

Christ The Saviour Orthodox Church
American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese
Ecumenical Patriarchate

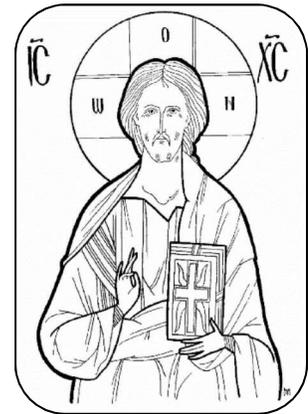
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Schedule of Services:

Sunday September 30th: Obednitsa Service at 10 am & Council Mtg.

Sunday October 7th: Obednitsa Service at 10 am & Parish Meeting

Sunday October 14th: Obednitsa Service at 10 am

Sunday October 21st: Obednitsa Service at 10 am

For more dates of services check out the parish website's calendar.

If you wish to have someone added or removed from the Prayer list, please contact a member of the Royko family or send an email to:

- christsaviour@live.com

Prayer List:

| Living | | |
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| Theodore (Bunevich) | Theresa (Popovich) | Frank (Popovich) |
| Penney (Royko) | Sally (Hubiak) | Ethel (Rusyniak) |
| Eileen (Bunevich) | Virginia (Shymske) | Rosalie (Strachan) |
| Kathryn (Royko) | Thomas (Royko) | James (Strachan) |
| Tiana (Hosta) | Thomas (Sirilla) | Doris (Gatchell) |
| Marsha (Will) | Emerson (Sirilla) | Fr. Andrew (Harmon) |
| Dolores (Royko) | Pani Donna (Smoley) | Jane |
| Gerard (Mosback) | | |

| Departed | | |
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| Matushka Catherine (Jula) | Very Reverend Father Doctor Stephen (Jula) | Joey (Jarvis) |
| Logan (Gatchell) | | |

“Pride makes us forget our sins. For the remembrance of them leads to humility.” +St. John Climacus

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Paulette Bazilewich- October 1st

Leonard & Gloria Zabala- October 4th



St. Mary Romanian Orthodox Cathedral is hosting the Forum, “Cleveland the Pan Orthodox City” an October 20th at 9am. The event includes speakers and 2 meals. Tickets are \$15.

The Eastern Orthodox Women’s Guild is having their annual Gala October 25th at 6pm at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church. Please see the posted flyer!!

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:31-36

The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

Saints and Feasts:

Gregory the Illuminator, Bishop of Armenia; Mardonios & Stratonikos the Martyrs

Sermon on the Golden Rule

Our Lord Jesus Christ has revealed many wonderful truths, which until then were unknown. Many of these concern our relations with other people, either inside our homes or outside in society. Perhaps there is difficulty in remembering everything one has to observe in dealing with other people. For this reason, Jesus, as a wise Teacher, has today given us a Life Rule, named for its great value, "The Golden Rule." What does this Rule say?

"And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise" (Luke 6:31). Words that are simple, easy, understandable, short and something everyone can remember.

In the Old Testament, we read: "What you yourself hate, do not do to anyone" (Tobit 4:15). There have been ancient philosophers who have taught the same thing: Do not do to another what you do not want done to you. It is the negative view of the subject. Jesus speaks of something higher and more precious; You do to others what you want them to do to you. For example, if you see a poor person who has no food and his children are hungry, think: If you were in their place, you would want someone to help you. So, do something to help them, so they do not die of hunger! Can you not give them some food? Move, act among those you know, and make a team effort to find a way to help the situation.

What often happens, though, is this: If this person in need is a relative or a friend, someone we love, then we are interested in helping in every way. For others, however, we are indifferent, because we do not feel any love towards them. We consider them strangers. This is what the Lord is correcting when He tells us: "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them" (verse 32). What is more, we also hear "love your enemies" (verse 35). The Lord wants us to love not only those unrelated to us and outside of our personal circle of family and friends, but also our enemies. This is the basic difference between the Christian and non-Christian. The non-Christian will not love his enemy; he will apply "an eye for an eye" if he does not do something

worse, and “hate your enemy” (Matthew 5:38 and 43). But the Christian is called upon to apply Christ’s new command of love, which no one has ever imagined: To love the whole world without distinction as to whether he is a friend or an enemy; whether he loves or hates you. And not just a sentimental show of words, but actual works: “do good,” even to enemies!

Of course, being this way towards those who are troubled is not at all easy. This God-like model is given to us by Jesus: “He is kind to the unthankful and evil people.” If we imitate God in love, Jesus said, “your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High” (verse 35).

If we could, my brothers and sisters, imagine how the practical love for all people will raise us to such a high position. If we do that, we will certainly do our best to deserve this greatest honor, to become children of the Most High God! Is there anything higher? It is worth making every effort, and the method we use will be simple: Applying the Golden Rule. If there is an issue with another person and their actions, let us ask our conscience: If I was in their position, what would I want another person to do for me? The answer will soon come, and we have to do exactly what our conscience tells us. This depends of course, on our conscience being healthy, good, and enlightened by the Holy Spirit.

My beloved brothers and sisters, let us base our lives everyday on the Golden Rule of our Lord, to deserve to be recognized by God the Father as His children

+Metropolitan of Pisidia Sotirios