

The Shepherd's Family

The mark of Christ's sheep is their willingness to hear and obey, just as the sign of those who are not His is their disobedience. We take the word "hear" to imply obedience to what has been said. People who hear God are known by Him. No one is entirely unknown by God, but to be known in this way is to become his kin. Thus, when Christ says, "I know mine," He means, "I will receive them, and give them permanent mystical kinship with Me."

It might be said that inasmuch as He has become man, He has made all human beings His kin, since all are members of the same race; we are all united to Christ in a mystical relationship because of His incarnation. Yet those who do not preserve the likeness of His holiness are alienated from Him. "My sheep follow me," says Christ. By a certain God-given grace, believers follow in the footsteps of Christ. No longer subject to the shadows of the law, they obey the commands of Christ, and guided by His words

rise in grace to His own dignity, for they are called children of God. When Christ ascends into heaven, they also follow Him.

Christ promises His followers as a recompense and reward eternal life, exemption from death and corruption, and from the torments the judge inflicts upon transgressors. By giving life Christ shows that by nature He is life. He does not receive it from another, but supplies it from His own resources. And by eternal life we understand not only length of days which all, both good and bad, shall possess after the resurrection, but also the passing of those days in peace and joy.

We may also see in the word "life" a reference to the Eucharist, by means of which Christ implants in believers His own life through their sharing in His flesh.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



Icon of Saints Philip, Theophan, and Zena -- October 11th

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Sunday – October 11, 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 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

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

Saturday October 10 5:30 p.m.	Great Vespers
Sunday October 11 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(+Cathleen Jacobson) (For the Parish)
Friday October 16 9:00 a.m.	(+Myroslava Demychuk from the Kurylas-Dobczansky Family)
Saturday October 17 5:30 p.m.	Great Vespers
Sunday October 18 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Theresa Caryk from Lesia Bodnaruk)

FIRST CONFESSION 2027 PREPARATION – ARE IN SESSION

This year, preparation for First Confession are now in session. 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: October 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.

HOLY FAMILY CHOIR - SUNDAY PRACTICES

Mark your calendars, in preparation for singing the Christmas Liturgy. Practices will be conducted promptly at 10:30AM between the two Divine Liturgies. New members ALWAYS welcome. We will be learning pieces in both Ukrainian and English, with English transliteration provided for Ukrainian text. We hope to see huge turn-outs of dedicated choristers from now until Christmas! Contact Larysa Kurylas at lakurylas@gmail.com for additional information.

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, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, 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.