

Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost

October 24, 2021

8:40 AM **Rosary**

9:00 AM **Health/Blessings for all Parishioners**

Catechism Classes

DIVINE SERVICES/EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 25th **NO SERVICES**

Tuesday, October 26th

11:00am **Funeral of + Wasyl Soduk** in Canton, OH

Wednesday, October 27th

9:30 AM **H/B for Lidia Pellin** – by Syvanych Family

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

6:30PM BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, October 28th

9:30 AM **H/B for Joseph Skubiak** – by Annette Dressler

Friday, October 29th **NO SERVICES**

Saturday, October 30th

5:00 PM **+ Ray Cromley** – by the Ross Family

Sunday, October 31st **23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

8:40 AM **Rosary**

9:00 AM **Health/Blessings for all Parishioners**

Catechism Classes

A review of Life:

We manifest our love for him, our friendship with him, through the gift of our time and presence. Because the span of our lives is limited, choosing to share time with another conveys the importance of that person to us. When we dedicate our attention to someone we open ourselves to contemplate the other, to be captivated by the person before us. We cannot simply determine what the experience of prayer will look like or feel like, because, like all relationships, we cannot control prayer any more than we can control an authentic friendship. However, we can decide our time and presence because the other person is worth it, because personal relationship with God matters that much. In genuine friendship, persons delight simply in having time to be together.

DONATIONS October 17th:

Sunday:	\$1,960
Renovation:	\$67
Cleaning:	\$72
Golf outing:	\$4,037
Pyrohy Sales	\$2,256
Orphanage:	\$580
Ukie Display:	\$190
Eparchial obligations:	\$40
Thanksgiving:	\$40
Total:	\$9,307

October is devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary through the prayer of the Rosary - *Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen*

CONGRATULATIONS:

Fr. Vsevolod Shevchuk (10/24), Mike Sperko (10/22) and Peter Kopko (10/28) celebrate their birthdays. May God bless you and grant you **many years, Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!**

CHURCH CALENDARS:

We now have the following Church calendars that you can check from your phone or computer and even sync with! Type the link in your browser to view/sync the calendar.
Church Activities: bit.ly/HolyGhostActivities
Typikon: bit.ly/EparchyJosaphatTypikon
Major Feast & Fasts: bit.ly/FeastsFasts
Daily Saints: bit.ly/DailySaints

PARISH RETREAT:

Saturday December 11th from 1-5pm
Led by sisters from Christ the Bridegroom Monastery.

The Role of Families:

As we lived through the darkness of the pandemic, many of us found our families to be sources of light. Our families are gifts from God, and they are intended to be wellsprings of mutual support and spiritual growth. The Church teaches that the family is “the domestic church” and that it is the primary place where the faith is passed on. In explaining how the family serves as domestic church, our catechism, Christ Our Pascha, calls the family “the primary cell of the Christian community” where “parents are the first evangelizers and educators of their children” (COP 656).

Preparing children to become faithful adults:

Parents have the special task of preparing children to one day face the world independently, as adults. How they raise their children shapes who their children will become as adults. Worshiping together in church – as a family – is an irreplaceable experience that yields lasting spiritual rewards. By choosing to belong to a faith community as a family, and participating in the liturgical life of the Church as a family, parents can help ensure that their children inherit the gift of faith. Choosing to bring one’s family to church – or conversely, choosing to stay home – communicates to children a message about what is most important to their parents. Attending church instills in a child the belief that faith is something to value, that it is a priority. Deciding not to attend church, when it is safe to do so, conveys the message that faith is not a high priority. These are lessons children remember.

Planning ahead:

Nov 13 - Pyrohy
Nov 14 - Thanksgiving dinner
Dec 4 - Pyrohy
Dec 5 - St Nicholas Brunch

Saint Demetrios, The Myrrh-Streamer

Saint Demetrios was born in Thessaloniki, Greece in 270 AD. He came from a wealthy family and because he was athletic in appearance and heroic in spirit, he became a high-ranking officer in the Roman Army at a very young age. (This is why he is depicted in Byzantine icons in military dress, either standing or riding a horse.) He considered himself a soldier of Christ first, and a military soldier second. He spent most of his time as a devout missionary, preaching the Gospel at secret meetings and converting pagans to the Christian faith. At one of these meetings, he was captured and placed in front of the Emperor Maximian, who wanted to learn the truth about the conversions. Saint Demetrios proclaimed his faith by saying: "...only in Christ do I believe." With that proclamation, Maximian ordered that Saint Demetrios be sent to prison and subjected to the cruelest tortures. Even though Saint Demetrios was imprisoned, he did not stop preaching the gospel to those who came to see him. In jail, he was visited by his follower, Nestoras. Nestorius was a man of small stature and had come to ask for his beloved teacher's blessing to fight in the upcoming gladiator games. The emperor had decided to use the games as a duel between Christianity and paganism by challenging any Christian to a fight against the athletic giant, Leo. With the blessing of Saint Demetrios, Nestoras fought and killed Leo. Enraged at the loss of his favorite gladiator, the emperor commanded that Nestoras be beheaded on the spot. Recognizing that Saint Demetrios was the inspiring power behind Nestoras, the emperor ordered that Saint Demetrios be executed by spear on October 26, 306 AD. Christians buried the body of Saint Demetrios at the place of his execution and because of the beautiful scent that emanated from his tomb, he was named Mirovlitisor "The Myrrh Gusher". The most ancient icons of Saint Demetrios may be found in his temple in Thessaloniki where he is the patron saint. This is not just because he was born and died there, but because the people believe it was his intervention that saved the city during many attacks by Slavic nations, the Bulgarians, Arabs, Saracens and others. Even the liberation of Thessaloniki during the Balkan wars of 1912 coincide with the feast day of Saint Demetrios on October 26th. In ancient times, the life of Saint Demetrios was commemorated with celebrations that lasted for months. These celebrations were accompanied by many events such as the famous market named "Demetria". Traders and business people from Europe, Egypt, Arabia and Libya came to deal and trade. The festivities were also attended by philosophers, learned men of the time and artists. To this day, Thessaloniki hosts Greece's largest international trade exhibition each year.