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HOLY TRINITY UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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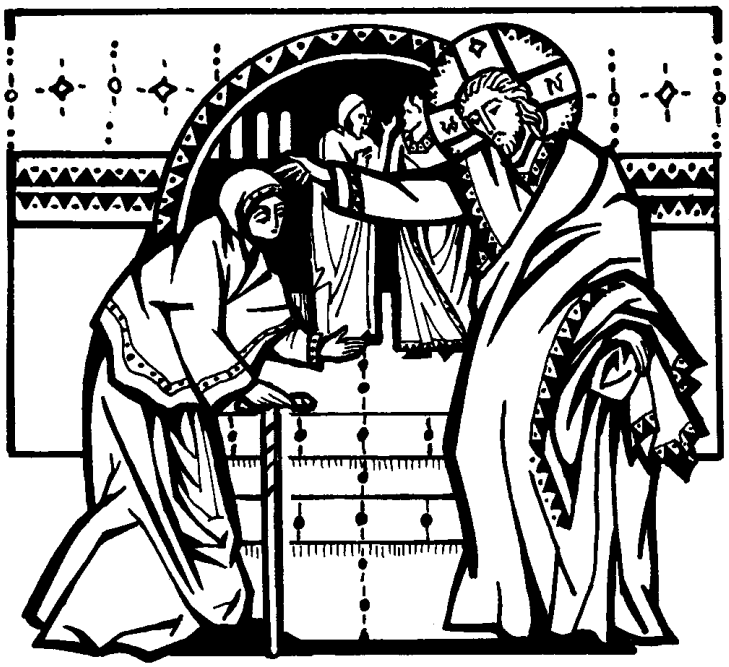
Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 13:10-17



Divine Liturgies:
Sundays: 9:00 a.m. (Ukrainian) & 11:15 a.m. (English)
Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.
Saturdays: 5:00 p.m.
Holy Days of Obligation: 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Baptisms & Funerals: By arrangement.
Marriages: By arrangement eight months in advance.
NOTE: Marriage preparation course required.
Confessions: 20 minutes before Sunday Divine Liturgies, or by appointment.
Pastor: Fr. Iryney Valyavka, OSBM
Assistant Pastor: Fr. Josaphat Oliynyk, OSBM
Parish Secretaries *(part time):* Lorraine Stoyko & Michelle Yakimetz

HOLY TRINITY PARISH OFFICE HOURS (Monday – Friday)
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

IX. Characteristics of Our Faith

Faith Is Holding Nothing Back from God

Christian faith is much more than believing that God exists or fulfilling religious obligations. True faith means entrusting our entire lives to God and allowing Him to be Lord of every aspect of our existence. In the Gospel, Jesus says: “Everyone who has given up home, brothers or sisters, father or mother, wife or children or property for my sake will receive many times as much and inherit everlasting life” (Mt 19:29). Jesus is not asking us to abandon our families or neglect our responsibilities. Rather, He teaches us that nothing and no one should take the place in our hearts that belongs to God alone.

Faith means refusing to keep any part of our lives hidden from God. We often trust Him with our prayers but not with our plans, our Sundays but not our weekdays, our joys but not our fears. Yet God desires to enter every corner of our hearts. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: “Faith is first of all a personal adherence of man to God” (CCC 150). This adherence is not merely intellectual; it involves our will, our decisions, our relationships, our possessions, and our future. Faith calls us to surrender everything into God’s loving hands.

The rich young man in the Gospel is a powerful example of someone who struggled to do this. He kept the commandments, yet he could not let go of the one thing that held his heart captive. His problem was not wealth itself, but his attachment to it. The question Jesus places before each of us is: What am I holding back from God? For some it may be money, for others a relationship, a wound from the past, personal ambitions, pride, or the desire to remain in control. Faith invites us to trust that whatever we place into God’s hands is safer there than in our own.

The saints provide us with living examples of what it means to hold nothing back from God. The Church honors saints from every walk of life—bishops, monks, priests, married couples, parents, young people, and martyrs. Though their vocations differed, they all shared one thing in common: they placed Christ above everything else. Because of this, they discovered the true freedom of the children of God. As St. Augustine beautifully wrote: “You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.” The human heart finds lasting peace only when it belongs completely to God.

Faith also means trusting God in difficult circumstances. It is easy to surrender to God when life is going well, but much

harder when we face illness, disappointment, uncertainty, or suffering. During such moments, we are tempted to rely solely on our own strength. Yet these are often the times when God invites us to a deeper trust. Faith does not remove the cross; rather, it gives us the courage to carry it with Christ, knowing that He is present and working even when we cannot see the outcome.

Therefore, one of the essential characteristics of Christian faith is holding nothing back from God. The Lord does not ask for a portion of our lives; He asks for our entire hearts. When Christ becomes our greatest treasure, everything else finds its proper place. We discover that surrender to God is not a loss but a gain. As Jesus promises, those who place Him first will receive abundant blessings in this life and, above all, the gift of eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

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Holodomor: Let Us Remember

In memory of all those who perished in 1932-33 from the **Holodomor,** our church is once again sponsoring a **food drive**. All donated items will be delivered to the **Vegreville Food Bank** in December. Thank you in advance for supporting this worthwhile cause by showing kindness to those who are suffering in our community, in memory of the cruelty received by our ancestors.

First Holy Communion Classes:

First Holy Communion classes will begin this **Sunday, November 29 from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.** in the church office.

Classes are for children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion next spring. This Sunday parents are asked to return back at 11:00 to learn more about the program.

Children will need a small binder to keep their lessons in.

The next class date is December 13th.

Feast of St. Nicholas, the Wonderworker:

Sunday, December 6, beginning at 4:00 p.m. with decorating of the children's tree, a blessing in church at 4:30, a visit from St. Nicholas with special gifts for all youth at 5:00, & the light-up of the outdoor Creche at 5:30. Cookies & juice to follow.

Update to Church Basement Rebuild: We are awaiting the walk-in cooler & freezer delivery, which may take a few weeks.

PARISH EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, November 28th:
- 5:00 p.m. – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 29th:
- 9:00 a.m. (Ukr.) & 11:15 a.m. (Eng.) Divine Liturgies
- 10:15-11:15 a.m. – First Holy Communion Preparation classes in the Parish Office

Saturday, December 5th:
- 5:00 p.m. – Divine Liturgy

Sun., December 6th: Feast of St. Nicholas, the Wonderworker
- 9:00 a.m. (Ukr.) & 11:15 a.m. (Eng.) Divine Liturgies
- **4:00 p.m.** – Feast of St. Nicholas Celebration & Creche Light-up (full schedule on previous page)

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A reminder to please pick up your 2026 Christmas Schedules

To save the Parish the expense of mailing out the schedules, please also consider picking them up for your family members, friends, & neighbors. Thank you!
(2027 Offering Envelopes will be available next weekend).

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Liturgy Service at Senior's Home:

Fri., December 4th: 10:00 a.m. at Century Park
Tue., December 8th: 10:00 a.m. at Vegreville Care Centre
Thu., December 10th: 10:00 a.m. at Heritage House
Mon., December 14th: 9:30 a.m. at Homestead Lodge
Thu., December 17th: 10:00 a.m. at Vegreville Manor

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Parish Weekly Donations:

- November 22 Donations:	$3,586.00
- Catechism:	$ 20.00
- Choir:	$ 25.00
November 22 Total Donation:	**$3,631.00**

Parish Weekly Donations:

- November Donations:	$9,051.00
- Catechism:	$ 235.00
- Grounds Maintenance:	$ 50.00
- Repairs & Maintenance:	$ 50.00
November Total Donation:	**$9,386.00**

Неділя, 29 листопада: 27-а Неділя по Зіс. Св. Духа

Тропар, глас 2: Коли зійшов Ти до смерти, Життя безсмертне,* тоді ад умертвив Ти зблиском божества * Коли ж і умерлих із глибин підземних воскресив Ти,* всі сили небесні взивали:* Життєдавче, Христе Боже наш, слава Тобі.

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові, і нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.

Кондак, глас 2: Воскрес еси з гробу, всесильний Спасе,* і ад, видівши чудо, вжахнувся, і мертві возстали,* а творіння, бачачи це, радується разом з Тобою,* і Адам веселиться, і світ, Спасе мій, оспівує тебе повсякчасно.

Прокімен, глас 2: Кріпость моя і пісня моя – Господь, і став мені спасінням.

Стих: Караючи покарав мене Господь, та смерті не передав мене.

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Апостол: До Ефесян послання святого апостола Павла читання (6:10-17)

Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

Стих: Вислухає тебе Господь у день печалі, захистить тебе ім'я Бога Якова.

Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

Стих: Господи, спаси царя Свого і почуй нас у день, коли призовемо Тебе.

Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

Євангелія: Від Луки 13:10-17

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його во вишніх. Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

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Sunday, November 29: 27th Sunday after Pentecost

Troparion, tone 2: When You went down to death, O Life Immortal,* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity.* When You raised the dead from the nether world, * all the powers of heaven cried out:* "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You!"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, tone 2: You rose from the tomb, O almighty Saviour;* and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose. * Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults.* And the world, my Saviour, sings Your praises for ever.

Prokeimenon, tone 2: The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

Verse: The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.

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Epistle: A reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (6:10-17)

Faithful: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse: The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you.

Faithful: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse: Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You.

Faithful: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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