Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Исусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory Forever!
Слава на вики!

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Holy Unmercenary Physicians and Wonder-Workers Cosmas and Damian.





LITURGY SCHEDUE:

Sat. Oct. 31 17:00 Vigil: **23rd Sunday after Pentecost** *pro populo*

Sun. Nov. 01 10:30 **23rd Sunday after Pentecost** Suffrages for **+Dorothy Osif,** 40th Day Memorial Service.

Sat. Nov. 07 17:00 Vigil: **24th Sunday after Pentecost** *pro populo*

Sun. Nov. 08 10:30 **24th Sunday after Pentecost** Suffrages for **+Thomas Kernicky** – parents: Fran & John + Memorial Service.

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10 / 25 / 2026 COLLECTION Adult: $1076 **ATTENDANCE:** Candles: $65 **Sat.** 11 **TOTAL: $1141** **Sun.** 27

THE HOLY WONDERWORKERS AND UNMERCENARY PHYSICIANS COSMAS AND DAMIAN AND THEIR MOTHER SAINT THEODOTA were natives of Asia Minor (some sources say Mesopotamia). Their pagan father died while they were still quite small children. Their mother raised them in the Christian faith. Through her own example, and by reading holy books to them,

Saint Theodota preserved her children in purity of life according to the command of the Lord, and Cosmas and Damian grew up into righteous and virtuous men. Trained and skilled as physicians, they received from the Holy Spirit the gift of healing people's illnesses of body and soul by the power of prayer. They even treated animals. With fervent love for both God and neighbor, they never took payment for their services. They strictly observed the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, *«Freely have you received, freely give.»* (**«Δωρεὰν ἐλάβετε, δωρεὰν δότε…»** Matt. 10:8). The Unmercenary Saints Cosmas and Damian of Asia Minor that we honor this Sunday should not be confused with the Unmercenary Saints Cosmas and Damian of Rome (July 1), or the Unmercenary Saints Cosmas and Damian of Arabia (October 17).



THE HOLY PRIEST-MARTYR THEODORE ROMZHA was born in Veliky Bychkiv in Carpatho-Russia in 1911. He came from a poor family and exhibited a vocation to the priesthood. Sent to Rome for studies, he was ordained in 1937 and sent to the country parish of Berzovo. In 1939, he was called to the seminary at Uzhhorod and taught there until 1944. In 1944, despite his youth, he was ordained bishop for the Mukachevo Eparchy. During the Soviet Army's occupation of Carpatho-Russia, he was tireless in his care for his flock and in his defense of the rights of the Byzantine Catholic Church. On October 27, 1947, he was severely wounded in a staged accident. He was taken to the hospital in Mukachevo, where he was subsequently poisoned, and died. He is remembered on October 31st on our liturgical calendar.

220 MILLION CHRISTIANS FACE PERSECUTION WORLDWIDE! Persecution of Christians has worsened in 55% of the 18 countries examined in Aid to the Church in Need's report for 2024–2026. The pontifical foundation warns that 413 million Christians live in countries where religious freedom is seriously violated, leaving them at risk of persecution. Africa remains a major centre of violence, while concerns are growing over conditions in Asia and forced displacement.

- **THANK YOU!** As we come to the end of the warm summer-like weather, I wish to thank all who worked so very, very hard this past summer to maintain our church property and make it look so beautiful! **Je vous remercie beaucoup! Mille grazie a tutti voi!**
- The annual **ARCHDIOCESAN CHARITIES COLLECTION** is this week-end: **October 31st – November 1st** and throughout the month of November**.** This appeal provides funding for foreign and home missions, the Holy Land, retired religious, and various other worthy causes sponsored by our Archeparchy. Please give as generously as you can!
- **ST. MARY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH** is having a **flea market** and **craft show** at the **DOME** on Friday and Saturday **November 13th** and **14th**, **2026** from **8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.** Call Sarah Krivonik if you would like to rent a table: 724-516-0179.
- **2026 ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION ~ SEMINARY BENEFIT!** The 69th Saint Nicholas Celebration benefitting our Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril & Methodius in Pittsburgh is on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6th**. This year's instant lottery will be three (3) all-cash prizes **totaling $2000 [$250, $250, $1500]!** Tickets are **$10 each**. The winning numbers will be based on the PA Lottery evening Pick 3 Number, No Wild Ball, drawn on **Monday – Wednesday, December 7, 8, & 9, 2026**.