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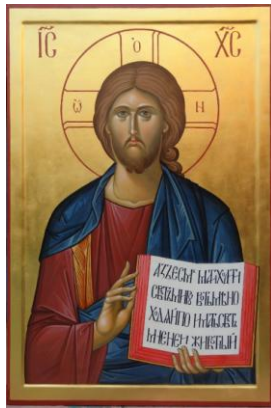
Divine Liturgy
Confessions
Collection

Saturday, 5:30 PM · Sunday, 10:00 AM · Holy Days, 7:30 PM
Saturday, 4:30-5:00 PM · Sunday, 9:00-9:30 AM
Last week: **\$1,682.00**. God bless you for your continued generosity.

Sunday Readings
Sacramental Needs

Apostolic Letter: Acts 11:19-26, 29-30 + Gospel: John 4:5-42
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The Light of the East ...



“Preparation for Liturgy takes place not only at the personal spiritual level, but also at the level of human historical and natural realities. In preparing for Liturgy, the Christian starts a spiritual journey which affects everything in his life: family, properties, authority, position and social relations. It re-orientates the direction of his entire human existence towards its sanctification by the Holy Spirit. Renewed by the Holy Communion and the Holy Spirit, members of the Church are sent to be authentic witnesses to Jesus Christ in the world. The mission of the Church rests upon the radiating and transforming power of the Liturgy. It is a stimulus in sending out the people of God to the world to confess the Gospel and to be involved in man's liberation.”

Ion Bria, *The Liturgy after the Liturgy*

Eternal Memory. After the Divine Liturgy this weekend, we will serve a *Panachida* for the blessed repose of the souls of all the beloved mothers of our parish and parishioners. May God bring them into the place of rest among the saints and render their memory eternal.

Vičnaja pamjät.



Mary Our Mother. Before the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, May 14, Mother's Day, the children of the parish will present their gift of flowers to Mary, the Theotokos, our Blessed Mother and Heavenly Queen.

Happy Mother's Day To all the mothers of our parish...

The most important person... on earth is a Mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral – A dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body. The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new souls to heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the creator than any other creature. God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation... What on God's good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother?

Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty

A huge thank you is extended to all who volunteered to spear head the Grounds Committee at our meeting last Sunday. There were lots of ideas shared on how we can all work together to beautify our Heavenly Father's house and garden.



Sadly, our property is in dire need of attention and upkeep. With limited financial resources, this responsibility falls on each of us as members of God's family in this parish. In his encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis reminded us that the earth and all life on it are part of God's creation. We, as stewards of creation, are called to respect and to take care of this gift.

The Committee agreed that before any special landscaping work be done, we first need to clean up the property, especially the Old Alabama Road frontage and sign area, the entry driveway and the large wooded lawn off the double doors at the south entrance to the church; these are the areas visitors and passersby first see and from which they draw their first impressions of Epiphany.

So mark your calendars ... pack your yard tools ... come one ... come all ... and bring the whole family, relatives and friends ... on Saturday, June 3, from 9:00 AM for as long as you can stay ... (weather permitting). There will be something for everyone to do at our first Yard Cleanup Day ... so don't be shy! And the best part will be the fellowship, the midday picnic (hot dogs, baked beans, salad, dessert and lemonade) provided by the parish, and especially the gift of time we offer our Father in Heaven.

Together in the Holy Trinity ... One Faith, One Church, One Future!