

wish to make a contribution, bring your item to the party. Thank you.

Dear parishioners!

November 15 beginning of Phillip's or Christmas Fast. During this period we are preparing for Christmas. Our church has a good tradition of singing Christmas Carols. And for this tradition to be preserved it must be passed on from generation to generation.

So, we will begin to teach Christmas Carols. Please sign up on Sunday if interested for in learning Christmas Carols and whatever time is best for you?

Please donate your time to the Church, it would be greatly appreciated.

MINISTRY to the SICK

COMMUNION:

If you or a loved one are unable to attend Liturgy, please call fr. Yuriy or fr. Vasy. They will be happy to bring Communion to you or your loved one.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

If you or a loved one would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please call Fr. Yuriy or Fr. Vasy to make an appointment to visit. Sometimes you cannot get a priest at the last minute (due to Liturgy, confessions, meetings, etc.). When a person goes on hospice they can be anointed immediately. Even if not on hospice, you can be anointed in various other situations, including if you are seriously ill or if you are going to the hospital for surgery or if you are in a nursing home.

LITURGY:

The culture of remembering our beloved is best expressed in our Liturgies for them. Intentions are also offered for thanksgiving - birthdays, anniversaries, blessings received and for a happy death. Up to three intentions can be offered per mass.

Halloween Coffee Social



Thank you to all who helped with the preparation and donation of food and the setup, breakdown, and cleanup for the social. A good time was had by all!

ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

As you might know, the financial situation at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish has for some time now been challenging. Because of this, it was determined that re-implementing the annual assessment has become necessary. This assessment, which is voluntary in nature, will be collected during the month of October 2019. We are requesting \$250 per family however, we will most gratefully accept contributions in amounts that donors, after prayerful consideration, are comfortable giving. To contribute: Please use one of the envelopes marked "SPECIAL OFFERING" found within your packet. Please write "Assessment" on the envelope as well as the amount of your gift, your name and address then, place it in the collection basket, drop it off at the rectory or, mail it in.

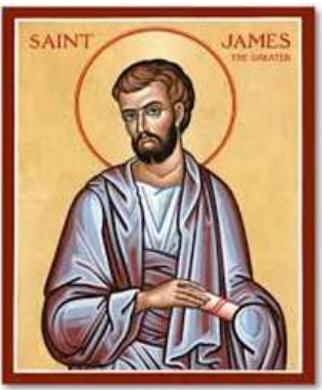


We thank you in advance for your participation.

Candle Dedications November 2019

- Sanctuary Lamps:* Available
- Tetrapod:* In memory of George Dubinsky by wife Betty Dubinsky
- Altar of Preparation:* Available
- Altar of Blessing:* In memory of our daughter Tara Eriksen and the Philip, Zawatsky, Dubyak, Rolnick families by Thaddeus and Karen Zawatsky
- Sanctuary Eagles:* Available





On November 13 we will honor the Memory of John Chrysostom Archbishop

Saint John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, was an important Early Church Father. He is known for his preaching and public speaking, his denunciation of abuse of authority by both ecclesiastical and political leaders, the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom, and his ascetic sensibilities.

Our holy father, St. John Chrysostom most famous of both the Greek and the Latin Church and one of the four great Doctors of the Orient, called "Golden-Tongued" because of his eloquence. The Catholic Church honors him as the "Heavenly Patron of Ecclesiastical Orators". He revised St. Basil's Divine Liturgy. He suffered deposition

and exile for his firm stand against the dissolute life at the Court of the Emperor Arcadius and Honorius. He died at Comana in Cappadocia, at the age of 62, A.D. 407.

On November 12 we will honor the Memory of Josaphat Kuncevic.

Who is Saint Josaphat?

The Life of Saint Josaphat, Martyr for Christian Unity

St. Josaphat was born John Kuncevic about 1580 in Vladimir, a village of the Lithuanian Province of Volhynia (then a part of the Polish Kingdom begun under the Jagellonian Dynasty). His parents belonged to the Eastern Rite Church of Kyiv (Ukraine) which was then separated from Rome.

When John was just 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.

John's father sent him to Vilno in Lithuania to learn more about the family business. Nevertheless, he spent much of his leisure in reading the lives of the Saints and observing the religious ferment in the local church. The Ruthenians (the ethnic origin of his family) had been evangelized from Constantinople-modern Istanbul-and generally followed the lead of the Byzantine Church there. But because of the absorption of the Ruthenians into the Polish Kingdom /always staunch Roman Catholics/ the question of reunion with Rome was hotly debated.

The Union of Brest

The bishops of the Ukrainian and Byelorussian Churches who lived within the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth held a Ruthenian Synod in 1595 and voted to unite with Rome under Pope Clement VIII. John Kuncevic was fifteen years old. In 1598 seven bishops signed the Union of Brest, which allowed them to retain their Eastern Rites while in full communion with the Pope. Although most of Vilno refused union, John made his profession of faith, then entered the Basilian Monastery of the Holy Trinity in Vilno, and took the name of Josaphat.

Unable to find adequate spiritual direction among the lax priests of his Order, Josaphat compensated by severe mortifications of reparation for them and for those who had refused communion with Rome. Finally spiritual guidance came in the person of John Rutsky, a convert from Calvinism and later Bishop of Kiev. 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 at Zirovica. 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." All these activities led to his being appointed Coadjutor Bishop to the elderly, ailing Bishop of Plock (Plotsk). Subsequently Josaphat became the Bishop of Plock with the title of Archeparch (Archbishop).

Called to Revitalize His Diocese

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. The major obstacle was the Orthodox Bishop Meletius Smotrytsky, who was aided by schismatic preachers sent from Constantinople to prevent reunion. The latter spread slanders against Josaphat and, during his absence in Warsaw to



plead for reunion, agitated for Josaphat's removal from Plock. Hostility increased when he wrote to prove that St. Vladimir, had actually preached the Catholic, not Orthodox faith.

While Josaphat was visiting Vitebsk (Belarus), he was cruelly hacked to death 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." He had never revoked his childhood experience of the Crucified.

The Events of His Martyrdom

The mob hostile to reunion broke into the courtyard of the mansion where Archbishop Josaphat was staying. He came out of the house in a commanding figure in his black robes and crossed medallions over his breast. He addressed his enemies calmly, "Why are you attacking my servants? Take your anger out upon me!"

Momentarily the mob quieted. Then two schismatics, bolder than the rest, rushed forward and slit his head open with battle-axes. As if that were not enough, they shot him as well, stripped his body, and set wild dogs to tear him apart. Tiring of their terrible sport, the mob threw his body into the river with his penitential hairshirt tied around his neck and loaded with rocks to sink his body. His remains were subsequently recovered and hidden from further desecration.

It has been written that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of Church growth. 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 significant, even Bishop Smotrytsky became an ardent supporter of the Pope!

In May 1643, twenty years later, Pope Urban VIII declared him "Blessed." But it was not until June 29, 1867, that Pope Pius IX canonized him "Saint." On November 12, 1923, the tercentenary of Josaphat's 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.

By the Very Rev. Anselm Romb, OFM Conv., former Rector of the Basilica of St. Josaphat

PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT JOSAPHAT

*Stir up within Thy Church, we beseech Thee, O Lord,
the Spirit with which blessed Josaphat,
Thy Martyr and Bishop, was filled,
when he laid down his life for his sheep:
so that, through his intercession,
we too may be moved and strengthened by the same Spirit,
and may not shrink from giving our lives for our brethren.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son,
Who liveth and reigneth with Thee
in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God,
world without end.
Amen.*

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS
November 1 and November 3, 2019

	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Regular</i>	\$405	\$431	\$836
<i>Annual Assessment</i>	\$100	\$250	\$350
<i>ECL</i>	-	\$15	\$15
<i>Candles</i>	-	\$15	\$15
<i>Tom Dulin Memorial</i>	-	\$250	\$250
<i>Building Fund</i>	\$37	\$35	\$72
<i>Total</i>	\$542	\$996	\$1,538
<i>Attendance</i>	23	25	48