

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saints Cosmas and Damian -- November 1st

No Medical Fees!

Saints Cosmas and Damian are the principal and best known of those saints venerated in the East as the “moneyless ones,” or “unmercenary ones,” because they practiced their profession as physicians without fees from their patients.

According to tradition, Cosmas and Damian were twin brothers, born in Arabia of a saintly mother Theodota. The brothers studied the sciences in Syria and became eminent for their skill in medicine. Being charitable Christians, they practiced medicine with great application and success, but never took any payment for their services. They observed the Lord’s command, “Without cost you have received, without cost you are to give” (Mt. 10:8).

At Aegeae in Cilicia, where they lived, they enjoyed the highest esteem of the people. When the persecution under Diocletian broke out, their very prominence rendered them marked objects of persecution. Being apprehended by order of Lysias, governor of Cilicia, they underwent various torments and were beheaded about the year 283. The three brothers of Cosmas and Damian, Anthimus, Leontius and Euprepiu, are said to have suffered with them.

Among the distinguished people who attributed recovery from serious illness to Saints Cosmas and Damian was the Emperor Justinian I who built two churches in Constantinople in honor of the martyrs. Their basilica in Rome with its lovely mosaics was dedicated in the year 530.

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Sunday – October 26, 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

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Sunday October 26 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+George and +Chrystyna Kinal from Family)
Wednesday October 29 9:00 a.m.	(+Pauline Fedack from Ruth)
Thursday October 30 9:00 a.m.	(Blessings for Austin Loper from the Strickland Family)
Friday October 31 9:00 a.m.	(+Theresa Caryk from Walter and Nila Iwaskiw)
Sunday November 2 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Theresa Caryk from C.Y.M. Baltimore)

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 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, and December 14.

SPECIAL MASS FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AT ST. JOSEPH’S ON CAPITOL HILL

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 29 AT 5:00 P.M.

Saint Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church on Capitol Hill will celebrate a special Mass for the People of Ukraine on Wednesday October 29 at 5:00 p.m. The faithful parishioners invite everyone to join them for this special Mass. St. Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church, 313 2nd Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20002.

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.

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