

### *A Word of Warning*

Store up in your minds the Lord's words which you receive through your ears, for the word of the Lord is the nourishment of the mind. When His word is heard but not stored away in the memory, it is like food which has been eaten and then rejected by an upset stomach. A person's life is despaired of if he cannot retain his food. So if you receive the food of holy exhortations, but fail to store in your memory those words of life which nurture righteousness, you have good reason to fear the danger of everlasting death. Be careful, then, that the word you have received through your ears remains in your heart. Be careful that the seed does not fall along the path, for fear that the evil spirit may come and take it from your memory. Be careful that the seed is not received in stony ground, so that it produces a harvest of good works without the roots of perseverance. Many people are pleased with what they hear and resolve to undertake some good work, but as soon as dif-

ficulties begin to arise and hinder them they leave the work unfinished. The stony ground lacked the necessary moisture for the sprouting seed to yield the fruit of perseverance.

Good earth, on the other hand, brings forth fruit by patience. The reason for this is that nothing we do is good unless we also bear with equanimity the injuries done us by our neighbors. In fact, the more we progress, the more hardships we shall have to endure in this world; for when our love for the present world dies, its sufferings increase. This is why we see many people doing good works and at the same time struggling under a heavy burden of afflictions. They now shun earthly desires, and yet they are tormented by greater sufferings. But, as the Lord said, they bring forth fruit by patience, because, since they humbly endure misfortunes, they are welcomed when these are over into a place of rest in heaven.

*St. Gregory the Great*

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. MEMORY OF THE FATHERS AT THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



*Icon of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council*

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Father Robert Hitchens – Administrator

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**Sunday – October 12, 2025**

**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/>**

<b>Sunday October 12</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	(For the Parish) (+Parents from the Bazarko Family)
<b>Sunday October 19</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	(For the Parish) (+Theresa Caryk from Family)

**Fr. Robert and Fr. Mykola are both away this week on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for the Clergy Conference of the USA Ukrainian Catholic Metropolia being held in Chicago. If there should be an emergency; please ask the hospital to call any Catholic Priest to administer the Sacraments. If there should be a death in the parish; please call the parish emergency number at 202-262-5040, and leave a message. We will make arrangements for the funeral as soon as possible.**

**FIRST CONFESSION 2026 PREPARATION**

Preparation for First Confession has begun and will last longer than it has in the past. Classes will still be held on Sundays. As is the tradition in our parish, First Confession will be celebrated on Lazarus Saturday (March 28, 2026). If you have children of First Confession age in your family (age 7+), who have not yet received the sacrament, please contact Olya Mulvey at [olya.kroytor@gmail.com](mailto:olya.kroytor@gmail.com) to register or learn more. All children must attend Divine Liturgy with their families on a weekly basis during their preparation. The FALL SEMESTER class schedule is as follows: October 26, November 2, November 9, November 16, December 7, December 14.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2025 NOVEMBER 22 AND 23**

We will hold our Christmas Bazaar this year on Saturday and Sunday, November 22 and 23. 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](mailto: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, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Robert Dulaine, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Boris Hlynsky, Daniel Horeczko, Oksana Horszynska, Ihor Hulawyj, Nila Iwaskiw, Sarah Kelt, LTJG Lydia Kowalskyj USN, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Melissa Martin, Paul Marynowych, Irene Nagurney, Michele Pretka Litvak, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Ivanna Richardson, Roman Rusynko, Chris Saboe, 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, 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**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025**

**LARGE CHURCH HALL**

**AFTER BOTH DIVINE LITURGIES**