

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Christ Teaching His Disciples

Loving Our Enemies

Those who close their eyes to the demands of love fall asleep in the desire for worldly pleasures. Therefore, be watchful. Eating, drinking, carousing, gambling, and hunting are pleasures, but evils of every kind follow in the wake of these vanities. No one can deny that they are enjoyable, but love of God's law must come first, for to love God means to keep His commandments. Which commandments? You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, and you must love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

My brothers and sisters, to widen our hearts, we need not depend upon ourselves. Ask God to help you love one another – to love everyone without exception, not just your friends, but enemies as well; not because they are your brothers and sisters in Christ, but so that they may be. Pray that you may

always have a warm, fraternal love for other people, both for those who have become your brothers and sisters, and for your enemies, that they may become such. Whenever you love brothers or sisters you love friends, for they are already with you, joined to you in faith unity. If they live virtuously you love them as people who have been changed from enemies into brothers and sisters. But suppose you love people who do not yet believe in Christ, or if they do, yet believe as the devil believes – they believe in Christ, but still do not love him. You must love just the same, you must love even people like that, you must love them as brothers and sisters. They are not such yet, but you must love them so that they may become such through your kindness. All our love, then, must be fraternal.

Saint Caesarius of Arles

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Sunday – October 2, 2022

Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever

All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

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OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR LITURGIES

Sunday October 2 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Theodore Caryk from Family)
Tuesday October 4 9:00 a.m.	(+Chuck Basile from Ellen)
Wednesday October 5 9:00 a.m.	(+Peter Oryshkewych from Family)
Thursday October 6 9:00 a.m.	(+Nadia O'Shea from the Bukowski Family)
Friday October 7 9:00 a.m.	(+Damian Fedoryka from Family)
Sunday October 9 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(+Cathleen Jacobsen from Ruth) (For the Parish)

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES CHILDREN 3-6

All children ages 3-6 are welcome to join Holy Family's Preschool Eastern Christian Formation/Catechism classes beginning this fall with Co-Catechists Mrs. Lindsey Fedyk and Mrs. Julia Dezelski. Classes will be held every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 10:15-11:15. Email Lindsey at lfrechou22@gmail.com with any questions and to register. Classes will be held on: 10/2, 10/16, 10/30, 11/6, 11/20, 12/4 and 12/18. Classes are held in the lower level first two classrooms.

SECOND BANNS OF MATRIMONY – KAROLENKO - MIELKE

Victoria Karolenko, a Ukrainian Catholic of our parish, and Matthew Mielke, a Roman Catholic of our parish, will be married on Friday October 14, 2022. If anyone has a reason why they should not be married; please see Fr. Robert immediately.

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Alice Gogniat, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Oksana K, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Mark Pidlusky, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, James Salandro, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Michael Sharr, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Cindy Turchek, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Rose Wilson, and Jennifer Wilson.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

God With Us Catechism

What does the Bible teach regarding the Holy Eucharist? Why is it that Jesus teaches us that we must eat his flesh and drink his blood in order to have eternal life? In order to understand our Lord's words in the Gospel of John, that we must "eat [his] flesh and drink [his] blood," it is necessary that we reflect on the plan of God in the beginning, the plan of God for man as he placed him in the Garden of Eden (Jn. 6:53). What was this plan? Recall, that God planted two trees in the midst of the Garden, the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, and the Tree of Life (cf. Gen 2:9). God instructed Adam and Eve not eat from the Tree of Knowledge, for in the day that they ate of it, God warned, they would surely die (cf. Gen 2:17), but of the Tree of Life, man could freely eat, and through eating of it, man would receive "eternal life," that is, the life of God (cf. Gen. 2:16, 3:22). It was God's plan to share his own life with his creation, and in the Tree of Life, God offered to man a communication, a participation, in the fullness of divinity. It was God's plan in the Garden of Eden for man to eat the Life of God by way of a created material tree. But Adam and Eve traded life for death and forsook the great gift of the Tree of Life. They ate from the Tree of Knowledge in disobedience to God's command and discovered, to their misery, the curse of death. The Sacred Scriptures tell us that man was cast forth from the Garden of Eden for one reason, "lest he put forth his hand and take also from the Tree of Life, and eat, and live forever" (Gen 3: 22). Saint Ephrem the Syrian explains, 'If man had eaten from the tree of life in the state of fallen human nature, it would have made that state eternal, and man would have lived eternally in death, separated from his God.' Thus, God in his mercy separated man from his source of salvation, the Tree of Life, because what was made good for man had, through disobedience, become his downfall. But God does not change, and thus his plan remains for mankind to share in his own eternal life, through the tree of life. In the fullness of time, God sent his only Son to save the world and restore man to his original state. It is to be expected, therefore, that we find on the lips of the One who was sent to reverse the curse of the Fall the words of our salvation 'eat, and you will live forever' (cf. Jn 6:48- 59). On the mountain of Calvary, God devised a way to replant the Tree of Life and hanging upon that tree, the tree of the cross, we behold the fruit of our salvation, the flesh of the Son of God. In the Orthodox Catholic Church, the "Tree of Life" is planted in the midst of the Garden of the Faithful and each Divine Liturgy the people of God eat from this tree for their eternal salvation.