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October 18, 2026

Confessions: one hour before liturgy or by appointment

Liturgical Schedule

Intention

Sun Oct 18 9:00am Festal Matins

Bishop Robert w/Bishop Fernandez concelebrating

10:00am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy *for the Faithful*

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NO GE'EZ LITURGY TODAY

Mon Oct 19 5:00pm Moleben to the Holy Spirit

NO WEEKDAY LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Sat Oct 24 4:00pm Vespers

Sun Oct 25 9:30am Rosary led by Knights of Columbus

10:00am Divine Liturgy *for the Faithful*

12:00pm Ge'ez Divine Liturgy

2:30pm Ukrainian Divine Liturgy

Readings for the week of October 18, 2026

	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Sun Oct 18	Gal 2:16-20	Luke 8:5-15
Mon Oct 19	Col 2:13-20	Luke 9:18-22
Tue Oct 20	Col 2:20-3:3	Luke 9:23-27
Wed Oct 21	Col 3:17-4:1	Luke 9:44-50
Thu Oct 22	Col 4:2-9	Luke 9:49-56
Fri Oct 23	Gal 1:11-19	Matt 13:54-58
Sat Oct 24	2 Cor 5:1-10	Luke 7:1-10
Sun Oct 25	Gal 6:11-18	Luke 16:19-31

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PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE WHOLE WORLD

We thank You, Master and Lover of mankind, King of the ages and giver of all good things, for destroying the dividing wall of enmity and granting peace to those who seek your mercy. We appeal to You to awaken the longing for a peaceful life in all those who are filled with hatred for their neighbors, thinking especially of those at war or preparing for war. Grant peace to your servants. Implant in them the fear of You and confirm in them love one for another. Extinguish every dispute and banish all temptations to disagreement. For You are our peace and to You we ascribe glory: to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Parish Activities this week

Sun	Oct 18	Eparchial Assembly presentations
Thu	Oct 22	10:00am Pirohi making
Fri	Oct 23	10:00am Pirohi making
Sat	Oct 24	10:00am Roll baking 4:00pm Ge'ez Womens' Club meeting 6:00pm Ge'ez Choir practice
Sun	Oct 25	11:15am Parish social 2:00pm Ge'ez Social 3:30pm Ukrainian Social

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED OCTOBER 26-30

2026 HOLIDAY FOOD BANK DONATIONS. In keeping with a key point of the GCU Mission Statement—"Strengthening Communities", GCU will once again be sponsoring our Holiday Food Bank Donation Program. In an effort to increase the amount donated to your local Food Bank and to get your parish more involved, we are once again asking participating parishes to have a collection in their church during the month of October. Money collected by your parish will be matched up to \$500. The GCU check, made payable to the Food Bank, will be sent to you to make an in-person presentation to your local food bank along with the parish's collection, in time for the upcoming holiday season.

Through November 1st, we ask parishioners to prayerfully consider making a monetary donation to W.A.R.M. through us. Make your check out to W.A.R.M. and drop it in the collection boxes. We will total these and let the GCU know the total, which they will then match as stated above.



TRUNK OR TREAT - CELEBRATION OF SAINTS EVENT will be **Sunday, November 1st**. Please bring candy for your trunk (or to donate if you cannot stay) and dress up as a saint. (There are no classes on this Sunday) Adults and children are invited to attend Divine Liturgy dressed as their saint. Children will "Trunk or Treat" from car to car **with their parents**. We encourage adults and children to guess who is which saint.

If you are decorating your trunk or just participating in handing out candy - please park in front of the Parish Hall and rectory. **In case of inclement weather, we will "trunk or treat" in the hall.**

Strengthening the Church at Home. During the month of October, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has a national campaign to collect for those churches that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. These services include

Liturgy/Mass, the sacraments, religious education and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters and lay people. Nearly 40% of diocese in the United States and its current and former territories are considered home mission dioceses. If you wish to donate to this appeal, there are envelopes on the table in the vestibule or to donate online use the QR code on the right.



December 12th is our 22nd Christmas Cookie Sale. This is our big fundraiser!
EVERYONE'S HELP IS NEEDED.

We need bakers of cookies and other goodies to sell, people to help make pirohi; nut and poppyseed rolls; baklava; to help set-up and break down the hall and work the sale.

Lisa Sulich, Sale Coordinator, will be contacting everyone regarding the sale and how you can help with baking or volunteering. If you have any questions, or Lisa has not yet contacted you, please contact her directly; **you may email her at lisa.sulich@gmail.com**. You may also call (614-882-7578) or email the church office (stjohnbyz@hotmail.com) and your inquiries will be forwarded to Lisa.

Using Hall Kitchen to bake for Cookie Sale

We offer the use of the parish hall kitchen for those who may need to use the bigger space to bake items for this year's Cookie Sale. **Please email eventstjohn@hotmail.com to request the date(s) and times that you need.** Dates are already being reserved so email as soon as possible.



"He has anointed us and put His seal upon us". Confirmation, Sacrament of the Holy Spirit

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

Today, we will continue our reflection on the presence and action of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church through the Sacraments.

The sanctifying action of the Holy Spirit reaches us primarily through two channels: the *Word of God* and the *Sacraments*. And among all the Sacraments, there is one that is quintessentially the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit, and this is what I would like to focus on today. It is the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In the New Testament, in addition to baptism with water, another rite is mentioned, the *imposition of hands*, which has the purpose of communicating the Holy Spirit visibly and in a charismatic way, with effects that are analogous to those produced by the Apostles at Pentecost. The Acts of the Apostles refer to a significant episode in this regard. Having heard that some in Samaria had received the Word of God, they sent Peter and John there from Jerusalem. They "came down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit" (8:14-17).

Moreover, there is what Saint Paul writes in the Second Letter to the Corinthians: "it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee" (1:21-22). The guarantee of the Spirit. The theme of the Holy Spirit as a "royal seal" with which Christ marks his sheep is at the basis of the doctrine of the "indelible character" conferred by this rite.

With the passing of time, the rite of anointing took shape as a Sacrament in itself, assuming diverse forms and content in the various ages and different rites of the Church. This is not the place to retrace this very complex history. What the Sacrament of Confirmation is in the understanding of the Church seems to me to be described in a very simple and clear way by the Catechism of adults of the Italian Episcopal Conference. It says: "Confirmation is for all the faithful what Pentecost was for the entire Church. ... It reinforces the baptismal incorporation into Christ and the Church and the consecration to the prophetic, royal and priestly mission. It communicates the abundance of the gifts of the Spirit. ... If, therefore, Baptism is the Sacrament of birth, Confirmation is the Sacrament of growth. For this very reason it is also the Sacrament of witness, because this is closely linked to the maturity of Christian existence". [1] The Catechism up to this point.

The problem is how to ensure that the Sacrament of Confirmation is not reduced, in practice, to "last rites", that is, the Sacrament of "departure" from the Church. It is said that it is the *farewell Sacrament*, because once young people do it they go away and then return for marriage. This is what people say... but we must ensure that it is rather the Sacrament of the beginning of active participation in the life of the Church. It is a milestone that can seem impossible, given the current situation throughout the Church, but this does not mean that we should stop pursuing it. It will not be so for all Confirmands, children or adults, but it is important that it is at least for some who will then go on to be the animators of the community.

It can be useful, for this purpose, to be helped in preparing for the Sacrament by lay faithful who have had a personal encounter with Christ and have had a true experience of the Spirit. Some people say that they have experienced it as a blossoming of the Sacrament of Confirmation they had received as children.

But this does not only relate to future Confirmands. It relates to all of us and at any time. Together with *Confirmation* and *anointing*, we have received, the Apostle assures us, also the *guarantee* of the Spirit, which elsewhere he calls “the first fruits of the Spirit” (*Rm* 8:23). We must “spend” this “down payment”, savour these first fruits, not bury the charisms and talents we received, underground.

Saint Paul exhorted the disciple Timothy to rekindle the flame of the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands” (*2 Tim* 1:6), and the verb used suggests the image of one who breathes on the fire to revive the flame. Here is a good goal for the Jubilee year! To remove the ashes of habit and disengagement, to become, like the torch bearers at the Olympics, bearers of the flame of the Spirit. May the Spirit help us to take a few steps in this direction!

Pope Francis 10/30/2024



Prayer to Saint Charbel Makhlouf

Lord, infinitely Holy and Glorified in Your Saints, You have inspired Charbel, the saint monk, to lead the perfect life of a hermit. We thank You for granting him the blessing and the strength to detach himself from the world so that the heroism of the monastic virtues of poverty, obedience, and chastity, could triumph in his hermitage. We beseech You to grant us the grace of loving and serving You, following his example. Almighty God, Who has manifested the power of St. Charbel's intercession through his countless miracles and favours, grant us... (State your intention(s) here...) through his intercession. Amen.

For the sick in our parish families, please remember in your prayers:

Abby	Mary	Carroll	Kathy	Krofcheck	Paula	Oshinski	Helen	Stephens
Carol	Will	Culver	Regina	Lee	Maksym	Popadyn	Dennis	Stinich
Gabriella	Maria	Czyrnik	Christine	Leon	Maria	Rakowsky	Josh	Taylor
Hagos	Ron	Doctor	Jeanne	Lombardi	Kristi	Ralston	L.T.	Tekle
Ivan	Karen	Eckenrode	Christine	Long	Terry	Rasor	John	Wagner
Kathy	Jack	Figel	Jessie	Madzia	Nadia	Ritchey	Owen	Ward
Mara	Sarah	Frye	Ilya	Mandebur	Charles	Roddy	Curtis	Weber
Melissa	Jeremy	Funk	Bill	Martin	Sandra	Roddy	Nicholas	Zvansky
Sonya	Christopher	Gehman	Joe	Martin	Justin	Rogers	Sandra	Zvansky
Steve	Deborah	Gordon	Griffen	Martz	Lillian	Rogers	Aregay	Family
Hussein	Charlene	Grabner	Angela	Merva	Mary Beth	Rogers	Conley	Family
Abdi	Nataly	Grace	Dcn Jeff	Mierzejewski	Trey	Shearon	Jackson	Family
William	John	Griffen	Ed	Nyahay	Kathy	Slonka	Lippert	Family
Charles	Dora	Johnson	Anne	O'Halloran	Monica	Smith	Mazon	Family
Anna	Susan	Kaiser	Mic	O'Halloran	Scott	Smith	Mech	Intention
John	James	Kester	John	Oshinski	Kim	Snow	Charyton	Intentions
Vernal	Brian	Williams					DeClue	Intentions
Brown								
Wade								

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