

By offering to God our prayers for those who have fallen asleep and who have sinned, we offer Christ sacrificed for the sins of all, and by doing so, obtain the loving God's favor for them and ourselves.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem



# Our Weekly Bulletin

Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Ukrainian Catholic Church

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## Welcome to our Parish

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!  
Christ is among us! He is and always will be!

### Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

<b>Sunday, May 30</b>	All Saints Day	✠ Fr. Leonard Korchinski
<b>May 31</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>June 1</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>June 2</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>June 3</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>June 4</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>June 5</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Sunday, June 6</b>		✠ Jeff Gummo

Week of May 16 to May 23, 2021

*If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part of our kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.*

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### Why Pray for the Dead?

It is because praying for the dead is an expression of love. We ask God to remember the departed because we love them. Love survives death and transcends it. We pray for those who have died, just as we pray for those who are living because we are all members of Christ's church. Two parts are distinguished as constituting the Church: the Church Militant and the Church Triumphant. To the first belong those who are still struggling on earth and fighting the good fight of faith and piety. The Church Triumphant are those who have died, those who fought well and have been crowned.

The Fathers of the Church also describe a type of benefit of Memorial services that applies to those who have departed from the present life in repentance or at least with a sacred desire for repentance, but who may not have had the opportunity to complete it. St. John Chrysostom said that prayers for the dead offer them "a certain consolation". St. Cyril of Jerusalem writes about a "very great benefit" that is derived by the souls for whom petition is made during the Divine Liturgy when the "most awesome sacrifice" is offered.

Praying for the dead was certainly practiced by the early Church. Writings from the first few centuries testify to this. St. John Chrysostom and St. John of Damascus have told us that the practice of praying for the dead was established by the Apostles. Petitions for the repose and salvation of the deceased were included in daily worship.

Exactly to what extent our prayers for our departed loved ones bring any benefit to them we do not know, we leave this to the mercy of God. But one thing we are certain: such prayers do benefit those who pray for the departed. They remind us that we too are going to die, they make us more diligent and cautious in getting ready for that ultimate journey. They help us realize that so much that we tend to focus on is futile. The only thing that really matters is getting to Heaven and being with God. St. Anthony said, "If you want to be prepared for death, live every day of your life as if it's the last one!"



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## Sunday of All Saints

Hebrews 11:33-12:2

Matthew 10:32-33,37-38; 19:27-30

*Troparion (Tone 8)*

You came down from on high, O Merciful One, and accepted three days of burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory be to You.

*Troparion (Tone 4)*

Clothed as in purple and fine linen with the blood of Your martyrs throughout the world, Your Church cries out to You through them, O Christ God: send down Your loving-kindness on Your people; grant peace to Your community, and to our souls great mercy.

*Kondakion (Tone 8)*

Glory be ... Now and forever... O Lord, Maker of nature, the world offers You the godly martyrs as the first-fruits of nature. By their supplications, through the Mother of God, preserve Your Church and Your people in profound peace, O most merciful One.

*Prokeimen (Tone 8)*

Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

*verse:* In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

*Alleluia*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Verse* The just cried out and the Lord heard them, and delivered them from all their afflictions.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Verse* The afflictions of the just are many, but out of them all will the Lord deliver them.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Communion Verse*

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you just, praise befits the righteous. Alleluia. (3)

## PARISH NEWS

**Weekly Collection** - May 23, 2021 - \$790.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**Confessions** - Father will hear confessions following Sunday Liturgies.

**Safety Precautions** - The Eparchy advises the parishes to follow state guidelines.

**Saturdays with Jesus** - June classes are cancelled.

**Vacation Bible School** - Vacation Bible School will be held July 26 to 30 from 6:00-7:30PM.

This year's theme: **Christ is Among Us.** The children will explore the Divine Liturgy and learn how to find Jesus and be with Him and worship Him. This is open to any school age child Kindergarten and up. Younger children may need to have parent present if they should need help for any reason during Bible School.

### Prayer List

**Parishioners:** Michael Lutak, Kathy Ott, Michael Yendzik, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, Michael Lutak Jeremiah Hunt

**Friends of the Parish:** Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Mark Prewitt, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Fr. Wolodymyr Woloszczuk, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Sherman family, the Williams family.

*To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.*

### Joke of the Day

A priest went to a blacksmith to buy a horse. The blacksmith said, "I have the perfect horse for a man of god. This horse was raised by a religious family. You can't say 'Giddyap' to make him go. You've got to say 'Praise the Lord.' And when you want him to stop, you can't say 'Whoa', you've got to say 'Amen'." The priest paid for the horse, mounted him and said, "Praise the Lord." The horse started towards their destination as expected, but after a couple of miles the horse was spooked by a snake and took off at a gallop toward a cliff that bordered a river two-hundred feet below. In a panic, the priest yelled "Whoa!" forgetting the instructions given by the blacksmith. Finally at the last moment he remembered and shouted, "Amen!," stopping the horse at the edge of the cliff. "Wow, that was close," the grateful priest said, "Praise the Lord."