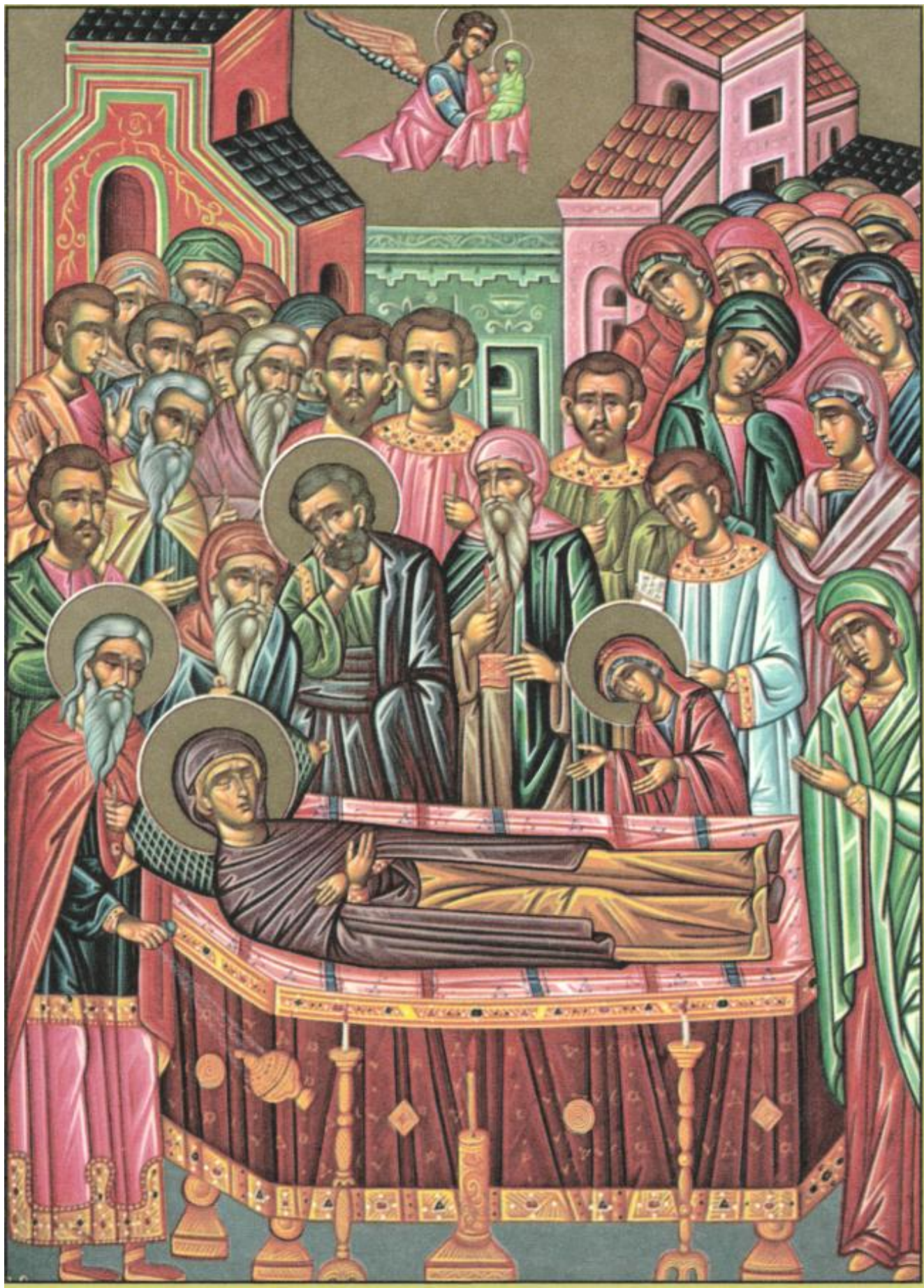


SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW



Icon of Dormition of Saint Anne – July 25th

!! CHECK OUT OUR LIVE-STREAMED WORSHIP AT OUR ST JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE !!
(SEE BELOW FOR SCHEDULING DETAILS; TO MAKE SURE THEY WERE NOT CANCELLED,
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL, OR TEXT: ANTONY CHIROVSKY AT 412-592-5845)

7TH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:
BRIGHT (GOLD OR NON-PASCHAL WHITE) VESTMENTS

LITURGY OF VESPERS: 2 MOSES [EXODUS] 3:4-10, 4:10-16; ISAIAH 35:1-10
LITURGY OF MATINS: #7: JOHN 20:1-10, ANTHOLOGY, P. 49;
DIVINE LITURGY: ROMANS 15:1-7; MATTHEW 9:27-35

For the liturgical propers for an English Divine Liturgy, we use those for the Resurrection of Tone 6 in the blue Anthology: pp.: 349-352/472-473.

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE SAINT(S) OF JULY 23 MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO COMPLINE ON SUNDAY EVENING, OR SET ASIDE: [For our Most-Holy, Most-Pure and Most-Blessed Lady, the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, whose miracle at Pochayiv against Tartar invaders in 1675, we remember on this day, and,...] for the Holy Martyrs Trophimus, Theophilus and Those with Them (284-305); and for the holy Priest-martyrs Apollinarius (78) and Vitalius (+either 54-68 or 161-180), bishops of Ravenna; and for the holy father Sharbel (Joseph Makhlef) of St. Maroun Monastery in Lebanon (+1898), whose memory we celebrate; and for Blessed Priest-martyr Vasyl (Basil) Hopko, Bishop of Midila and Auxiliary Bishop of Presov (+1976), whose passing into eternal life on this day, we also commemorate. *(Pastoral Note: The Greco-Catholic Churches in Europe celebrate the Feast of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, Patrons of Europe, together with the Roman Church, which leaves May 11 free for the commemoration of the Blessed Bishop Basil Hopko on the date of his ordination as a bishop. So, the feastday of Blessed Basil Hopko (proper texts pending) may be observed on May 11, together with Saints Cyril and Methodius, but his memory may also be observed on the day of his repose, July 23.)*

4:00-4:30 PM –

SATURDAY, JULY 22

Fr. Ivan will be available for Holy Mystery of Confession for those who wish to make use of it. Please feel free to ring the doorbell at the church office if the church is not yet opened when you arrive. Of course, one may confess in the presence of any other Catholic priest, as well; and, if anyone should be in need of an additional time slot, all you have to do is ask any priest.

4:00 PM – DIVINE LITURGY (Eng.)

SATURDAY, JULY 22

+Stefania Krupa (Oksana Jane Krupa)

Fr. Ihor Hohosha

5:15 PM – SUNDAY GREAT VESPERS
6:00 PM – SUNDAY MATINS
7:30 PM – SUNDAY FIRST HOUR

SATURDAY, JULY 22
Fr. Ivan Chirovsky

9:00 AM – DIVINE LITURGY (Eng. & Ukr.)
God's Blessings On Parishioners (Fr. I. C.)

SUNDAY, JULY 23

Fr. Ivan Chirovsky

WEEKDAY SERVICES AND EVENTS: The daily Scripture readings for the 8th Week after Pentecost are listed in the *Anthology* on p. 585.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM
 MONDAY, JULY 24th to FRIDAY, JULY 28th.**

**Acts of penance, such as fasting from meat,
 are obligatory on Fridays, and encouraged on Wednesdays**

8TH SUNDAY after PENTECOST:
BRIGHT (GOLD OR NON-PASCHAL WHITE) VESTMENTS

LITURGY OF VESPERS: 4 KINGDOMS [2 KINGS] 4:38-44; ISAIAH 40:1-11
LITURGY OF MATINS: #8: JOHN 20:11-18, ANTHOLOGY, P. 49-50
DIVINE LITURGY: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18; MATTHEW 14:14-22

For the liturgical propers for an English Divine Liturgy, we use those for the Resurrection of Tone 7 in the blue Anthology: pp.: 353-356/474-475.

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE SAINT(S) OF JULY 30 MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO COMPLINE ON SUNDAY EVENING, OR SET ASIDE: for the Holy Apostles of the Seventy: Silas and Silvanus, Crescens, Epaenetus and Andronicus; the holy martyr John the Warrior at Constantinople (361-363); the holy priest-martyrs Polychronius, bishop of Babylon, and his companions: the presbyters: Parmenios, Helimenas, and Chrysotelus, and the deacons: Luke and Moscius, and the holy Persian Martyrs Abdon and Sennen, and the holy martyrs Olympios and Maximos all of whom suffered during the third century under the emperor Decius (249-251); the holy priest-martyr Valentine, bishop of Interamna, Terni in Umbria in Italy, and his three disciples, Proculus, Ephebus and Apollonius, and with them the righteous Abundius (circa 273), whose memory we celebrate.

4:00-4:30 PM –

SATURDAY, JULY 29

Fr. Ivan will be available for Holy Mystery of Confession for those who wish to make use of it. Please feel free to ring the doorbell at the church office if the church is not yet opened when you arrive. Of course, one may confess in the presence of any other Catholic priest, as well; and, if anyone should be in need of an additional time slot, all you have to do is ask any priest.

SATURDAY, JULY 29

4:00 PM – DIVINE LITURGY (Eng.)

+John Czuczman (Kuzemka/Duhig Families)

Fr. Ihor Hohosha

5:15 PM – SUNDAY GREAT VESPERS

Fr. Ivan Chirovsky

6:00 PM – SUNDAY MATINS

7:30 PM – SUNDAY FIRST HOUR

SUNDAY, JULY 30

9:00 AM – DIVINE LITURGY (Eng. & Ukr.)

God's Blessings On Parishioners (Fr. I. C.)

Fr. Ivan Chirovsky

**ЗМІННІ ЧАСТИНИ ЗНАХОДЯТЬСЯ В ІНШИХ КНИЖКАХ,
ОТЖЕ ЇХ ТУТ НЕ ПЕРЕДРУКОВУЄМО.**

**THE LITURGICAL PROPERs ARE TO BE FOUND IN THE VARIOUS
BOOKS; hence they are not being reprinted here.**

**ON PAGES 128 OR 414/415: THE FOLLOWING MAY BE INSERTED AT the
INSISTENT LITANY (EKTENIYA OF FERVENT SUPPLICATION):**

***PETITION* COMMONLY USED IN MANY OF OUR EPARCHIES:**

Deacon: We also pray, since the Lord, Jesus Christ, Our God, told us to pray for vocations to the spiritual life, saying; "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. Ask the harvest master to send out workers to gather his harvest" (Mat. 9: 37-38), that our Lord would call and send our Church, good and generous souls from among our youth to become good and fervent fathers and mothers, lay leaders and workers, theologians, iconographers, cantors, sisters, brothers, nuns, monks, servers and sub-deacons, deacons, and priests, Lord, hear us and have mercy.

**PETITION FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2017, FROM PRAYER
INTENTION ENTRUSTED BY POPE FRANCIS TO APOSTLESHIP OF
PRAYER**

За перекладом: <http://www.misionar.in.ua.org/>

ТЕРМІНОВО:

Ще молимося: щоб Святий Дух дарував мир всьому світові, залікував рани від війни та тероризму, й за жертв та їхніх сімей, молимося Тобі Господи, вислухай й помилуй.

Колишні християни:

Ще молимося, за наших братів й сестер, які відпали від віри, щоб вони через нашу молитву й євангельське свідчення, знову віднайшли милосердну близькість Господа, й красу християнського життя, молимося Тобі Господи, вислухай й помилуй.

**PETITION FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2017, FROM PRAYER INTENTION
ENTRUSTED BY POPE FRANCIS TO APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER**

URGENT: **We also pray: that the Holy Spirit may grant peace to the entire world, heal the wounds of war and terrorism, and for the victims and their families, we implore You, O Lord, hear us and have mercy.**

Lapsed Christians: **We also pray: That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life, we implore You, O Lord, hear us and have mercy.**

***PETITION** mandated by His Grace Bishop Robert in a letter dated 9-18-2008, at the request of the League of Ukrainian Catholics, modified for 2015:*

Deacon: **We also pray, that our Righteous Father Andrey (Sheptytsky), together with all of our Church's holy Martyrs and Confessors of Faith in Christ, [especially His Beatitude Josyf the Confessor (Cardinal Slipyj)], to whom 2017 has been dedicated] be glorified among the saints, hasten to hear us, O Lord, and have mercy.**

PRAYER FOR BISHOPS (BYZANTINE STYLE)

Heavenly Father, in these trying times when the spirit of the age threatens Christian values, give our Bishop Bohdan and all of our bishops holiness of life and wisdom to direct and guide our eparchial/diocesan families so that we may grow in Your love. We pray that You grant them strength and power in prudently guiding Your spiritual flocks entrusted to them, and that they may enrich those over whom they watch, that together with the flocks committed to their care, they may attain eternal life through Your Only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, with Whom You are blessed, together with Your all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

PROPOSAL for ACOLYTE ASSIGNMENTS

If servers would like this to be modified,

they are asked to notify the office:

4:00 PM — SATURDAYS: Andrew McCauley; Peter McCauley

**9:00 AM — SUNDAYS: Andrew Buckholt, Yuriy Bidochko, Kris Boyer,
Joseph Levy, Michael Levy**

LECTORS

Michael Vargo, Rich Vargo, Stephanie Vargo,
Sophia Bidochko and Irene Borodycia

7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

Saturday, July 22, 2017 – 5:15 PM, All-Night Vigil, (Vespers & Matins)

2 MOSES [EXODUS] 3:4-10, 4:10-16; ISAIAH 35:1-10

Sunday, July 23, 2017 – 9:00 AM, Divine Liturgy:

ROMANS 15:1-7; MATTHEW 9:27-35

8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

Saturday, July 29, 2017 – 5:15 PM, All-Night Vigil, (Vespers & Matins)

4 KINGDOMS [2 KINGS] 4:38-44; ISAIAH 40:1-11

Sunday, July 30, 2017 – 9:00 AM, Divine Liturgy:

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18; MATTHEW 14:14-22

ARCHEPARCHIAL – ARCHDIOCESAN NEWSPAPER:

Our Philadelphia Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Way*, is available in both languages; Ukrainian and English but is no longer printed and sent out to people's homes. However, those who wish, may access it at www.ukrarcheparchy.us or you can sign up to receive it in your emails by writing to theway@ukrarcheparchy.us

CULTURE-HERITAGE BOOTH - Please see Diane Vargo.

The Culture-Heritage glass cases in the upper church hall, are available for parishioners to view a selection of spiritual books, Pysanky, Easter cards, gifts, etc.

PYROHY SALES AT OUR OWN ST. JOHN'S PARISH

The new season opens in September; the FROZEN Pyrohy are sold out.

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL THANK YOU

The Stewardship Council would like to thank James C. and Olga Kaiser for their generous donation of \$100.00 **In memory of Mykola and Anna Hodowanec.**

The Stewardship Council also received an extremely generous donation for the Estate of Parteni Danek **In Honor of the Danek Family** in the amount of \$5,000.00.

We thank both families for the generous donations and may God bless you all a hundredfold!

WEDNESDAYS: AT THE PITTSBURGH ORATORY

Normally, held at 7:30 – 8:45 PM - Led by Fr. David Abernethy, a study of *The Ascetical Homilies of Saint Isaac the Syrian* (AD circa 613-700). All are welcome ! See Facebook for any cancellations or postponements.

PARISHIONERS' PRAYER LIST

Our parish's listing for people IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS especially during the holy days has been updated recently. This would include those who might be suffering from some illness, or who might simply - for whatever reasons - be unable to attend church services. This may be because they are caregivers at home, or may themselves have some temporary minor illness, or they may be shut-ins at home, or in hospitals and nursing homes due to age or infirmity. The names reported to us, with permission to print, were: Ahafia Berketa, Catherine Coughenour, Irene Dragan, Willis Gogniat, Alice Haritan, Frances Hladonik, Sophia Hodowanec, Anna Holowatyj, Vera

Holubiak, Katherine Iwanonkiw, Pauline Iwasiw, Ruth Postol, Daria Sadowyj, Donald Scott. Please keep these people and their families in your prayers. Any additions (or mistakes) should be submitted to the church office (412) 431-2531, as soon as they become available.

HOLY TRINITY UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL – AUGUST 19TH & 20TH

Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church, 730 Washington Avenue, Carnegie, Pa. is holding their Ukrainian Festival on Saturday, August 19th from 12 Noon – 8 pm and on Sunday, August 20th from 12 Noon – 6pm. They will be holding a bake sale and be selling ethnic foods such as pyrohy, stuffed cabbage and kolbasa. Music on Saturday will be provided by the the group Unnecessary Polka and the Mansfied Five will perform on Sunday. For more information: 412-279-4652 or www.htucc.com.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017

UKRAINIAN TECHNOLOGICAL SOCIETY DINNER DANCE

The 2017 UTS Dinner Dance will occur on the evening of Saturday, November 4, 2017 at the Club at Nevillewood. All are kindly asked not to schedule conflicting events at that time.

QUARTERLY REMINDER

Our Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma is obligated to remind its members that they, especially the victims, have a right and duty to report any incident of the sexual abuse of a minor by the clergy, or by an employee or a volunteer. One should come forward and make that known to his or her pastor or to the bishop or to one of those who assist him in this regard. Once more we remind our readers that our current Bishop Bohdan Danylo can be reached at his Chancery by dialing (440) 888-1522 or by writing to him at: P. O. Box 347180, Parma, OH. 44134-7180. Marika Zaliszczuk, the Victim Assistance Coordinator, can be reached on her cell at (412) 215-5372. After 2014, His Grace Bishop Bohdan (Danylo) had made revisions to the Policies & Procedures in effect in this eparchy for the protection of children & youth. A copy is posted in the vestibule of the church. You may also view them on the web at www.stjosaphateparchy.com — then click the link for policies, or use this direct link, <http://stjosaphateparchy.com/policies/>.

SPIRITUALLY ADOPT A PRIEST PROGRAM.

Our priests are indispensable. They give their lives to their saving mission of Christ and His church. It is our duty to pray for our priests. And so the St Josaphat Eparchy has officially starting an "Adopt a Priest Program." They will send interested parishioners a prayer card with the specific name of a priest, bishop or seminarian for whom to pray. And each year thereafter, at the beginning of our church year, September 1st, they will send a different priest for you to include in your prayers. To participate, please e-mail your name and address to: spirituallyadoptpriest@gmail.com. Indicate your preference for an English or Ukrainian prayer card. Thank you for interceding on behalf of our priests.

On July 20 or the Sunday afterwards, the Priest reads this prayer:

PRAYER FOR BLESSING OF VEHICLES:

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O Lord and Master, our God, hear our prayers, that we now offer to You and bless with Your holy right hand this vehicle (car); send down upon it Your guardian angels so that all who would accomplish their journey in it would remain free and protected from all evil adventures. Through the Apostle [Philip] You bestowed the gifts of Your faith and grace to the man from Ethiopia, who was sitting in his chariot, reading the prophetic books of the holy scriptures. So also to Your servants who would use this vehicle (car), show the way of salvation, so that established by Your grace and beautified by good works, they may also be found worthy of eternal joy in the kingdom of heaven, having fulfilled their lives here on earth. For the Might is Yours, as is the Kingdom, the Power and Glory, and we send up glory to You, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. (translated from Ukrainian: "Order of Blessing of a Vehicle", *Book of Needs for Sanctifications and Blessings*, L'viv: Svichado, 2012, p. 235)

Владико Господи, Боже наш, вислухай моління наші, які приносимо Тобі нині, і благослови десницею Твоєю святою транспортний засіб (автомобіль) оцей; зішли на нього ангелів своїх хоронителів, щоб усі, хто захоче звершувати путь свій на ньому, зоставались вільними та захо-роненими від усяких злих пригод. Як чоловікові етіопському, що сидів на колісниці і читав святі пророцтва, через апостола Твого [Пилипа] віру і благодать дарував еси, так і рабам Твоїм, які користуватимуться цим транспортним засобом (автомобілем), покажи путь спасення, щоби благодаттю Твоєю укріплені, прикрасилися добрими вчинками, а по завершенні життя цього в Небесному Царстві вічної радості сподобилися. Бо Твоя є влада, і Твоє є царство, і сила, і слава, і Тобі славу возсилаємо, + Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові, нині і повсякчас, і на віки віків. ("Чин Благословення Транспортного Засобу", *Требник Освячення й Благословення*, Львів: Свічадо, 2012, стор. 235)

Рм. 15, 1–7. «Ми, сильні, мусимо нести немочі безсильних»

Нам непросто сприймати свої слабкості та обмеження, а що вже казати про слабкості інших! Ми завжди хочемо й очікуємо, щоб інші чинили досконало. Але саме в цьому криється вся небезпека. Ми хочемо, щоб інші чинили досконало там, де ми самі досить часто не є досконалыми.

Тому усвідомлюймо собі все більше, що тих немочей і слабкостей нікому з нас не бракує. Так, ми маємо свої сильні сторони, але маємо також і слабкості та обмеження. **Покірно ці слабкості інших приймаймо, і так само інші будуть приймати наші обмеження та слабкості.**

Мт. 9, 27–35. «Слідом за Ним пустилися два сліпці й кричали: "Помилуй нас, сину Давидів!"»

Можемо уявити ситуацію, коли натовп так оточив Христа, що до Нього годі було досягнути. А тут бачимо двох сліпців, які голосно кричали, бо хотіли докричатися до Господа, просячи Його про зцілення та помилування. І саме через їхній крик Ісус зцілив їх.

Цей уривок дуже важливий для нас. Ми щось у Господа попросимо, помолимося, але коли не отримуємо одразу, то відступаємо. Маємо якусь проблему – сказали про неї Богові, промовили молитву, пішли до церкви, а далі, замість щоб бути витривалими у своєму проханні, навпаки, зупиняємося.

На прикладі цих сліпців можемо побачити настирливість, наполегливість, навіть впертість у своєму проханні. Часто Бог не дає нам чогось відразу лише тому, щоб ми самі для себе пересвідчилися, чи нам про це дійсно йдеться, чи ми наполегливі в цьому проханні. **Тому так само наполегливо, як ці сліпці, просімо та благаймо Господа, і Господь завжди нам дасть!**
Владика Венедикт (Алексійчук)

Rm. 15, 1–7. « We who are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak »

If it is not easy for us to accept our own weaknesses and limitations, then what are we to say about the weaknesses of others!? We always want and expect others to do everything perfectly. But it is in this that all the danger lies. We want others to do perfectly that which we ourselves are often unable to do perfectly.

Therefore, we must realize more and more deeply that none of us are lacking when it comes to inabilities and weaknesses. Yes, we have our strengths, but we also have weaknesses and limitations. **Let us accept the weaknesses of others in humility, and so others will then be able to accept our limitations and weaknesses in the same way.**

Mt. 9, 27–35. « Two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" »

We can imagine this situation where the crowd has surrounded Christ so fully that it was not possible for anyone to reach Him. And here we see two blind people who because their desire for His healing and mercy are compelled to cry out louder than the noise of the crowds. And it was on account of their crying out that Jesus healed them.

This passage is very important for us to understand. We ask something of the Lord, we pray, but when we do not receive it immediately, we often fall back. We had some problem - we told God about it, said our prayers, went to church, and then, we are not persistent in our request, but on the contrary, we stop asking.

Using the example of these blind ones, we can see stubbornness, perseverance, and even obstinacy in their request. Often, God does not immediately give us that for which we ask, since it is His desire that we first see for ourselves, whether or not this is truly what we want, that we arrive at a persistent certitude with regard to our petition. **Therefore, it is with just as much persistence as in these two blind ones, that we are to petition and beg of the Lord, and the Lord will always give to us!**

Bishop Benedict (Aleksiychuk)

**“I will not offer to the Lord my God sacrifices that
have cost me nothing.” — 2 Kingdoms, LXX (2 Samuel, Heb.) 24:24**

THE SUMMARY OF INCOME: 7/15-16/2017

Currently, this income report includes funds deposited into the Main Church Operating Account and any income that arrives in the mail or is brought to the church office on a weekday. In the future, we hope to have it reflect also the income to St John's Pyrohy, St John's Church Auxiliary and St John's Stewardship Council donation and property accounts. RE: Sunday Collection. We ask that if you are submitting a BLANK ENVELOPE instead of using your assigned envelope that you INCLUDE YOUR ENVELOPE NUMBER. Please, also include an envelope number when just submitting a personal check. If you have assigned envelopes please use them instead of just submitting a check. Thank you.

WEEKLY SUNDAY OFFERINGS	781.00
WEEKLY CANDLES, including MEMORIAL CANDLES (below)	54.00
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE (1 st Sunday)	32.00
MEMBERSHIP DUES (2 nd Sunday)	45.00
UTILITIES & INSURANCE (3 rd Sunday)	296.00
DIOCESAN OBLIGATIONS & ASSESSMENTS (4 th Sunday)	105.00
BOOKS/JOURNALS	0.00
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	5.00
PROPERTY USE INCOME	280.00
INITIAL OFFERING	5.00
SEMINARY FUND 4/16/2017	4.00
MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE – 4/30/2017	5.00
BLESSING OF GRAVES – 5/28/2017	4.00
PENTECOST SUNDAY – 6/4/2017	4.00
PETER'S PENCE – 6/4/2017	14.00
FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE – 6/4/2017	5.00
MONDAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT – 6/5/2017	5.00
FEAST OF ALL SAINTS – 6/11/2017	5.00
NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST – 6/24/2017	14.00
SS. PETER AND PAUL – 6/29/2017	15.00
TOTAL	1,678.00

MEMORIAL FUND

All donations collected in this fund will be used to purchase new Liturgical items, including any new vestments or repairs to existing liturgical items. In the meantime, as we use what we have for the greater glory of God. Your generosity, as always, will be greatly appreciated.

No donations this week

MEMORIAL CANDLES

If you would like to sponsor a candle in front of the copy of the miraculous Pochayiv Mother of God Icon or in front of the Icon of the Cross of Our Lord, or four lamps at the iconostas icons, or seven lamps in the seven-branched candlestick at our Altar (Holy Table), for whatever intention you desire, at \$5.00 per week, please write to or call the parish office at: 412-431-2531.

IN MEMORY OF KAROL AND MARY BODZIUCH:

(Icon of St. John the Baptist)

\$5.00 - +John Bodziuch (This will occur weekly until 8/14/2017)

The Church was a Mother to you in life, providing for your spiritual needs. Please remember her in your last will and testament.

Будь ласка, пам'ятайте про свою "Українську Католицьку Єпархію св. Йосафата", та нашу "Церкву/Парафію св. Івана Хрестителя", в своєму заповіті.

The wording to do this, is as follows:

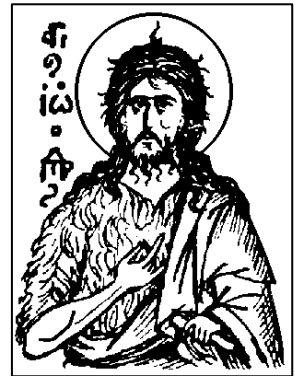
"I give and bequeath to the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese of St. Josaphat in Parma, located in Parma, Ohio, ____% of the residue of my estate [or: the sum of \$ ____]."

"I give and bequeath to St John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, located in Pittsburgh, PA., ____% of the residue of my estate [or: the sum of \$ ____]."

Thank you.



PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
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Byzantine-Kyivan-Ukrainian Rite



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**"Catholic" comes from the Greek, meaning:
 "according-to-the-whole" or "universal"**

"Rite" or "Ritual Church" means "One of the twenty-one Eastern Catholic Sister Churches, who are simultaneously in Communion with the Church & Pope in Rome, while living their own distinctly non-Roman (non-Latin), and yet equally Apostolic Tradition (Theological, Spiritual, Liturgical & Canonical Heritage)."

Saint Anna (Ann)

St. Anna, the mother of the Theotokos, was the wife of St. Joachim and the daughter of Mattham, a Levi priest. Anna and Joachim were married and childless for about 50 years. This saddened them, and they vowed that should the Lord bless them with a child they would dedicate it to Him. Joachim went to the wilderness to pray, where the Archangel Gabriel told him that his prayers have been heard, and that Anna will give birth to a daughter who shall be called Mary

The Archangel also reminded Joachim that, "according to your vow, she (Mary) shall be devoted to the Lord from her infancy, and she shall be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from her mother's womb. Mary shall not eat or drink anything unclean, nor shall her conversation or life be among the crowds of the people, but in the temple of the Lord, that it may not be possible to say, or so much as to suspect, any evil concerning her." St. Romanos chanted, "Joachim on the mountain prayed to receive

fruit from the womb of Anna; and the prayer of the holy man was received."

The same Archangel appeared to Anna and told her, "I am the angel who has presented your prayers and alms before God; and now I have been sent to you to announce that you shall bring forth a daughter, who shall be called Mary, and who shall be blessed above all women. She shall be full of the favor of the Lord, even from her birth. ... Gabriel then said, "arise, therefore, and go up to Jerusalem; and when you arrive at the gate that, because it is plated with gold, is called 'Golden,' there, for a sign, you shall meet your husband, for whose safety you have been anxious. When, therefore, you find these things accomplished, believe that all the rest which I have told you shall also undoubtedly be accomplished."

Based on the *Protoevangelium of James*

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