

Catholic Apologetics — Clergy Vestments (Week 1 of 4)

Clergy wear vestments to visually distinguish themselves from the laity during liturgical services, signifying their special role as servants of God and acting as icons of Christ and His angels, while also indicating their specific function within the church hierarchy through the design and color of their vestments; essentially, they serve as a symbolic "uniform" for the clergy during worship.

Key points about Orthodox vestments:

- ✦ **Distinguishing the clergy:** The most important function of vestments is to set apart the clergy from the congregation, visually marking them as those leading the worship.
- ✦ **Symbolic meaning:** Each piece of vestment carries symbolic meaning related to the Christian faith, often referencing biblical imagery or the roles of the clergy.
- ✦ **Liturgical context:** Vestments are worn specifically during liturgical services, not in everyday life.
- ✦ **Historical roots:** The practice of wearing liturgical vestments dates back to the early Christian church and has evolved over time, drawing inspiration from Byzantine traditions.



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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.

609 days or 87 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, Feb 2	Zaccheus Sunday Encounter of our Lord in the Temple	✦ Michael Lutak M&M Robert Datsko
Feb 3	No Liturgy	
Feb 4	No Liturgy	
Feb 5	No Liturgy	
Feb 6	No Liturgy	
Feb 7	No Liturgy	
Feb 8	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Feb 9	Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee	✦ Pat Pecora

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.

Zachhaeus Sunday
Encounter of our Lord in the Temple

1 Timothy 4:9-15

Luke 19:1-10

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 4)

When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: "Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy."

Troparion of the Encounter (Tone 1)

Rejoice, full of grace, Virgin Mother of God! From you, there dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, who enlightens those who dwell in darkness. And you, O righteous Elder, be glad! You received in your embrace the Liberator of our souls, who grants us resurrection.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

Kondakion of the Resurrection (Tone 4)

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.

Kondakion of the Encounter (Tone 3)

Now and ever and for ever. Amen.

By Your birth, You sanctified a virgin womb and fittingly blessed the hands of Simeon. You have come also now and saved us O Christ God; give peace to Your community in time of war, and strengthen its rulers, whom You love, for You alone are the Lover of Mankind.

Prokeimenion (Tone 4)

How great are Your works, O Lord; You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great.

How great are Your works, O Lord; You have made all things in wisdom.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Now, O Master, You dismiss Your servant in peace according to Your word.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

For my eyes have seen Your salvation, a light for the revelation to the Gentiles,
and for the glory to Your people, Israel.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Communion Verse

I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord.
Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia. (3)

Weekly Collection - January 26, 2025 - \$1,113.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday - \$1,035.00 Candles - \$5.00 Pyrohi- \$40.00

Fuel - \$20.00 Diocesan - \$10.00 Misc. - \$3.00

PARISH NEWS

Saturdays with Jesus - February 8, 2025

Adult Catechism 10 to 12 Children's Catechism 1 to 2:30PM

Marriage Day - February 9 will be Marriage Day in our Eparchy.

We will honor all those who are married.

Covered Dish Dinner - In honor of Marriage Day, we will have a covered dish dinner.

Please bring a food dish and a dessert.

Pinching Day - We will be making pyrohi on Feb 13 starting at 8AM.

Come and help with this fundraiser event.

March Events

March 1 - Pyrohi sale - Tell your friends and family to come and stock up on our delicious Pyrohi. They make a great Lenten meal

March 22 & 29 - Our annual Pysanky Class from 9 to 12. Spread the word to your friends.



Prayer List

Millie & Steve Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard, Mary Catherine Hoover, The Fernandez family, Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Joe Gomes, Thomas, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Hesel, 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

One rainy night, I stopped to pick up two hitch-hikers on a lonely road and was a little concerned when a third man appeared with an object in his hand. My fears were allayed by their story. After their vehicle ran out of fuel, they had gotten a lift to town, bought a can of gasoline and were trudging back. I drove them to their car amid effusive thanks, then proceeded feeling very much like the Good Samaritan. Next morning, I found the can of gasoline still on the back floor of the car.