

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Saint Thomas -- October 6th*

**October 4, 2020 – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
*Tropar, Kontakion, Prokimenon, Alleluia Tone 1 - 2 Cor 9:6-11 Lk 6:31-36*

**Sat. Oct. 3 St. Denis, the Areopagite, Priest-Martyr**

7:30 am Matins (Livestream)  
8:00 am Slavonic Divine Liturgy (Livestream)  
4:00 pm Great Vespers (Livestream)  
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for +Eileen Kekelik by Kekelik Family (Livestream)

**Sun. Oct. 4 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)  
11:00 am Divine Liturgy for \*Our Parish Family (Livestream)  
3:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

**Mon. Oct. 5 St. Charitina, Martyr**

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)  
8:30 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)  
5:00 pm Great Vespers (Livestream)

**Tues. Oct. 6 St. Thomas, glorious Apostle**

8:30 am Akathist to the Mother of God - SMB School students (St. Mary's Church)  
5:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

**Wed. Oct. 7 St. Sergius and St. Bacchus, Martyrs (+296)**

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)  
8:30 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)  
5:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

**Thur. Oct. 8 Our venerable mother, Pelagia, Public sinner (+457)**

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)  
8:30 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)  
5:00 pm Great Vespers (Livestream)

**Fri. Oct. 9 St. James the Lesser, Apostle and Evangelist and Our venerable father, Andronicus**

7:30 am Matins (Livestream)  
8:30 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)  
5:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

**Sat. Oct. 10 St. Eulampius and St. Eulampia, Martyrs (+302)**

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)  
8:30 am Slavonic Divine Liturgy (Livestream)  
4:00 pm Great Vespers (Livestream)  
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for +Jean Asmondy by Jerry and Ann Pasek (Livestream)

**Sun. Oct. 11 SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)  
9:30 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)  
11:00 am Divine Liturgy for \*Our Parish Family (Livestream)  
3:00 pm Vespers



**MASK REQUIRED IN CHURCH BUILDINGS:** Bishop Milan has joined with Governor DeWine in making masks mandatory for anyone attending Divine Liturgies. (Exceptions are those with health issues that prohibit wearing a mask and children ten and under.) We ask that you cooperate with this request. The goal is to stop the spread of the Covid-19 virus which is on an increase in the State of Ohio. If you are uncomfortable wearing a mask or simply “uncomfortable” being inside the church we continue to provide the services on livestream for you to watch from home ([www.parma.org](http://www.parma.org) or [www.logos.tv](http://www.logos.tv) or YouTube LOGOS TV – PARMA).

For those entering the Cathedral church building, masks are required and social distancing will be observed. The building is sanitized properly, according to the current guidelines in place. Please bring your own mask to liturgy.

All weekly services held at the Cathedral are livestreamed, please see the liturgy schedule in the bulletin for times. The weekly bulletins are emailed, mailed, or available for viewing by all parishioners at [www.stmarybyz.com](http://www.stmarybyz.com).

Once again, let's be FAITH DRIVEN and EUCHARISTIC CENTERED!

**“WHERE ALMS ARE, THE DEVIL DARES NOT APPROACH, NOR ANY OTHER EVIL THING.”**

*- St. John Chrysostom*

Because of the pandemic, many churches have postponed the following collections. Please prayerfully consider supporting these important causes. Donations can be given to your local church or mailed directly to the **Eparchy of Parma, 5000 Rockside Rd., Suite 310, Independence, Ohio 44131**. Thank you for your charity!



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**OCTOBER 3 & 4**

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**We will take a special Eparchial Peter's Pence Collection the weekend of October 3 & 4. Please mark your envelope with “Special Collection – Peter's Pence” and it will be forwarded to the Eparchy. Thank you!**



## THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PARMA

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Prot. No. 111/2020 L

### DECREE

In the Name of the Lord. Amen.

After prayerful reflection and consultation with the College of Consultors and other faithful of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma, I, Bishop Milan Lach, S.J., decree, effective 1 October 2020, the Feast of the Protection of the Holy Mother of God, the completion of the dispensation granted 31 March 2020 (protocol number 41/2020 L) and extended on 12 May 2020 (protocol number 64/2020 L) in which the faithful of the eparchy were dispensed from the obligation of attending Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. The termination of the decree is made out of pastoral concern for the souls entrusted to my spiritual care.

Our faith teaches us through the Catechism of the Catholic Church that “The celebration of Sunday observes the moral commandment inscribed by nature in the human heart to render to God an outward, visible, public, and regular worship ‘as a sign of his universal beneficence to all.’ Sunday worship fulfills the moral command of the Old Covenant, taking up its rhythm and spirit in the weekly celebration of the Creator and Redeemer of his people (2176). The Sunday celebration of the Lord’s Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church’s life. Sunday is the day on which the paschal mystery is celebrated in light of the apostolic tradition and is to be observed as the foremost holy day of obligation in the universal Church (2177).”

The obligation to participate in the Divine Liturgy is of a serious nature. Failure to observe this precept is objectively sinful. Watching the Divine Liturgy via livestream does not fulfill the obligation.

The elderly and others at increased risk for severe illness and those who care for them, as has been the practice prior to the current health crisis, are not held to the obligation of Sunday worship and are encouraged to use discretion and good judgment in attending Divine Liturgy as well as other activities in which their health or safety may be at risk.

For those not at increased risk of severe illness, the Church has long recognized circumstances in which the faithful may be excused from the obligation of Sunday worship even without a dispensation from the bishop. For example, during a normal influenza season, one who is ill with influenza-like symptoms may, in good conscience, refrain from attending Divine Liturgy due to illness and also as an act of justice towards others in order that the illness is not passed on.

If one wishes to avoid attending Sunday worship in person due to significant fear or some other serious reason, the Church teaches us that we must carefully discern whether the fear is morally justifiable, or whether such fear is inordinate (not reasonable) and, therefore, not based on a prudent examination of reality.

As shepherd and spiritual father, my primary concern is for the eternal salvation of the faithful entrusted to my care. I invite all to join me in praying for the intercession of the Most Holy Theotokos for guidance and protection in the months ahead, that we might all be entrusted to the protection of her holy veil.

Given at the Chancery of the Eparchy of Parma, on this 21st day of September, 2020.

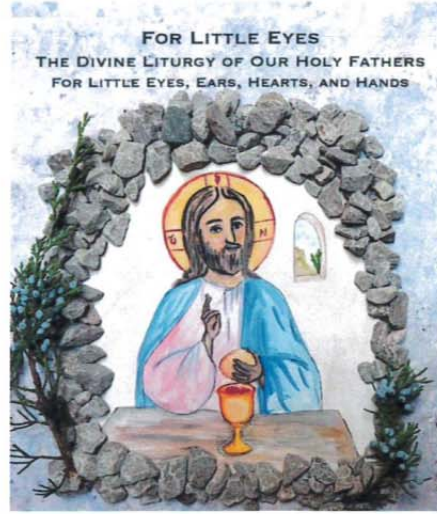
Most Reverend Milan Lach, S.J.  
Bishop of the Eparchy of Parma

  
Notary

*New Book for Children*  
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Looking for a way to help your little ones stay focused in the Liturgy? Struggling to keep their attention on the live stream? A mother of young children, Rebecca O'Loughlin, has created a delightful Byzantine Divine Liturgy prayer booklet designed to capture the imaginations of our smallest parishioners.

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**PRAY DAILY** - have a keep able rule of prayer that you do by discipline. Say the Lord's Prayer several times a day. Any time you have an opportunity to say a prayer, take advantage of it. The devil tries to eliminate your prayer since the prayer eliminates the devil.

- For courage to repent (to go to confession) - **St. John Forerunner, pray for us!** (40x)
- For Peace in the World – **Lord, have mercy!** (40 times)
- For Our Children – **Holy Father Nicholas, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the Sick and Those in Need – **O Most Holy Trinity, save us!** (40 times)
- For Our Parish – **O Most Holy Theotokos, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the courage to sing in church – **Holy Father Roman, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the departed – **Psalm 51, 91, 119 (50, 90, 118 in LXX)**
- Jesus Prayer – **“Lord Jesus Christ,\* Son of God,\* have mercy on me\* a sinner!”**



Every evening before you go to bed, simply go through the whole day and think what you have done right or wrong, do the examination of conscience, and ask the good Lord for forgiveness. Make a sign of the cross over the place where you sleep and say: **“Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my soul and body. Do You Yourself bless me, have mercy on me, and grant me life eternal. Amen.”**

**A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE (ALL):**

Parishioners of all 4 parishes (Cathedral, Holy Spirit, St. Mary, St. Nicholas Croatian) may continue to mail their donation envelopes to the Parish Office, 5500 West 54th Street, Parma, OH 44129 or simply drop them in the black locked mail box outside the office door. They will then be deposited into the proper church account. ***Please also continue to use your church envelopes when turning in your donations and print your full name on the outside of the envelope, on the line provided. This will help with the recording of your donations in the computer.*** Thank you. **-OR-**

**ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE (ALL):** Giving made easy! We now offer electronic giving for all with Churches-GivePlus. You can contribute anywhere, anytime right from your computer, smartphone or tablet. Give online by visiting the website <http://stmarybyz.com/> and clicking on the **Give OnLine Link**. Or download the free GivePlus mobile app from the App Store or Google Play.

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Watch the livestream at [www.parma.org](http://www.parma.org) or [www.logos.tv](http://www.logos.tv) or YouTube LOGOS TV - PARMA  
 If you know of someone that does not have access to the internet, reach out to them by phone to keep them informed with updates and encourage them to continue their daily prayer at home.

| <b>OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS</b>                             |                   |                               |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b><u>September 27, 2020</u></b>                        |                   |                               |
|   | Total             | Livestreamed                  |
| Cathedral Parish -                                      | <u>\$ 976.00</u>  | <u>\$ 20.00</u> Online Giving |
| Holy Spirit Parish -                                    | <u>\$ 271.00</u>  | <u>\$298.00</u> Online Giving |
| St. Mary's Parish -                                     | <u>\$1,482.00</u> | <u>\$282.00</u> Online Giving |
| <b><u>St. Mary 250 Club Winner -</u></b>                |                   |                               |
| #150 George & Gail Glagola – Captain, Mary Beth Pancake |                   |                               |
| <i>Thank you and may God reward your generosity!</i>    |                   |                               |

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND CONFINED: St. Mary's** – John Krenisky, Kathleen



Miller, Mary Ann Ridilla; Ray Yasenchak; Esther Morganosky; John Anitas; Pat Asmondy; Goldie Barvinchak; Pearl Beningo; Mildred Bobick; JoAnn Chaky; Eva Cook; Seleema Corrigan; Sally Csejpes; Lois Deighton; Dolores Furda; Mary Grauel; Ruthann Hodar, Margaret Huges, Rosemary Kennick; Larry

Lantz; Barbara Miterko; Eleen Monoc; Carl Panko; Sue Peterchalk; Joseph Popik; Art Pordash; Eleen Reese; Dorothy Shevchuck; David Starling; Isabelle Sweeney; Bob & Mary Zelenka.

**Cathedral** – Phil Nechvatal; Joe Kaltner; Helen Fredericks; Frank and Rose Lizanich; Carol Morin.

**Holy Spirit** – Samuel Basalla, Jim Neitzel, Elizabeth Loya; George Hapker; Ken Kalas; Ann Yorke; Janice Misch; Richard Onderak; Elizabeth Sheppard; Helen Sawchak; Carol Vasil; Helen Alpine; Andrea Seman; Carol and Richard Bub.

Helen Jeris; Marge Kordic; Walter Badovinac; Mary Ann Zubovich; Michelle Zubovich-Simon.

*For this week only, Call Fr. Bruce Reibe at (440) 526-1818 for **Emergency Sick Call Visits***

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Most Rev. Milan Lach, SJ, Bishop of Parma

Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Marek Visnovsky, Pastor

Deacon Joseph Hnat (St. Mary Parish), Deacon Gregory Loya (Cathedral Parish),

Deacon Robert Cripps (Holy Spirit Parish)

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES held at the Cathedral and Livestream at [parma.org](http://parma.org):**

Saturday: 7:30 am Matins; 8 am and 5 pm Divine Liturgy; 4 pm Great Vespers

Sunday: 8 am Matins; 9:30 am and 11 am Divine Liturgy; 3 pm Vespers

**HOLY DAY SERVICES:** 7 am Festal Matins; 8 am and 7 pm Divine Liturgy (6 pm Great Vespers with Litija the evening before the holy day)

**DAILY SERVICES:** 7:30 am Matins; 8 am Divine Liturgy; 5 pm Vespers

### *A God Who Cries For US*

Making his rounds in a local hospital, a chaplain encountered a man who had sustained minor injuries in an automobile accident. Although his injuries were not life-threatening, those of his wife and small child were more serious. The chaplain encouraged the man to have faith and trust in God to which the man angrily replied, "why should I?" "Look at what God has done to my wife and child," he continued, "how can I have faith in a God who does things like that."

The chaplain then told the man about a particular occasion when Jesus was passing through a strange town and came across a funeral procession of a young man. Jesus didn't know the young man or anyone in his family, but He was moved with pity when He saw the crying mother. "Imagine," the chaplain said, "the Lord

Himself was so moved by pity that He actually cried with the widow." Jesus then stopped the procession and raised the young man from the dead and gave him back to his mother. (Luke 7:11-16)

The chaplain concluded by asking the man if he really thought that a God who loves us so much that He actually cries for us is capable of causing bad things to happen to us. The same God who cries for us – and who died for us – will never abandon us in our most critical time of need.

As the chaplain was leaving the man's room, the doctor entered and told the man that his wife and child would be fine. From out in the hallway, the chaplain overheard the man say, "thank You, Jesus."