Listed here are 10 points for fruitful Scripture reading.

1. **Bible reading is for Catholics.** The Church encourages Catholics to make reading the Bible part of their daily prayer lives. Reading these inspired words, people grow deeper in their relationship with God and come to understand their place in the community God has called them to in himself.
2. **Prayer is the beginning and the end.** Reading the Bible is not like reading a novel or a history book. It should begin with a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to the Word of God. Scripture reading should end with a prayer that this Word will bear fruit in our lives, helping us to become holier and more faithful people.
3. **Get the whole story! When selecting a Bible, look for a Catholic edition.** A Catholic edition will include the Church's complete list of sacred books along with introductions and notes for understanding the text. A Catholic edition will have an *imprimatur* notice on the back of the title page. An *imprimatur* indicates that the book is free of errors in Catholic doctrine.
4. **The Bible isn't a book. It's a library.** The Bible is a collection of 73 books written over the course of many centuries. The books include royal history, prophecy, poetry, challenging letters to struggling new faith communities, and believers' accounts of the preaching and passion of Jesus. Knowing the genre of the book you are reading will help you understand the literary tools the author is using and the meaning the author is trying to convey.
5. **Know what the Bible is – and what it isn't.** The Bible is the story of God's relationship with the people he has called to himself. It is not intended to be read as history text, a science book, or a political manifesto. In the Bible, God teaches us the truths that we need for the sake of our salvation.
6. **The sum is greater than the parts.** Read the Bible in context. What happens before and after – even in other books – helps us to understand the true meaning of the text.
7. **The Old relates to the New.** The Old Testament and the New Testament shed light on each other. While we read the Old Testament in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus, it has its own value as well. Together, these testaments help us to understand God's plan for human beings.
8. **You do not read alone.** By reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture, Catholics join those faithful men and women who have taken God's Word to heart and put it into practice in their lives. We read the Bible within the tradition of the Church to benefit from the holiness and wisdom of all the faithful.
9. **What is God saying to me?** The Bible is not addressed only to long-dead people in a faraway land. It is addressed to each of us in our own unique situations. When we read, we need to understand what the text says and how the faithful have understood its meaning in the past. In light of this understanding, we then ask: What is God saying to me?
10. **Reading isn't enough.** If Scripture remains just words on a page, our work is not done. We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be "living and effective."(Hebrews 4:12).

News from AM 1260 The Rock!

Join Brian Patrick, Dr. Matthew Bunson and Fr. Thomas Petri, OP every Saturday on “The Church Alive” to hear discussion on what is happening within the Church and world. “The Church Alive” airs twice at 7:00 am and 1:00 PM EST.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT:

Please, be advised that any instance of sexual abuse by a cleric, lay employee or lay volunteer within the boundaries of our parish should be immediately reported to the local police department, child protection services of the county, the pastor of the parish and the Chancery of St. Josaphat Eparchy. A sexual abuser port form is available in the church's vestibule and/or the parish office in English and Ukrainian. The bishop can be reached at the Chancery at 440-888-1522 or by writing to: Most Rev. Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma, P.O. Box 347180, Parma OH 44134. You may also file a report with Ms. Marika Zaliszczuk, Victim Assistance Coordinator of St. Josaphat Eparchy (412-215-5372). For more information on St. Josaphat Eparchy's safe environment policy and procedures and other pertinent info, please, log onto:

<http://stjosaphateparchy.com>

From OUR CATECHISM:

The Promise of the Messiah's Coming Immediately after their fall, God announces to Adam and Eve his promise of salvation. Inasmuch as the human race was deceived by the tempter by trusting in him, God sets enmity, a struggle between them, to safeguard humanity from total subordination to evil: “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your off-spring and hers”(Gn 3:15). In this struggle, God promises humanity the ultimate victory: “He [i.e., the offspring of the woman] will strike your [i.e., the serpent's] head”(Gn 3:15). In the contest between good and evil, in the end, good will

over-come, as personified as the offspring of the woman. The assurance of this victory emerges not from human efforts, but from the very Word of God, given in the promise. This first proclamation of the Good News about the salvation of the human race is what the Church calls the Protoevangelium. (#160)

An Invitation to Remember and Pray throughout our Metropolia on Sunday June 28 in Solidarity with Victims of COVID-19 and Racism as We Return to our Churches

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Reverend Clergy, Venerable Monastics and our Beloved Faithful!

The last four months have been tumultuous and tragic, shocking our country and the world. The COVID-19 virus spread globally. Millions who got infected were hospitalized and suffered physical and psychological torment before a thankful recovery. Many corona victims have lasting, debilitating after-effects. Despite the heroic efforts and dedicated care of doctors and nurses, family members, parishioners, friends, and acquaintances succumbed to the pandemic —over 120,000 in the US and one half million globally, not counting unconfirmed cases. Among them was our Metropolitan Emeritus, Archbishop Stephen Sulyk, of blessed memory. Painfully, many persons passed away in isolation from their loved ones who could not be at their bedside, while clergy could not administer the Sacraments. Funeral rites were abridged, and those attending were limited in number. Among the deceased are medical martyrs who put their lives on the line helping their patients. Their sacrificial service and love will always be admired and remembered. Indeed, “no one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (Jn 15:13). Before the Lord we remember all the victims of the pandemic and pray for the sick and their caregivers.

American society was equally shocked by the tragic and appalling killing of George Floyd. The gut-wrenching white and black image of the suffocating knee on the neck and the desperate plea “I can’t breathe” outraged the nation and world, prompting an unprecedented wave of civil rights protest against racism and police brutality. Many Americans are seeing what we did not see before, recognizing

responsibilities that we can no longer ignore. Many have come together to manifest solidarity with Black Americans and with all victims of racism. Many are praying in a new way for a new world, a renewed nation. Some demonstrations, heartbreakingly, turned violent. Innocent people, including police officers carrying out the essential mission of protecting society from criminals, were hurt or even killed. Large and family-owned businesses were torched and robbed, including those owned by or serving Afro-Americans. The Lord calls our nation to a deep examination of conscience— to see and purge persistent patterns of bigotry and hatred, to acknowledge injustice, to cleanse our hearts of evil passions. The Lord calls us to face our future with prayer. Through prayer we will move to authentic solidarity with our discriminated-against brothers and sisters. Only with the Lord, in Him, and through Him can we overcome the sinfulness of our human nature. We pray and remember, so that we can grow in authentic integrity since “from one ancestor He (God) made all nations to inhabit the whole earth” (Acts 17:26).

Week by week, we have been returning to regular Sunday services. Most of our parishes are now open. We rejoice that we can finally be together in prayer. Thus, as we begin again, carrying with us the experience of the last months we call all to a deep spiritual reflection on the signs of the times.

On Sunday June 28 we invite all the clergy, religious, and faithful together to remember all the victims of the COVID-19 virus, those who died as a result of racism or acts of police brutality, and the victims of recent protests, in all our parishes throughout the country by celebrating a *Panakhida* requiem service at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, friends, relatives, neighbors, doctors, nurses, first responders and medical personnel who have died of the virus.

Let us also pray for Mr. George Floyd and others like him who died as a result of injustice, let us pray for those who died in the bonds of slavery or other expressions of racism.

Let us pray for the victims of riots and unbridled passions.

Let us pray that the Lord grant peace, physical and psychological healing, reconciliation, and tolerance and true justice!

+Borys Gudziak

Archbishop of Philadelphia for Ukrainians Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the US

+Paul Chomnycky, OSBM

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