



The Holy Eucharist

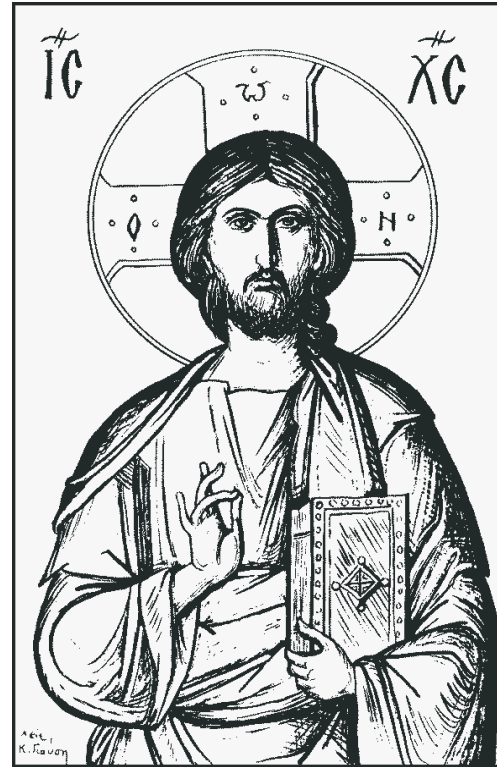
The Holy Eucharist is the true Body and Blood of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, present under the forms of bread and wine. The bread and the wine are sacred gifts, prepared by the priest during the Prothesis (Liturgy of Preparation). Following the Liturgy of the Word, they are carried in solemn procession (the Great Entrance) to be placed upon the Holy Altar, the very Throne of God.

The priest offers the gifts of bread and wine on behalf of the faithful, recalls the words of Our Savior on the night on which He was delivered up for the life of the world and then, with fervent prayers (Epiclesis), asks God to come down from heaven on the gifts of bread and wine to make the bread the Body of Christ, and the wine the Blood of Christ, changing them by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Once this sacred Mystery has taken place, prayers of petition and thanksgiving (Eucharistia in Greek) are offered by the priest and the people. Following the Lord's Prayer the faithful are invited to approach "with the fear of God, with faith and with love." This "fear of God" means tremendous reverence for God's Mystical Presence and His intimate communion with us. "With faith" means that we truly believe that this IS the Body and Blood of the risen Christ. "With love" means that we are at peace and have been reconciled with our brothers and sisters.

The Eucharist, thus received, forgives us our sins and grants us a special intimacy with the Living Christ. If we are aware of sins which prevent us from God's grace, or if we have anything against our brothers and sisters, we are obliged to abstain from receiving Holy Communion until we are reconciled through the Mystery-Sacrament of Confession. Similarly, we are bound to prepare for receiving the Lord by examining our conscience, praying for forgiveness, and fasting.

We should ALWAYS approach the Eucharist at Holy Communion, with profound reverence and deep gratitude. The proper posture is to cross our hands over our breast, and to bow deeply before the holy chalice before and after receiving Our Lord. We must strive to be conscious of the tremendous Gift that is being offered us, though we are all unworthy sinners. For more information on the Eucharist (Preparation & Thanksgiving), please make sure to read the brochure we have available in the Church vestibule.



June 18, 2023

Third Sunday after Pentecost.
Octoechos Tone 2.
Holy Martyr Leontius (69-79).

Changeable Parts:

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In the Booklet of Changeable Parts (Small white book)

***Вітасмо Тамуся!
Happy and Blessed Father's Day!***

Most gracious Heavenly Father,

We thank You for our earthly fathers, those to whom You have entrusted the responsibility to provide loving protection of their families and guidance of their children. We thank You, also, for our priests and bishops, whose spiritual fatherhood is so vital to the faith of Your people.

Assist all fathers of families, all spiritual fathers, and all Christian men, that through Your Grace they may steadily grow in holiness and in knowledge and understanding of Your Truth. May they generously impart this knowledge to those who rely on them.

We ask your blessing on all those to whom you have entrusted fatherhood. May your Holy Spirit constantly inspire them with justice and mercy, wisdom and strength, fidelity and self-giving love. May they receive your Grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in Your presence in the life to come. Amen.

Announcements:

Today: Father's Day

On this Third Sunday after Pentecost, our nation under God celebrates Father's Day. Thanks and congratulations to all the fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, uncles, bishops, priests and monks in our lives for their gift of fatherly care. To those who have fallen asleep, may their memory be eternal! *Вічна Память!* To those among the living, may God grant them many blessed years in health and salvation! *Многая Літа!*

The Peter's Pence Collection takes place over the next weekend of June 25-26. Your envelope for this collection is in your box, as well as in the church vestibule. Please help support the works of The Holy Father as he reaches out to those suffering the effects of war and violence, natural disasters, and religious persecution.

Prayer List:

Make a point of praying for everyone on the prayer list. If you don't have one, contact the office and we'll send you one. In a special way, at this time, remember the following members of our parish family: **Barbara Fedora, Thomas Kunsak, Orysia Barshowski, Kathee Shabla and Rose Shedno.**

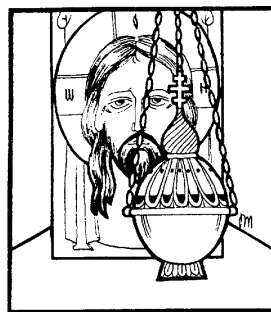
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Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of June 11, 2023 was **\$1,202.00**

(Collection: \$913.00, Pyrohy: \$149.00, Ukraine Aid: \$140.00)

Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!



Third Sunday after Pentecost

The Lord said: "The eye is the lamp of the body. So if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is blind, your whole body will be full of darkness.

Mt. 6:22-23

Why is the "eye" so important? What does it mean that "the lamp of the body is the eye"? Our Lord in His teaching is telling us that the "eye" is meant the soul, for the eye is the window of the soul. In these words Our Lord says that we are not to blame our bodies for our sins. Our bodies are the servants of our souls. If our souls are corrupted, then so also will be our bodies. On the other hand, if our souls are clean, then our bodies will also be clean. It is not our bodies which control our lives, or even our minds, but our souls. And it is our souls that we are called on to cleanse, cultivate and refine first of all. It is the spiritual which has primacy in our lives. Once our souls are clean, then our minds and our bodies will also be cleaned.

Our Lord continues to tell us that we cannot serve two Masters... *No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.* Who are the two Masters? They are the master of the material world and the master of the spiritual world. One must be superior to the other. Thus we cannot serve God, the master of the spiritual, and Mammon, the master of the fallen world. The word Mammon is simply the word in the language spoken by Christ for "money". This saying runs counter to the whole ideology of modernity. Our societies are called "capitalist", for they are based on investments, stock exchanges, capital, in other words, money. Indeed the whole modern world is ruled by currencies, whether the dollar or some other currency dependent on the dollar. Furthermore, the philosophy which guides modern governments and much of human nature is called "monetarism", in other words the belief in the primacy of money in human life and human motivation. Such a philosophy causes panic and depression both among those who have no money and also among those who have a lot, for such a philosophy excludes God from the workings of society and people.

As children of Almighty God we stand before many challenges in this world. One of them is choosing the right Master. Which one will it be? Let us choose the ONE that will keep our lives "full of light", full of happiness and true joy. As a parish family let us put the spiritual first, and then all other things will work out around that for our good and spiritual benefit of our loved ones. Amen.

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