

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.

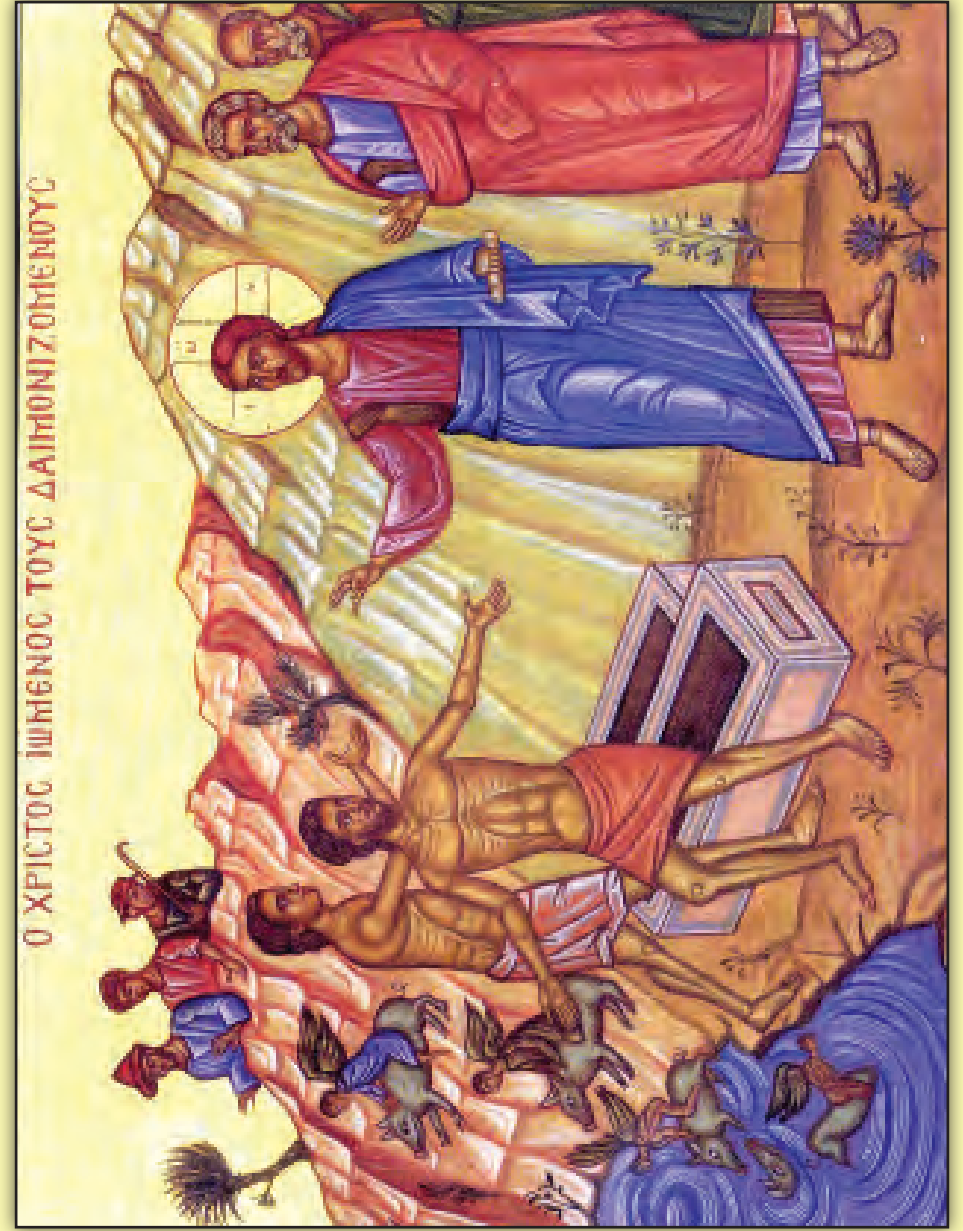
They were interested in medicine and became physicians at an early age. During this same time, the two brothers also became Christians. Their unique combination of medicine and prayer attracted the attention of many. Through their commitment to Christ they endeavored to become healers not only of the 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.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Healing the Gadarene Demoniacs (Luke 8:26-39)

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Sunday – October 27, 2024

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

Platform: <https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyshrine/>

Sunday October 27 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Eugene Homicki from Cindy Turcek)
Wednesday October 30 9:00 a.m.	(+Yuriy Bihun from George Hnatiw)
Thursday October 31 9:00 a.m.	(Health of Irma Paloma from Walter and Nila)
Friday November 1 9:00 a.m.	(+Deceased of the Nagurney-Medwid Family from Irene)
Saturday November 2 5:30 p.m.	Great Vespers In preparation for our 75th Anniversary
Sunday November 3 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Volodynyr Knysh from Family)

The 75th Anniversary of the Parish of the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family – Sunday November 10

Our celebration will take place on Sunday November 10, with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy celebrated by Metropolitan Borys at 10:00 a.m. to be followed by a banquet and program in our church hall. Please RSVP and buy tickets at <https://HF75.eventbrite.com>

**Final Opportunity To Buy Tickets – We need to submit our count to the caterer
October 30 at 11AM is the End of Sales**

GREAT VESPERS BEGINNING ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2 AT 5:30 PM

As we prepare to celebrate our 75th Anniversary, we will begin celebrating Great Vespers on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. Please consider joining us for evening prayer, which begins the celebration of the Lord's Day.

CATECHISM CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5 AND 5-7

Catechism plays a vital role in introducing our children to the foundations of faith, teaching them about God, prayer, and the Church. Catechism classes will be held from 10:15-11:15 am on Sunday. Please mark these dates for the first semester: Nov 3, Nov 24, Dec 8, Dec 22. To register your child for catechism classes, please fill out the registration form attached in the sent e-mail and return to Fr. Mykola at mdziurakh@ukrcatholic.org or find the hard copies in the church and return them filled out to Fr. Mykola as well. Thank you for your attention to this important part of your child's spiritual growth. We look forward to welcoming your family to this season of faith formation.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2024 NOVEMBER 23 AND 24

We will hold our Christmas Bazaar this year on Saturday and Sunday, November 23 and 24. 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.

UKRAINIAN PETRYKIVKA CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT WORKSHOP AT THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Please join us for a Christmas workshop and learn about Petrykivka decorative painting. In this workshop, we'll guide you through crafting your festive decorations in Ukrainian Petrykivka decorative painting style. We'll be crafting with very talented artisan Nina Shostakovska, sharing special moments this season and listening to joyful Ukrainian carols. For Adults: Saturday, November 23 at 1 pm - \$45 per person. For Children: Sunday, November 24 at 1 pm - \$35 per child. This price includes all materials. Petrykivka painting (or simply "Petrykivka"; Ukrainian: Петриківський розпис) is a traditional Ukrainian decorative painting style, originating from the village of Petrykivka in Dnipropetrovsk oblast of Ukraine, where it was traditionally used to decorate house walls and everyday household items. Space is limited! Register with your names and telephone number and whether the adult or children's workshops at ucnsholyfamily@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, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Ferne Fisanich, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Daniel Horeczko, Boris Hlynsky, Nila Iwaskiw, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Melissa Martin, Paul Marynowych, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell,, Teresa Sherwood, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, Fr. George Worschak, and 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.

**JOIN US FOR FAMILY PUMPKIN DECORATING DAY TODAY
LARGE CHURCH HALL AFTER BOTH DIVINE LITURGIES**