

To Be a Disciple

But you, dearly beloved, who are involved in secular matters, since you are familiar with our affairs, call before your mind's eye your own. Do everything for each other freely. Do not seek recompense for your work in this world, which you now see to have declined with such great rapidity, lest you do evil in any way, and do good for the sake of temporal recompense. Seek as witness of your work Him whom you await as judge. Let Him now see your good deeds in secret, that He may show them to all on the day when He grants you your reward. As you daily provide food for your bodies to keep them from failing, so let your good works be the daily nourishment of your hearts. The body is fed with food, the spirit sustained by good works. You should not deny to your soul, which will live forever, what you grant to your body which is going to die. If ever a sudden fire destroys a dwelling,

and its owner seizes what he values and flees, he counts as gain whatever he takes with him out of the flames. You can see that a fire of calamities is burning up the world, and the end, which is now near, is like a fire, laying waste everything in it that appeared delightful. Therefore, my friend, believe it the greatest gain if you carry off anything from it, if you take anything with you as you flee, if, by bestowing it as an everlasting recompense on yourselves, you save what could have perished had it remained. In truth we lose all our earthly possessions if we save them, but we save them by yielding them well. Time is quickly running out. Let us prepare with haste for seeing our Judge soon. Our good deeds are impelling us towards Him with great urgency.

St. Gregory the Great

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Call of the Disciples -- Luke 5:1-11

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Sunday – September 27, 2026
Glory to Jesus Christ! – Glory to Him Forever! + Слава Ісусу Христу! – Слава на віки!
Confessions are available before the Divine Liturgy
All Services will be Live Streamed at 10:00 AM
Platform: <https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyshrine/>

Saturday September 26	No Great Vespers Today
Sunday September 27 **10:00 a.m.**	(+Dmitri Woch from the Kerda Family)
Thursday Wednesday 1 7:00 p.m.	Eve of the Protection of The Mother of God (+Hitchens Family from Ellen)
Friday October 2 9:00 a.m.	(+Maria Bodnaruk from Lesia)
Sunday October 4 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Teodor Herman from the Kulchytskyy)

The Sunday Parish Liturgy requirement will be offered in SS. Joachim and Anna during the summer

FIRST CONFESSION 2027 PREPARATION - FIRST CONFESSION DAY IS MARCH 20 2027

This year, preparation for First Confession will begin on Sunday September 27. Classes will still be held on Sundays. As is the tradition in our parish, First Confession will be celebrated on Lazarus Saturday (March 20, 2027). All children must attend Divine Liturgy with their families on a weekly basis during their preparation. The FALL SEMESTER class schedule is as follows: September 27; October 4, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 22; December 6, 13. 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.

LOWER CHURCH BATHROOMS RENOVATION PROJECT 2026

LATEST UPDATE IS THAT WE AWAIT THE REVIEWS WITH DC GOVERNMENT.
MORE INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED AS WE GET IT. PLEASE KEEP THE DONATIONS COMING.

PRAYER LIST

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Melanie Bebak, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Helen and Judge Robert Cheloc, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Robert Dulaine, Solomia Dutkewych, Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Robert Harnest, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Michele Henshaw, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Fr. Robert Hitchens, Boris Hlynsky, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Melissa Martin, Paul Marynowych, Dr. Louise Corle May, Irene Nagurney, Myron Nagurney Jr, 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, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Teresa Sherwood, Shliakhtha Bogdana, Shliakhtha Mark, Shliakhtha, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Lorraine Stadnyk, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, 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.