

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Christ Teaching the Apostles

Be Merciful, Just as Your Father is Merciful

Perhaps no other attribute of God, besides His love, attracts us to Him as does His mercy. This quality distinguishes Him from all false gods. From the beginning to the end of the Bible, the endless procession of saints extols His mercy, repeating the refrain: “His mercy endures forever!”

His mercy caused Him to devise a plan of redemption that would reach every human being, moved Him to give His only Son as a ransom for all sinners, established His kingdom and His Church, inspired the Scriptures, provided the sacraments, forgives all our transgressions and heals our diseases, and gives us peace, joy, and hope and time for repentance. Great is His mercy!

That indescribable, overflowing, and undeserved mercy melts away all our pride and arrogance, fills us with gratitude, and gives us a new birth, a new life, a new will, and a new viewpoint. Now we look at our fellow inhabitants of the earth with the eyes of our merciful Father.

And so the chain reaction goes on from God to us to others. As His mercy endures forever, so may our mercifulness – as that of His children – be likewise enduring.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for His mercy endures forever. Amen.

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Sunday – October 1, 2023

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

Confessions are available before the Divine Liturgies

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

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Sunday October 1 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Protection of the Mother of God (For the Parish) (+Jane O'Shea from Cindy Turcek)
Wednesday October 4 9:00 a.m.	(+Geraldine Pierotti from A.M. Gogniat)
Thursday October 5 9:00 a.m.	(Deceased of the Nagurney-Medwid Family from Irene)
Friday October 6 9:00 a.m.	(Blessings for Debbie Kaminski from A.M. Gogniat)
Sunday October 8 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Anna Shashkewych from Family)

FALL CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-6 HAVE BEGUN

All children ages 3-6 are welcome to join Holy Family's Catechism classes this fall with Co-Catechists Lindsey Fedyk and Julia Dezelski. Classes will be held between the two liturgies from 10:15-11:15. Please email Lindsey (lindseyfedyk@gmail.com) with any questions and to register your family. Classes will be held on: 10/8, 10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 12/17

ALL UKRAINIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES SUNDAY OCTOBER 29 – ONE LITURGY 10:30 A.M.

Visit of the All Ukrainian Council of Churches will take place on October 29. The AUCC represents more than 95% of all religious organizations in Ukraine, including representatives from the Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant and Evangelical churches as well as Jewish and Muslim religious unions. The Delegation will share details of the state of religious freedom in Ukraine, how religious communities across Ukraine have responded to Russia's invasion, and the high toll Putin's aggression has taken on religious life inside Ukraine. Archbishop Borys Gudziak will celebrate the Divine Liturgy and there will be an opportunity to meet the representatives after the Divine Liturgy in the Large Church Hall with a robust coffee hour.

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, Olena Chalupa, 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 Hetmanskyy, Vanessa Hetmanskyy, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Fr. Nestor Iwasiw, Nila Iwaskiw, Frank Karasinski, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Paul Marynowych, Fr. Roman Mirchuk, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Thomas Nagurney, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Michael Sharr, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Paul Yarrish.** 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

The feast of the Protection of the Mother of God, one of the major feasts of church calendar, is celebrated on October 1. It honours a miraculous intervention which took place in the ninth century. According to the ancient Chronicles of Nestor, the inhabitants of Constantinople prayed that the Mother of God would protect them from an attack by a large Rus' (the early Slavic nation) army at a time when Rus' was still pagan. The Theotokos appeared to St. Andrew the Fool for Christ inside Blachernae church in Constantinople (modern day Istanbul). Early in the morning of Sunday, October 1, Andrew saw the dome of the church open, and Mary enter, floating in the air above him, surrounded by angels and saints. Andrew saw Mary kneel and pray for all faithful Christians throughout the world. She also asked her Son, Jesus, to accept the prayers of all those who turned to Him for protection through her intercession. Afterwards, Mary rose and spread her veil over all the people in the church as a sign of her protection. Following the appearance of the Mother of God, the invading enemy was thwarted and the city spared disaster. The name of the feast – Protection – is a translation of the Ukrainian word, *Pokrov*. However, Protection does not convey the full significance of *Pokrov*. It refers to a cloak or shroud, but it also means protection or intercession. For this reason, the name of the feast is also translated as the Veil of Our Lady, the Protecting Veil of the Theotokos, or the Intercession of the Theotokos. We are given the mental image of a caring and loving mother, spreading her cloak to shelter her children from harm. In the Protecting Veil icon, the palms of her hands are turned upwards towards heaven, with her *pokrov* spread between her outstretched arms. Now, as Ukraine faces the horrors of a war brought on by foreign invasion, this feast brings special meaning and renewed hope that the Theotokos will once again spread her protective *pokrov* over our ancestral homeland and all its people.