

**TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**December 10, 2017**

9:10 AM      Rosary

9:30 AM      **Health/Blessings for all Parishioners**

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Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM      **+ Olga Mosyjowski**— by Ron Prexta

Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

6:30 PM      **BIBLE STUDY**

Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

6:30 PM      **+ Rose Kline** – by the Family

Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM      **+ Antonina Kulyk** – by Roman & Mary Kostiuk

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Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

11:30 AM      **Ukrainian School in the Rectory**

5:00 PM      **+ Kateryna & Demko Schmeida** – by Maria Schmeida

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 AM      **Health/Blessings for all Parishioners**

The Church was a mother to you in life, providing for your spiritual needs; please remember the Eparchy of Saint Josaphat in Parma in your last will and testament. The wording to do this is as follows:  
“I give and bequeath to the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese of St. Josaphat in Parma, located in Parma, Ohio, \_\_\_\_\_% of the residue of my estate [or: the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_].”  
Thank you!

*visit our Eparchial web site:*  
**stjosaphateparchy.com**

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

This week **Patricia Romanovich (12/11), Tim Jett (12/16)** and **Miriam Szijarto (12/17)** are celebrating their birthdays. 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!**

**PLANNING AHEAD:**

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> – Divine Liturgy at 12:30 in **Canton**  
Dec 24<sup>th</sup> –Christmas Eve Liturgy **10:00 PM**  
Dec 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Liturgy **10:00 AM**  
Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – Circumcision of Our Lord **9:30AM**  
Jan 5<sup>th</sup> – Vigil of Theophany 6:30 PM  
Jan 6<sup>th</sup> – Theophany of Our Lord 9:00 AM  
Jan 7<sup>th</sup> – Prosphora Dinner

**PYROHY PROJECT DATES 2018:**

Feb 10  
Mar 17  
Apr 21  
May 19  
June 23

**ACME RECEIPTS:**

Please save your **Acme Receipts**—give them to any BVM Sodality member or place them in the collection basket so that our Sodality can earn money for our parish!  
*Every little bit helps!*

**STAYING INFORMED:**

You can keep updated with Divine Liturgy schedules, current and future Church events, and Bible Study materials by checking our Church website www.hgucc.org every week. Occasionally you may even find your picture there!  
**“PERFECTLY YOURSELF”:**  
Learn that you have enough brains, talent, beauty, laughter, soul, ideas, and love to live the incredible life God created you to live. For you and yours, pock up a FREE paperback copy of “Perfectly Yourself: at either entrance into church. This gift was dropped off by St. Nicholas during his visit last Sunday. Enjoy!

**UNIQUE CHRISTMAS GIFTS:**

Are available at our Ukrainian store in the social hall. Items for sale include religious icons, Christmas ornaments, Ukrainian and English greeting cards(most \$ 1.50), pysanky (Ukrainian eggs), jewelry, embroidery, cookbooks, ceramics, aprons, woodworking (plaques, plates, jewelry boxes, candleholders), t-shirts, visors, angels, bookmarks, key chains, magnets, etc. All new items are reasonably priced, and estate items are a bargain.

It is important to remind the people of our parish from time to time that if anyone has been the victim of sexual abuse by the clergy, or by an employee or a volunteer, he or she should come forward and make that known to his or her pastor or to the bishop who can be reached at his chancery by dialing (440) 888-1522, or by writing to him at PO Box 347180, Parma OH 44134-7180.

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### **VISIT THE HOLY GHOST PARISH LIBRARY**

Located in the parish hall near the double doors, our library has books and other materials to borrow. Browse selections on Liturgy, Scripture, Mary and other Saints, Prayer, the Sacraments, and some children's items. There is a small collection of books in Ukrainian. Let us know if you have books to add to the library on our Liturgy, theology, and traditions. Books of this type may be left in the box marked "Book Donations" near the Library shelves. Questions: Pete or Norma Kopko 330-477-9650.

### **BYZANTINE DAILY OFFICE:**

A while back you received an insert with our parish bulletin detailing a new electronic product from Easter Christian Publications to assist with your prayer life. However, for the iTunes and other audio download websites, the albums of the Daily Office cannot be found with the text "ECP-BDO" as indicated in the flier. You must use "**Byzantine Daily Office**" instead, in order to search those websites. Please make note of this, those of you who desire to raise your level of daily prayer.

Also check [www.ecpubs.com/daily-office.html](http://www.ecpubs.com/daily-office.html) for more information.

### **THE UNITED STATES COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS**

We are all invited to visit [www.usccb.org/conscience](http://www.usccb.org/conscience) to learn more about various social issues relative to the teaching of the Catholic Church. It helps to stay informed, as we continue to mature in our Catholic Christian Faith. See what the hierarchy has discussed, decided and published in order to guide the faithful.

### **FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T JOIN US:**

Know that we are praying for all the souls connected with Holy Ghost Parish, the Ukrainian Catholic Church, the Greater Catholic (Universal) Church, and all Christian souls in the world. We also pray for non-Christians, and we pray for our enemies. The goal of our prayers is to bring the world into greater harmony, that all may become one in the unity of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, as he commanded.

### **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

Please continue to bring in any Box Tops for Education labels and leave them in the tall container by the Sunday coffee service. Our altar servers really appreciate your collection of these labels as they donate them to their school.

"28. The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community. While certainly not the only institution which evangelizes, if the parish proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity, it continues to be "the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters". This presumes that it really is in contact with the homes and the lives of its people, and does not become a useless structure out of touch with people or a self-absorbed group made up of a chosen few. The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach."

Pope Francis, *Apostolic Exhortation on the Proclamation of the Gospel in Today's World*

The news media have made all of us aware of the valiant struggles that the Ukrainian people are engaged in these days. In solidarity with them, we follow Patriarch Sviatoslav's initiative to pray for Ukrainian's God-given rights to freedom of speech, choice and religion; therefore, Fr. Sal has added these liturgical Petitions to the Divine Liturgy at Holy Ghost Parish.

Liturgical Petitions:

O good and loving Master, look down with compassion, heal, comfort and protect Your servants in Ukraine as they seek to foster unity and end division, and enjoy human rights, liberty, and self-determination in their nation, let us pray to the Lord.

We also pray that the Holy Spirit may open the hearts and minds of all to wisdom and grace so that those in Ukraine and throughout the world will cease the acts of aggression and respect the territorial sovereignty of Ukraine, let us pray to the Lord.

## ANNOUNCEMENT:

**“Christ among us”** - a program brought to you each Sunday at this time to reach those who are elderly or ill, and those who are not able to attend their church for Sunday worship.

Tune in to WPIT- 73 AM - Pittsburgh, PA every Sunday at 2:00 pm (EST) or listen to the radio program on-line at [www.wpitam.com](http://www.wpitam.com) You can also listen any time at <http://stjosaphateparchy.com/listen/>

This Program is sponsored by the Diocesan Resource Committee of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saint Josaphat in Parma, OH, and by your contributions. Each Sunday we will bring to you the word of God, we hope to brighten your lives and bring you joy and solace

**\*\*\*Vatican Announcement about Cremated Remains** – On October 25<sup>th</sup> the Vatican confirmed that Catholics may be cremated, but announced that they may not have their ashes scattered at sea or kept in urns at home. According to the new guidelines, cremated remains should be kept in a “sacred place” such as a church cemetery. For more details about this announcement, we forward all faithful to the Holy See website [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

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### **ARE YOU READY?:**

Many people think because they attend a particular parish, they automatically belong. But membership requires signing up---formally enrolling yourself in parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish. Please make an effort to register in our parish.

### **FORGIVENESS:**

Forgiveness does not mean acceptance of a lie. When we forgive, we don't put up with evil, but on the contrary, we name it and call a wrongdoer as such. But when we forgive, this means that first of all we throw evil out of our own heart. Only that person who is spiritually higher and stronger, can forgive. To forgive means to overcome evil. Forgiveness does not mean release from responsibility for wrongdoings. Fair punishment is necessary for reconciliation. Otherwise how can we speak about the due respect for the victims of crimes, due satisfaction for their offences if, according to the principles of justice, the person who offended them will not suffer deserved punishment?

**MARRIAGE** The Holy Mystery of Marriage (from the catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church) Marriage Is a Mystery of Love between a Man and a Woman # 472

Marriage is based on the fact that the married couple mutually complements one another. The Church gives witness to this in a prayer of the Rite of Crowning: “Holy God, you created man from the dust and from his side fashioned a woman as a suitable helpmate for him, for such was the good pleasure of your majesty that man should not be alone on earth.” In their gender differentiation, a man and a woman complete one another, creating an indissoluble union of one body

**"The merciful Lord hurries to help others using our feet, supports the sick and frail with our hands, listens to those who have been wronged with our ears, consoles those who are sad with our mouths, carries the weak with our shoulders, brings others close to Himself with our hearts. In other words, the vocation of every Christian is to be an icon of God's goodness and love in the world."**

- Patriarch Sviatoslav

On behalf of the Synod of Bishops  
of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church

### **2018:**

- **March 3-4: LOCK-IN RETREAT at St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church in Austintown, OH;**
- **June 14-15: EPARCHIAL YOUTH DAYS at Cheeseman Farm in Portersville, PA;**

- **October 6-7: FALL YOUTH RETREAT at (pending venue);**
- **December 7-9: YOUTH RALLY in Charlotte, NC (pending the exact name of and venue for the event);**

**“Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9**