

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

November 17, 2019

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF SAINT BASIL THE GREAT

A Parish of the Eparchy of Saint Josaphat in Parma

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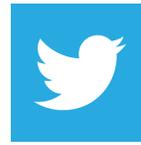
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Services

Saturdays

5:00 PM: **Vespers**

Sundays

11:00 AM: **Divine Liturgy**

Feast Days

As Announced

6:00 PM: **Vespers**

7:00 PM: **Divine Liturgy**

Confessions

Upon Request

or

By Appointment

Mission Community

HOLY CROSS

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Transfiguration Catholic Church
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2nd and 4th Sundays of the Month

4:00 - 4:40 PM: **Confessions**

5:00 PM: **Divine Liturgy**



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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Disciples of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ, we are witnesses of the truths and marvels of our faith, called to announce the good news of salvation to the ends of the earth. Faithful to our baptismal vocation, we become living icons of Christ.

We are a mission with an Eastern Christian identity, and one that prays, celebrates, and proclaims the faith in accordance with the Byzantine Rite, in full communion with the Church of Rome.

We follow the missionary example of Saints Cyril and Methodius by incarnating the Gospel and celebrating the divine mysteries in the vernacular of our nation. Ours is a church for all people. All are called and welcome.

Our vocation as Christians is to go throughout the world and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all that Christ has commanded of us.

With burning hearts, we gather near the Altar of Sacrifice to declare the glory of God and sing His praises, to experience and understand the marvelous works of our salvation, and to receive the Holy and Life-Giving Mysteries of His Body and Blood for the remission of sins and life everlasting.

We speak the Word of God with boldness, urging repentance, for the Kingdom of God is at hand. We proclaim that the promises made to our fathers are fulfilled in us, their children. We do not conceal the treasures that have been entrusted to our care, but, rather, we choose to bear the spiritual fruit that abides wherever it has been planted.

CLERGY



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Safe Environment

It is important to remind the people of our eparchy that if anyone has been the victim of sexual abuse at the hands of either clergy or laity, he or she should come forward and make this known either to the bishop, to his or her pastor, or to a member of the special Review Board that handles such cases. The bishop can be reached at the Chancery by calling 1-440-888-1522 or by writing to the Most Rev. Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat, P.O. Box 34780, Parma, OH 44134.

FEASTS & READINGS

Sunday, November 17

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 6

Holy Father Gregory the Wonderworker, Bishop of Neocaesarea

Blessed Josaphat Kotsylovsky, Bishop of Peremyshl and Martyr

Ephesians 2:4-10

Luke 8:26-39

Monday, November 18

Holy Martyrs Plato & Roman

1 Thessalonians 2:20-3:8

Luke 11:29-33

Tuesday, November 19

Holy Prophet Obadiah

Holy Martyr Barlaam

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 11:34-41

Wednesday, November 20

Forefeast of the Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple

Blessed Josaphata Hordashevskia

Venerable Father Gregory of Decapolis

Holy Father Proclus, Archbishop of Constantinople

Galatians 2:16-20

Matthew 26:6-13

Thursday, November 21

ENTRANCE OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE

Hebrews 9:1-7

Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Friday, November 22

Post-Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos

Holy Apostle Philemon Et Al.

1 Thessalonians 5:9-13, 24-28

Luke 12:2-12

Saturday, November 23

Post-Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos

Holy Fathers Amphilochius, Bishop of Iconium

Gregory, Bishop of Agrigentum

2 Corinthians 11:1-6

Luke 9:1-6



NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday, November 24

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Tone 7

Post-Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos

Holy Great-Martyr Catherine

Holy Great-Martyr Mercurius

Ephesians 2:14-22

Luke 8:41-56



**OF THE UKRAINIAN GREEK-CATHOLIC HIERARCHY OF THE U.S.A.
TO OUR CLERGY, HIEROMONKS AND BROTHERS, RELIGIOUS SISTERS,
SEMINARIANS AND BELOVED FAITHFUL**

Glory to Jesus Christ!

We, the faithful experience the life of the Church by means of the unending cycle of the liturgical year. The liturgical year is not simply how we mark the passage of time in the church calendar year. The liturgical year tells the story of God's life in the world, a story in which we are participants, not just spectators or listeners. It is a re-living of the life of Christ, His Most Holy Mother and the Saints. And liturgy is the means by which we tell, live, and experience the story. Through liturgy it becomes real to us and becomes part of our own lives.

It has been said that liturgy is humanity's yearning for God, and that grace is God's yearning for humanity. Liturgically, this story of holy yearning - God's yearning for us and our yearning for God - begins at the point in the liturgical year that we find ourselves at the present moment: *Pylypiivka*: the 40-day period of waiting and watching for the fulfillment of God's promises, and the coming together of humanity and divinity in the Christ child, who, with his nativity, will bring new life and new hope into our world and our lives.

Too often we see this time of *Pylypiivka*, through the secular lens of our modern post-Christian society, as the final countdown to Christmas, the time when we get things ready for the holidays. By now the malls and stores have long been decorated for Christmas. Christmas gift lists are growing and the number of shopping days is shrinking. Party menus are being planned. Travel plans are being made. Families are gathering. Expectations and hopes are growing. Christmas trees need decorating and presents need wrapping. The pressure is mounting. There is so much to do and so little time to do it in. We feel stressed and distracted.

This is not the liturgical or spiritual understanding of *Pylypiivka* proposed by the Church. This is not the ideal way of spending this holy time. *Pylypiivka* is not the time when *we prepare* for Christmas. It is the time in which *we are prepared* for Christmas. It is the time not so much for action as for reflection, a time not for doing but for being open and receptive. *Pylypiivka* is the time when the Church offers to us an alternative to the secular model of “getting ready for the holidays” and asks us to slow down, be still, and be quiet. We are called to keep awake, to be looking and listening for the God who is coming to us. We are called to prepare the way of the Lord in our hearts. It is a time to watch and reflect on who we are. It is a time to look for Christ in all the unexpected places – in the ordinary events of everyday life, in the poor, the hungry, and the needy. And we wait and watch for the angelic messenger who will tell us of the birth of the Christ child.

Being still and keeping attentive is hard work at any time but especially now, during one of the busiest times of the year, so full of distractions and stress, which makes keeping still and attentive even more necessary for us. The time of *Pylypiivka* reminds us that waiting and watching is holy work. So how do we do this?

The tradition of the Church teaches us that silence is the key. Silence is a way of waiting, a way of watching, and a way of listening to what is going on within and around us. Through stillness and silence, through attentiveness and watchfulness we come to self-knowledge and the true spiritual meaning of the coming of Christ.

Of course, it is unrealistic for us to completely detach ourselves from the world in which we live. Our daily obligations and responsibilities prevent us from doing so.

However, during this time of *Pylypiivka*, we encourage you to take just a few minutes each day to sit in silence and stillness, with perhaps the aid of Holy Scripture or a spiritual book, and meditate on the coming of the Lord in the flesh in the feast of His Nativity. If you do this, be prepared to be surprised at what the Lord might whisper to you in your heart!

**May the blessings of the Lord Jesus, whose birth in a cave in Bethlehem we joyfully await,
descend upon all of you.**

+Borys Gudziak
Metropolitan-Archbishop of Philadelphia

+ Bohdan J. Danylo
Eparch of St. Josaphat in Parma

+Paul Chomnycky, OSBM (*author*)
Eparch of Stamford

+John Bura
Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia

+Benedict Aleksiychuk
Eparch of St. Nicholas in Chicago

+Andriy Rabiy
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ST PHILIP'S FAST FOR FAMILIES

Becoming a Witness: Living the Church Year in the Domestic Church

Each year it seems preparations for Christmas begin earlier and earlier—even before all the Halloween candy is given out and consumed. For some this time of preparation is joyful, with the anticipation of the joyous celebration of Christ's birth. For others preparing for Christmas means lots of work, increased expenses and family encounters which are stressful and negative. Regardless of your personal experience or familial expectations, you can use this time as an opportunity for you and your family to draw close to Christ and enkindle a deeper awareness of the Incarnation and its importance in our lives. This can lead to deep inner and family peace as we focus, not upon ourselves but on God's love for us and ways in which we can become more loving.

"God is with us!" —proclaimed at Christmas—is central to the good news of our salvation. Our Church takes the time (a full 6 Sunday's of Preparation from November 15-December 25th to allow us sufficient time to reflect and act upon our resolve to love more deeply, despite the "Christmas rush". Join us for a journey to Bethlehem, this Christmas!

Even a bit of extra prayer and reflection has the potential to be fruitful. If your children are very young you may want to use a story book or children's Bible versions of the scripture readings. You can even use videos. If your children are older, your reading or watching and discussions can be in more depth.

The secular media gets our kids focused on the commercial aspects of Christmas, earlier and earlier every year. The St Phillips fast, is a positive way to countdown the weeks leading up to the Feast of Christmas. You may want to set some time on each week of the fast, depending on your family's schedule, to reflect and pray and even to light a candle in your family's icon corner. In the Latin Church, the tradition of the advent wreath—with 4 candles - plays a major role in the Advent celebration. You can do a modified version of that—just make sure that you have 6 candles for the 6 weeks of preparation. Families may light candles whenever they have family prayer time. It is a tradition that sets a great atmosphere of focus on God, especially when we gather around the icons in our family prayer corner. Happy St. Philip's Fast!

PARISH AGAPE MEAL

Thursday, December 5

From 5:30 pm

Hosted by David & Anesa Loya

Please RSVP with food contributions, (980) 785-2764 or stbasilcharlotte@gmail.com

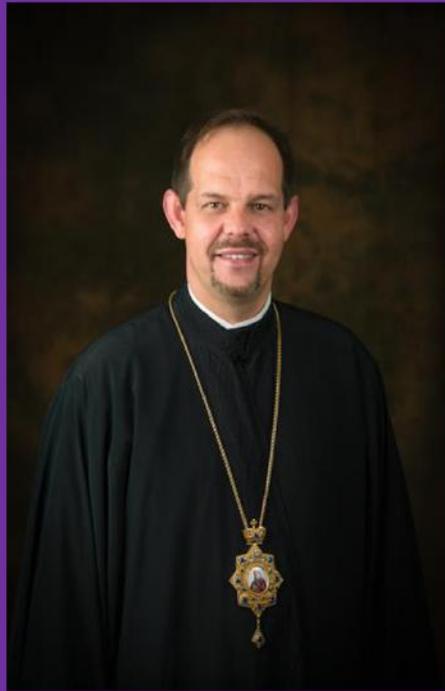
Upon RSVP, location details will be sent to you.

Keep in mind that we will be observing St. Philip's Fast (also known as the Nativity Fast) so if bringing food, please choose appropriately.

GREAT VESPERS

Solemn Evening Prayer
According to the Byzantine-Slavonic Rite

In the Presence of His Excellency
Bishop Bohdan Danylo



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

5:00 PM

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

Chapel of Aquinas Hall

1400 Suther Road, Charlotte, NC 28213

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✦ ONLINE ✦

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www.EasternCatholic.org/Events

A Lasting Gift

Have you considered including the eparchy and our parish in your will? A will is an expression of your commitment to the principles, people, and institutions that you cherish here on earth. A bequest in your will is a lasting testament, ensuring that the work of the Church can continue.

GOD WITH US ONLINE is an outreach project of the Eparchial Directors of Religious Education and the Eastern Catholic Associates and is dedicated to the catechetical renewal of Eastern Catholics in the United States in accord with the Church's call for a new evangelization.

RECEIVING THE HOLY MYSTERIES

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Baptism, Chrismation, and Holy Communion take place during the Divine Liturgy on Sundays or Feast Days. Parents-to-be should preferably contact us before the birth of their children. Parents and godparents will be prepared by the clergy. At least one of the godparents must be a practicing Catholic, and they must provide an original copy of their own baptismal certificate (from the parish where these records are kept), and a letter of good standing from their current pastor. It is expected that parents and godparents will participate in the life of the community as much as they are able, both before and after their children have been baptized.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Couples should contact the clergy at least six months before the desired date of marriage, in order to make the necessary preparations. Couples are prepared by the clergy. It is expected that the new family will participate in the life of the community as much as they are able, both before and after marriage.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If anyone needs a pastoral visit, please contact the clergy. In cases of emergency, and when living far from the parish, please contact your nearest Catholic parish and ask for the Anointing of the Sick.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

If a member of the Christian faithful has fallen asleep in the Lord, please contact the priest to arrange for a Christian Burial. The family of the deceased, especially those who have been away from the life of the Church, are encouraged to benefit from the occasion by renewing their commitment to Christ and His Church.

BLESSINGS

Blessings of holy objects take place during the Divine Liturgy. Please speak with the priest before the Divine Liturgy. Blessings of persons on special occasions take place at the end of the Divine Liturgy. For the blessing of homes, please contact us or speak with the clergy directly.