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We are each of us angels with only one wing…
And we can fly embracing each other…
Luciano DeCrenzcenzo

October 25, 2026 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost; Octoechos Tone 5; The Holy Martyrs and Notaries Marcian and Martyrius.

Intentions this Sunday
Saturday at 4:15pm: N/A; Sunday at 10am: Parishioners

See insert for the changeable parts of the Liturgy.

Liturgical Schedule

Monday, Oct 26 ☩ The Holy and Glorious Great-Martyr Demetrius, from Whose Tomb Myrrh Streams Forth.	2 Timothy 2:1-10 John 15:17-16:2			
Tuesday, Oct 27 The Holy Martyr Nestor; The Holy Martyr Capitolina and Her Slave Erotheides..	1 Thessalonians 1:6-10 Luke 11:1-10			
Wednesday, Oct 28 ☩ The Holy Martyr Parasceve of Iconium	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Luke 11:9-13			
Thursday, Oct 29 The Holy Venerable-Martyr Anastasia of Rome	1 Thessalonians 2:9-14 Luke 11:14-23			
Friday, Oct 30 The Holy Martyrs Zenobius and Zenobia His Sister.	1 Thessalonians 2:14-19 Luke 11:23-26			*Abstention from meat and foods that contain these ingredients.*
Saturday, Oct 31 The Holy Apostles Stachys, Amplias, and others with them	2 Corinthians 8:1-5 Luke 8:16-21	4:15pm 5:30pm	Divine Liturgy (Sunday Vigil) Great Vespers	
Sunday, Nov 1 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost	Ephesians 2:4-10 Luke 8:26-39	10am	Divine Liturgy (Bilingual-Ukrainian Primary)	Intention: Parishioners

Other Events This Week

Monday, Oct 26 at 11am: Senior Exercise Class

Wednesday, Oct 28 at 11am: Senior Exercise Class

Thursday, Oct 29 at 7am to approx. noon: Perogy and cabbage roll making. Lunch provided.

Saturday, Oct 31 at 7pm: Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, Nov 1: Catechesis after Liturgy. Topic: Sacraments Part 2, Baptism and Chrismation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We welcome our guests joining us today! We especially welcome our Father and Archpastor, Bishop Bryan Bayda. Our Liturgy today is primarily in English—next week, primarily in Ukrainian.
2. Thank you to everyone who worked the brunch last week. Our next on is November 15.
3. UKRAINIAN SCHOOL OF LANGUAGE AND DANCE. Have a child or know someone with a child who might be interested in the incredibly rich and colourful world of Ukrainian folk dance? Call or text Sarah from the Ukrainian School of Language and Dance at 705-989-9141 to enquire about registering. Participants meet on Tuesday evenings to learn this ancient Ukrainian art.
4. Knights of Columbus Pasta Supper: Monday, October 26 from 4:30-6pm at the Moose Lodge (543 Trunk Road). All-you-can-eat pasta, meatballs, salad, and bread for $15. Cash bar also available. Profits are used to support local charities.
5. **MARK YOU CALENDAR**: **CHRISTMAS CRAFT EVENT Fundraiser Saturday, November 28,2026 - 9am to 3pm in the PARISH HALL – Local Vendors/Homemade crafts – Free admission**
6. The Pregnancy Centre has sent the parish a “Certificate of Appreciation” for our participation in their 2026 Baby Bottle. Together we raised $649.35!

PRAYER LIST OF SICK, SHUT-INS, AND DEAR ONES FAR AND NEAR: Lorraine Wilson, Msgr. Anton Szymychalski, Fr. Jaroslaw Lazoryk, Wanda Duczmal, Debbie Bromeley, Antoinette Blunt, Katherine Pasternak, Walter Borowicz, Pat Stratichuk, Betty Pauliuk, Doris Lebel, Jo-Anne Stone, Denise Jacques, Phil Marinelli, Theresa Barsanti, Patty-Ann Bellerive, Jim Parniak, Connie Sampson, Fr. Oleh Yuryk, Fr. John Barszczyk, Dorothy McIntyre, Andrea Stone Pietramale, Fr. Andrew Kormanik, Ray Robinson, Hunter Stone, Gavin Stone, Gerard Dosko, Anderson Knight, Jann, Ron Barsanti, Peter Harlow, Larisa Pochmursky, Elizabeth Cepecawer, MaryAnn & Art Spadoni, Paul Taillefer, Erin, Dave Kowalyk, McGill Perry, Tammy Zalewski, Fernando Mannarino, Dave Redfern, Ora, Irene O, Paul M, June, Bob, Tracey Burmaster, Mel Stanghetta, Norna Martynuck, Bill McConnell, Anastasiia Pavliuk, Wanda Featherston, Roger McMillan, Clark Hutton, Gerry, Moira O’Pallie, Chris Applejohn, Barb and Gerry, Olena Hankivsky, David Bell, Gary Driver, Rod Stone, Diane Czop, Leah Anderson, Darlene, Lanette Nadeau, Marilyn Conway

Lord, Jesus Christ, You Who travelled throughout Galilee healing the sick, enabling the blind to see and the lame to walk, bring healing to Your people who need it this day. Grant relief to the ones who suffer pain and physical torment. Give peace to those whose minds are tortured by mental illness and anxiety. Comfort those who are alone in their suffering; may Your people reach out to them and to all the needy this day. Send Your grace to the caregivers that they may be gentle and effective agents of Your loving mercy. May our sufferings be joined with Yours to bring healing throughout the world. Amen

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DONATIONS – October 18, 2026

Collection: $540; Building Fund: $515; Seminary: $10.00

THANK YOU!

ON-CALL PRIEST: A priest is available in the city for emergencies 24/7 at 705-256-6675

LOOKING AHEAD IN NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 1: Faith formation after Liturgy (Sacraments Part 2)
Sunday, November 8: Fellowship Potluck after Liturgy
Sunday, November 15: Beginning of the Nativity Fast; Brunch 10am-12:30pm
Saturday, November 21: Feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God (Holy Day--Service times TBA)
Sunday, November 22: Faith formation after Liturgy (Sacraments Part 3)
Friday, November 27: Holodomor Remembrance Panakhyda and Candlelight Vigil at 6pm
Saturday, November 28: Christmas Bazaar (see above)
Sunday, November 29: Coffee and fellowship after Liturgy

Passing God's Test

While visiting my parents in Arizona, my two daughters and I attended Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We were driving down the road leading to the church when I saw something I'd never seen before in this town before. A woman, obviously homeless, was pushing a shopping cart filled with her belongings. Where the heck did she come from? I quickly forgot about her while I settled my girls into the first pew. As the opening song started, I noticed out of the corner of my eye the homeless woman slipping into the pew next to me.

I couldn't believe it. She had a torn filthy jacket and jeans, worn-out tennis shoes, greasy hair, and a very unpleasant smell about her. As the Mass began, my mind was not intent on the word of the Lord, but only on this woman. All I could think about was the fact that I had to sit next to her, hold her hand during the Our Father, and even shake it while offering her peace.

Just as the second reading was beginning, my young daughter said she needed to use the restroom. Normally, I would insist she wait, but I took this chance to escape. We then slipped to the back wall to finish out the Mass. Again, I was not listening to what the priest said but thanking my lucky stars that I was not sitting next to that woman anymore.

Then I caught the priest's words, "…all of God's children." I felt heat spreading throughout my body. I felt weak and ashamed.

This woman, no matter what she looked like or smelled like, was still one of God's children. She may have been grimy from living on the streets, but her faith was so strong she pushed her cart for miles to be at Mass. She knew that she would be welcomed in God's house no matter what.

I knew then and there that God was testing me and I was failing. I'd forgotten everything my parents and catechists spent years teaching me. Most importantly, I had forgotten God's golden rule…treat others how you would want to be treated. I had treated this woman like the plague, like she was nothing. Now, what kind of example was I setting for my two young daughters?

Looking up, I realized that the congregation was about to sit down. I took the hands of my daughters and marched them down the aisle to the front pew. We squeezed past the homeless woman, back to our seats beside her. I said a quick prayer to God for understanding and wisdom. As my body began to cool, and the knots in my stomach untwisted, my ears opened to the Word of God.

As we began to recite the Our Father, I tightly held the hand of the woman next to me. I wished her peace as did both of my children. I stood behind her as she received the Body and Blood of Christ. I watched her kneel in prayer and reverence, as if the Holy Spirit was working inside her.

We walked out of the church, and I immediately lost sight of the woman. I looked everywhere for her and her cart. She wasn't on the road leading away from the church either. It was if she just vanished into thin air.

That day was a true spiritual awakening for me. The heat that came over me was the Holy Spirit working through me, helping me to pass His test.

~Joanne Mancuso

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