

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saints Cosmas and Damian -- November 1st

Physicians Who Work for Free

On November 1st, we celebrate the feast of two remarkable brothers who lived during the early years of the Christian Church. Cosmas and Damian were born of wealthy parents in Asia Minor who gave their sons the best education in the Roman Empire. They were interested in medicine and became physicians at an early age. During this same time, the two brothers also became Christians. Their unique combination of medicine and prayer attracted the attention of many. Through their commitment to Christ they endeavored to become healers not only of the body, but of the soul as well. Consequently, their fame spread and they soon developed a reputation as being miracle-workers who could heal with an herb as well as with a prayer.

About this same time, the brothers made a most unique pledge: they pledged not to take

any money for their services. They healed thousands of people from diseases of body and soul and never accepted anything for their efforts. Their reputation spread even more rapidly as they became known as “unmercenaries” – someone who does not expect payment of any kind in return for services rendered.

In a sense, each of us can become unmercenaries in the same spirit as were Saints Cosmas and Damian. Each of us can freely give something of ourselves without expecting anything in return. Perhaps we can give our time to a person in need without expecting an equal favor in return. Perhaps we can freely give advice without being offended if it is not followed. Or, perhaps we can give the gift of forgiveness without receiving an apology in return.

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Sunday – October 29, 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 29 ***10:30 a.m.***	ONLY ONE DIVINE LITURGY TODAY (For the Parish)
Wednesday November 1 9:00 a.m.	(Blessings for Debbie Kaminski from A.M. Gogniat)
Thursday November 2 9:00 a.m.	(Deceased of the Nagurney-Medwid Family from Irene)
Friday November 3 9:00 a.m.	(+Diane Brasile from the Gogniat Family)
Sunday November 5 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Volodymyr Knysh from the Bazarko Family)

FAMILY PUMPKIN DECORATING AFTER TODAY AFTER 10:30 DIVINE LITURGY

All are welcome to attend a family pumpkin decorating event hosted by the parish and the Knights of Columbus. Pumpkins and decorating supplies will be provided for the children, as well as snacks. Free, sponsored by our Knights of Columbus Council 7530. In the Fr. Shawel Room.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2023 PREPARATION – SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4 AND NOVEMBER 11

We will hold two sessions in preparation for the Christmas Bazaar. **The first session** is to make varennkyky, both potato and sauerkraut. We will start at 10AM – 1PM and 2PM – 4PM. on Saturday November 4. **The second session, November 11**, is to make is to make varennkyky, both potato and sauerkraut. We will start at 10AM – 1PM and 2PM – 4PM. Please sign-up with Nusia Kerda.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2023 IS BACK NOVEMBER 18 AND 19

We will hold our first Christmas Bazaar since the Pandemic this year on Saturday and Sunday, November 18 and 19. Please plan to volunteer to help on both Saturday and Sunday. We are looking forward to a great Bazaar! If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to call me, Zenowia Choma, at (703) 256-2679 or email me at zen.choma@gmail.com.

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, 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

In the Gospel text today we learn of Jesus’ journeys “to the other side of the sea” where he meets one who is in every way like the “living” dead. There Jesus confronts “life” apart from God – which is described in the most horrific terms, the “life” of the demons – and drives it out of the man and into the sea. While the story of the demoniac may seem to be an extreme example, it helps us see what life apart from God looks like in its ultimate end. Jesus, who is God, comes to us in our sin (the demoniac), under the dominion of the devil and “living in the tombs.” Notice that Jesus does not wait for us to come to him, but in the mystery of the Incarnation, he takes on our human nature, and he himself enters into our life as he entered the land of the Gerasenes – and there he comes to heal us, and to “raise us up” that we may no longer be under the dominion of death but under the dominion of life. Just like the demoniac, we who have received this gift of new life in Christ Jesus are called to live accordingly. Does the demoniac go back to live in the tombs? No! His life has changed! He is no longer living in death but in the light of Christ. The Gospel concludes by telling us that “the man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Jesus; but Jesus sent him away, saying “return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city everything that Jesus had done for him. The story of this healing should remind us that our heart must be centered upon Christ. He has given us newness of life and this new life must be shared with others.

ALL UKRAINIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES THIS SUNDAY – 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. 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.

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