

Why do we sing so much?

Singing in church is meant to be an Icon of worship. We sing our prayers. Our prayers are sung. And hardly ever do we hear prayers simply said. The Church's tradition is to offer up prayers to God in uttered heightened speech called sacred singing. It is important to understand that liturgical music is not something added to prayer. Rather, it is the way we pray in church when we assemble together as God's People.

This tradition of sung worship is fundamentally Biblical. For both the people of the Old Testament as well as the New, worship means first to gather as a group, and then to sing praise with one mouth and one heart. As a matter of fact, more than two-thirds of the Bible is phrased in such a way that it is obviously meant to be sung. Especially the Book of Psalms the essential prayer-book of the Church in essence, is a song-book. Church hymnody developed from the singing of Psalms and Scriptural Odes, first as simple responses and refrains, later developing into Troparia, Kontakia and strophic hymns on these Biblical verses.

The word antiphon in our prayer-books describes how the people originally divided themselves into two parts and sang the Psalm verses back and forth, from one side to the other. Our liturgical texts show that the assembly responds in a type of song to whatever is chanted by the Bishop, Priest, Deacon, or Cantor. St. Justin the Philosopher, writing in 150 A.D., calls special attention to the way the people sing the Amen as their assent to the great Eucharist Prayer. St. Augustine reflects on the Eastern tradition of the 4th Century, when he remarks: ...truly, is there a time when the faithful assembled are not singing? Truly, I see nothing better, nothing more useful or more holy that they could do.

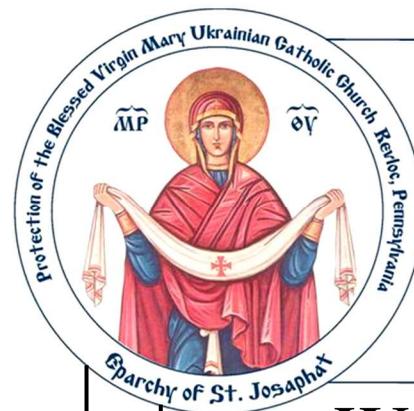
At first the Church melodies were probably very simple, resembling a rhythmic song-speech, following the natural inflections and nuances of word-groupings. From Hebrew and Hellenic beginnings, the melodic kernels, patterns and formulae have been expanded, enriched and developed according to local practices in specific cultures. Each nationality has adapted the verbo-melodic models to the natural rhythmic and melodic sounds of their own unique language and culture.

Indeed, what must be understood is the function of sacred singing in worship. What is singing in Church supposed to do? A sacred song is not unlike a holy Icon; except that the holy Icon is seen and the sacred song is heard, the functions are the same. This painting of words and sounds has as its purpose the bringing of the community into the presence and the awareness of sacred mystery.

Bringing us together is no small part of sacred music's function. Just as receiving Holy Communion together is a sacred sign that all who partake become one body in Christ, so singing must be the expression of this same unity of hearts and minds, drawing us harmoniously together into one voice. For ultimately, it is Christ Who is our Song.

Everyone in church should sing loud and strong to the Lord. No more whisper singing. No more "I can't sing; my voice isn't good." God made you. He made you in His image. Sing praises to our King.

Our Weekly Bulletin



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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

Week of June 20 to 27, 2021

Sunday, June 20	4th Sunday after Pentecost Saint of Rus-Ukraine	
June 21	No Liturgy	
June 22	No Liturgy	
June 23	No Liturgy	
June 24	No Liturgy	
June 25	No Liturgy	
June 26	No Liturgy	
Sunday, June 27	5th Sunday after Pentecost	✠ Thomas Kleban

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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4th Sunday After Pentecost — All Saints of Rus'-Ukraine

Romans 6:18-23 & Romans 8:28-39 Matthew 8:5-13 & Matthew 5:1-16

Troparion (Tone 3)

Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death; He became the first-born of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

Feast Day Troparion (Tone 4)

O you who glorified Christ: princes and bishops, monastics and martyrs, and steadfast confessors of Christian Ukraine throughout all times, pray Christ God to look with favor on our people and to grant them the grace to persevere in the faith that the souls of prayerful faithful who revere your sacred memory may be saved.

Glory be... *Kontakion (Tone 3)*

You arose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord, and led us out from the gates of death. Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices, and the prophets together with the patriarchs unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

Now and forever ... - *Kontakion (Tone 4)*

You shine as bright beacons, O God-inspired and righteous saints of our Church. By your encouraging example you serve communities of faithful throughout the Christians world. Therefore we humbly bow our heads to you thanking our great and all-gracious God Who has made you our intercessors in heaven where you pray for our souls.

Prokeimenon (Tone 3)

Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His venerable ones.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse: Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments.

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Weekly Collection - June 13, 2021 - \$305.00. 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 - Class will be on July 10th at 10:00AM.

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.

Potato Fest - We will be participating in the 30th Potato Fest on September 25.

More details to follow.

Fathers' Day Luncheon - A light lunch will be served to all parishioners in honor of all the fathers. Please join us for fellowship.

Kids Cantor School - We will have classes to sing Liturgy for kids from July 5th thru July 7th at 1:00PM taught by Fr. Andriy. Please call or text Fr and let him know if you will attending.

Happy 21st Anniversary to Todd and Renee
May God grant them good health, long life and many happy years!
Многая і благая літа!

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

One Sunday a priest announced to the congregation, "It's a beautiful day to worship. My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons: a \$1,000 sermon, that lasts 5 minutes; a \$500 sermon, that lasts 15 minutes; and a \$100 sermon, that lasts a full hour. We'll take the collection and see which one I'll deliver."