# **Elements of the Liturgy**

# **Liturgical Actions:**

The Body in Worship

In the liturgy, the bodily senses point us to spiritual realities. We learn about the created world through our senses, and the inclinations and needs of our human nature. The Holy Spirit and the Church make use of all of these to lead us to spiritual truth through a world of symbols that raise our minds to God and divine realities.

# Sight

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Light allows us to see the world, avoid dangers, and find our desired destination; spiritual light, or "illumination" is provided by God, working through the Holy Spirit, to achieve the same goals with the things of the spirit. In the liturgy, this symbolism is used constantly. In the evening service of Vespers, we salute Christ as the "joyful light" of God's glory, and at Matins the priest sings, "Glory to you who have shown us the light!" before the Great Doxology, our morning hymn of praise to God. Candles are used in many services, and at certain times the liturgy is sung in relative darkness, while at other points the entire church is brightly lit. These transitions (sometimes foreign to us in an age of electric lights) serve to teach us a rhythm of life by which we ask for God's guidance and spiritual illumination, and look forward to feasts with expectation and joy. Contrasts between light and darkness also create a point of focus in the liturgy. The symbols of darkness and light are employed constantly in the cycle of Byzantine worship.

The church building in which services are held also provides a feast for the eye and the mind, being designed with symmetrical proportions of fine materials, and furnished as beautifully as possible. In the Byzantine Rite, the church is adorned with icons: images of Christ, the angels and saints, painted according to traditional patterns which emphasize the spiritual realities they point to. In all their variety, icons provide us with a "theology in color", and remind us of the angels and saints who stand "shoulder to shoulder" with us as we celebrate the Liturgy.



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# Our Weekly Bulletin

## 100th Anniversary Celebration

Mark your calendars

**October 4, 2026** 

Bishop Bohdan has confirmed the date that he will be with us to celebrate the 100 years of the founding of our parish.

701 days or 100 weeks

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

#### Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Sunday, Nov 3	24th Sunday after Pentecost	₩ Tim Powell
Nov 4	No Liturgy	
Nov 5	No Liturgy	
Nov 6	No Liturgy	
Nov 7	No Liturgy	
Nov 8	No Liturgy	0,7,7
Nov 9	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Nov 10	25th Sunday after Pentecost	♣ Charles Lutak from Yahner Family

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

## **Ephesians 2:14-22**

Luke 8:41-56

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.

#### 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!"

#### Theotokion

O all-praised treasury of our resurrection, we hope in you, bring us up from the pit and depth of sins, for you have saved those subject to sin by giving birth to our Salvation, O Virgin before childbirth, and Virgin in childbirth, and still a Virgin after the childbirth.

#### 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)

Weekly Collection - October 27, 2024 - \$729.00.

Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday - \$589.00 Candles - \$5.00 Diocesan - \$10.00

Fuel - \$15.00 Improvements - \$10.00 Pyhori - \$100.00

# **PARISH NEWS**

**Saturdays with Jesus** - Saturdays with Jesus will resume on November 9, 2024 Adults 10 to 12 Children 1:30–3:00

2024 Classes will be on 11/9, & 12/14. 2025 schedule is in the vestibule. Saturdays with Jesus is a catechism program for adults and children. Come and check out the class, The classes are based on questions the people have about the Church and faith.

**2025** Envelopes - Anyone wishing to have envelopes who currently do not have, please see Fr. Deacon Chris to be added to the list for 2025.

**Pyrohi for Sale** - There is pyrohi for sale if anyone is interested. They are \$10/dozen.

# **Up Coming Events:**

Great Vespers - Great Vespers will be prayed for the Feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God in the Temple - November 20 at 6:00PM in Northern Cambria Saturdays with Jesus - November 9 - Adults 10 to 12 Kids 1:30 to 3

St. Nicholas Visit - Sunday, December 1 (Covered Dish)

#### **Prayer List**

**Parishioners:** Millie & Steve Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard, Mary Catherine Hoover.

**Friends of the Parish:** Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Joe Gomes, Thomas, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Sonya Kohan Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Kevin Blem, Pat Bodenski. *To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.* 

# Joke of the Day

A Sunday school teacher was teaching her class about the difference between right and wrong. "All right children, let's take another example," she said. "If I were to get into a man's pocket and take his billfold with all his money, what would I be?" Little Johnny raises his hand, and with a confident smile, he blurts out, "You'd be his wife!"