

**7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**July 7, 2024**

8:40 AM Rosary

9:00 AM **Health/Blessings for Holy Ghost Parishioners**

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**DIVINE SERVICES/EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday, July 8 NO SERVICES

Tuesday, July 9 NO SERVICES

Wednesday, July 10

5:00 PM Confessions in the Sacristy (or by appointment)

5:30 PM Rosary

**6:00 PM Moleben in Times of War: For the Suffering Land of Ukraine and her Children**

Thursday, July 11 NO SERVICES

Friday, July 12 NO SERVICES

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Saturday, July 13

NO SERVICES

**Sunday, July 14 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

8:40 AM Rosary

9:00 AM **Health/Blessings for all Holy Ghost Parishioners**

**Message from the Bishop:**

I am pleased to share with you the 2023 financial statements for the Eparchy, together with letters from Father Steven Paliwoda and myself which explain many items in the statements. **These materials are available on our tetrapod as well as on the Eparchy’s website at [www.stjosaphateparchy.com/financial-statements/](http://www.stjosaphateparchy.com/financial-statements/).**

**THANK YOU:**

The BVM Sodality extends their sincere appreciation to all who provided bake sale items for the festival bake sale. In addition, a BIG THANK YOU to all who came to take part in the church bake days. The Bake Sale was very popular and a tremendous success! May you all be blessed a hundredfold!

***Thank you all volunteers for your hard work!***

**DONATIONS – June 23:**

Sunday: \$1,166

Candles: \$58

Pyrohy pre-sale: \$154

St Vladimir Church: \$153.50

Ukraine Priests: \$20

Solon BVM - candles: \$423.10

Nativity of St. John: \$30

**Total: \$2,123.60**

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

**Nancy Stecyk (7/03) and Emma Rose Lehner (7/05) and Andrew Martyniuk (7/12)** celebrate their birthdays. We wish you a wonderful celebration, and a year of health and blessings flavored with pure joy, and **many blessed years... mnohaya i blahaya lita!**

**“PIEROGY OPEN” GOLF OUTING**

Saturday, August 24, 2024. “Scramble” format, so you do not have to be a good golfer!!! If you sign up with a friend, you will play together. If you do not have a foursome, no problem! Foursomes will be set up to level the playing field so every team will have a fair chance of winning! 1:30 pm. Shotgun Start!!! Must be there by 12:30 at the latest. Be in your cart at 1:00 for instructions and time to get to your tee off hole! Loyal Oak Golf Course. Cost is only \$85.00! The lowest price outing! You get: 18 holes of golf with a cart! Free beer, soda, water, etc. during and after golf. Beverages will be in the pavilion. Bring your own personal cooler! Hot dogs at the turn, one per golfer. Free delicious Ukrainian dinner!

Good times and fellowship!!! 100% of all profit will go to the orphanage in Berezhany, Ukraine. Contact Chris Ross 330-620-8108.

**Meditation #43:**

It is noteworthy how close the link is between the Eucharistic bread, nourishment for eternal life, and daily bread, necessary for earthly life. Before offering Himself to the Father as the Bread of salvation, Jesus ensures there is food for those who follow Him and who, in order to be with Him, forgot to make provisions.

**IN APPRECIATION:**

We would like to thank the following festival supporters: Anthony Funeral Homes for printing the raffle tickets; Lake Erie Electric-Loomis Division for allowing us to use their parking lot; and Tim Baker for donating the new raffle tumbler.

**A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE:**

Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us “Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God.” At this hour, we fervently pray that Your Holy Spirit may inspire an end to the violent confrontation and killing in Ukraine. May they restore tranquility to their nation and restore human rights, democratic principles, and religious liberty to their troubled land. God, our Father, we beseech you to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded and accept the souls of the departed into Your Heavenly Kingdom. And may the Most Holy Mother of God, extend her Blessed Mantle of Protection over Ukraine. And may each of us always live our lives as instruments of Your Peace. Amen.

**PLANNING AHEAD:**

July 27 – Divine Liturgy in Ukrainian

### ***Safe Environment Resources:***

*Any instance of sexual abuse by a cleric, lay employee, or lay volunteer within the boundaries of your parish/mission should be immediately reported to the local police department, child protection services of the county, the pastor/administrator of the parish/mission, and the chancery of St. Josaphat Eparchy. The bishop can be reached at 440-888-1522 or by writing to Most Rev. Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma, P.O. Box 347180, Parma OH 44134. You may also file a report with Ms. Marika Zaliszczuk, the Eparchy's victim assistance coordinator by calling 412-215-5372. Safe environment policies and procedures and code of conduct in English and Ukrainian; information about training; report forms; and related materials are available at the Safe Environment page on the Eparchy's website.*

### **What is an Eastern Catholic Church?**

Many people think of the Catholic Church as a monolithic structure with a clear leadership and traditions. People also mistakenly refer to the whole as the Roman Catholic Church. But this is not quite accurate.

The Catholic Church actually comprises twenty-two particular Churches in full communion with one another. There are twenty-one Eastern Catholic Churches, and one Latin Catholic Church (i.e., the Church of Rome). Each of these particular Churches is self-governing (the term in Latin is *sui iuris*, “of their own law”), even while being in communion with the Church of Rome.

Each of these particular Churches is self-governing (*sui iuris*) because they have their own hierarchy. In other words, what makes a particular Church self-governing (*sui iuris*) is that each particular Church has its own leaders which govern all the faithful Christians belonging to that particular Church. These hierarchs (whether Patriarchs, Major Archbishops, Metropolitans, Bishops, or otherwise) are in communion with one another, and with the Church of Rome. The correct term is to be in communion with Rome, and not “under the Pope” (as many people will mistakenly say).

Eastern Catholics are the minority in terms of the number of Catholics worldwide. However, they are the vast majority in terms of diversity within the Catholic Church (twenty-one to one!). Eastern Catholics are distinct from the Latin Church in that they have four distinguishing characteristics. They have their own (1) theology, (2) spirituality, (3) canon law, and (4) liturgy. In other words, the Eastern Churches have their own theological way of understand the mysteries of God, their own spirituality and devotional practices, their own laws and customs, and their own styles of liturgy. This is what distinguishes them from the Latin Church.

People mistakenly refer to the Eastern Catholic Churches as ‘Eastern Rite Roman Catholics’, or simply as ‘The Eastern Rite,’ as if there is only one. There are many rites within the Catholic Church, and what makes an Eastern Church is more than simply its liturgical rite. An Eastern Church also has its own theology, spirituality, and canon law. Even the term ‘The Eastern Church’ is wrong, since there are more than one Eastern Churches.

Almost all Eastern Catholic Churches have counterparts in the Eastern and Oriental Orthodox Churches. In fact, those with counterparts all came from their mother Orthodox Churches throughout the past four hundred years or so. Therefore, many Eastern Catholics choose to identify themselves as ‘Orthodox Christians in communion with Rome,’ since Eastern Catholics are meant to be an example of how to be fully Eastern, and yet fully in communion with Rome.

Eastern Catholic Churches are traditionally found in Eastern Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, and India. However, nowadays we can find Eastern Churches throughout the world, speaking a multitude of languages, and serving a vast array of people.

ALL of the particular Catholic Churches share

*“equal dignity, so that none of them is superior to the others as regards rite, and they enjoy the same rights and are under the same obligations, also in respect of preaching the Gospel to the whole world (cf. Mark 16:15)...”*

(Second Vatican Council, Decree on the Eastern Catholic Churches).

