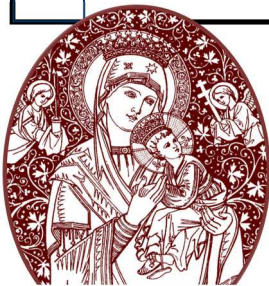


St. Josaphat was born John Kuncevic about 1580 in Vladimir. His parents belonged to the Eastern Rite Church of Kyiv (Ukraine) which was then separated from Rome. When John was a child, his mother explained the icons in church. Years later he told a friend that he felt a spark of fire leave the wounded side of the Crucified and enter his own heart, which was filled with joy. This event influenced the rest of his life. He began to memorize the Church rituals and psalms. Within him grew the desire to suffer poverty and death for his Savior. He spent much of his leisure time reading the lives of the Saints. John made his profession of faith in 1598 and took the name of Josaphat. In 1609 Josaphat was ordained a priest and began his career of preaching and spiritual direction and providing for the needy and homeless. Over sixty men entered the Basilian Order under his influence. Josaphat was made the superior of a daughter monastery at Byten, where he revived devotion to the Mother of God. Returning to Vilno as archimandrite of the monastery, he began to reform the monks. There he also compiled texts from the Eastern Fathers and Doctors under the title "A Defense of Church Unity." The new appointee at once called a synod to revitalize his diocese. He detached his priests from subservience to the unruly nobility and wrote "A Rule for Priests." Most of all he pursued the reunion of all with Rome. While Josaphat was visiting Vitebsk (Belarus), he was cruelly hacked to death with an ax on November 12, 1623. He was about forty-five years old. Josaphat had said before his martyrdom, "I rejoice to offer my life for my holy Catholic faith." He had prayed, "Grant that I be found worthy, Lord, to shed my blood for the union and obedience to the Apostolic See." Among the many miracles consequent to Josaphat's murder was the conversion of those assassins to the Roman union. Thousands of dissidents returned to the Catholic faith. Most significantly, even Bishop Smotrytsky, an Orthodox bishop, became an ardent supporter of the Pope! In May 1643, twenty years later, Pope Urban VIII declared him "Blessed." It was not until June 29, 1867, that Pope Pius IX canonized him "Saint." On November 12, 1923, the 300th anniversary of his martyrdom, Pope Pius XI declared him the heavenly Patron of Reunion between Orthodox and Catholics. During the Second Vatican Council, at the express wish of Pope John XXIII, who himself was most interested in reunion, the body of St. Josaphat was finally laid to rest at the magnificent altar of St. Basil in St. Peter's Basilica. This took place on November 25, 1963. Today, we celebrate the 400th anniversary of his martyrdom. May his memory be eternal!



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Our Weekly Bulletin

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 Nov 12 to Nov 19, 2023

Sunday, Nov 12	24th Sunday after Pentecost	✠ Peter Kutchma
Nov 13	No Liturgy	
Nov 14	No Liturgy	
Nov 15	Emmanual Moleben 5:30PM	
Nov 16	No Liturgy	
Nov 17	No Liturgy	
Nov 18	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Nov 19	25th Sunday after Pentecost	✠ Peter Kutchma

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.

24th Sunday after Pentecost
Feast of St. Josaphat

Ephesians 2:14-22

Luke 10:25-37

Troparion (Tone 7)

By Your cross You destroyed death; You opened Paradise to the thief; You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy, and charged the apostles to proclaim that You are risen, O Christ our God, offering great mercy to the world.

Tropar of St. Josaphat (Tone 4)

You appeared as a radiant light, O priest-martyr Josaphat. Like the Good Shepherd, you lay down your life for your sheep; killed by enemies who loved division, you entered the holy of holies to dwell with the bodiless powers. Therefore we pray you, long-suffering saint: beg Christ, the Prince of Shepherd, to number us among the sheep at His right hand and to save our souls. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kondakion

No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold humanity, for Christ went down shattering and destroying its powers. Hades is bound. The prophets exult with one voice. The Savior has come for those with faith, saying: "Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!"

Prokeimen

The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Verse Bring to the Lord, O you sons for God; bring to the Lord young rams.

The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing in Your name, O Most High.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

To announce Your mercy in the morning and Your truth every night.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Communion Verse

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia. (3)

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Collection - November 5, 2023 - \$180.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Relief for Ukraine - Amount collected to date \$6,483.00.

Saturdays with Jesus - Catechism classes will resume:

Nov.18th and December 9th Adults 10:00-12:00 and Children 2:00-3:30.

2024 Envelopes - Anyone who currently does not have envelopes and would like a box for next year, please see Deacon Chris. Envelopes will be distributed in early December.

St Nicholas Visit - St. Nicholas will make his 54th visit to our parish on December 3.

We will have a covered dish dinner and presents will be given to the children.

Please bring your family and friends.

Prayer List

Parishioners: Millie & Steve Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, the Lutak family, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard.

Friends of the Parish: Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Kevin Blem, Linda Kusmierski.

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

What is "Saturdays with Jesus"?

Saturdays with Jesus is a monthly gathering to learn more about our church and faith.

We will be taking a closer look at the words of the Divine Liturgy.

This will be for the next several months.

Classes will be Nov. 18 Adults 10 to 12 Children 2 to 3:30

Joke of the Day

God looks over the millions of people and says 'Welcome to Heaven. I want the women to go with Saint Peter, and the men to form two lines. Make one line of the men that dominated their women on earth, and the other of men who were dominated by their women.' There's much movement, but eventually the women are gone and there are two lines. The line of the men that were dominated is 100 miles long. The line of men that dominated women has only one man.

God gets angry and says, 'You men should be ashamed of yourselves. I created you in my image and you were all dominated by your mates. Look at the only one of my sons that stood up and made me proud. Learn from him!' He turns to the man and says, 'Tell them, my son. How did you manage to be the only one on that line?' The man says, 'I don't know, my wife told me to stand here.'