

# **HOLY TRINITY UKRAINIAN** **CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**October 5, 2025**

**DIVINE**

**LITURGY:**

Saturday 4 pm,  
Sunday 8:30 am  
(Ukr.) and 11 am  
M-F: 8:30 am

# OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <b>Protection of the Theotokos</b>	2	3	4
5 <b>10am ECF 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> Lk. 6:31-36	6  PAC Meeting	7  Moleben for Ukraine 7pm @ HTUCC	8  Weekly Vespers and Evangelism 7pm	9	10	11  <b>No D/L Church Festival</b>
12 10am <b>ECF Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecum. Council</b> Lk. 7:11-16	13	14  Moleben for Ukraine 7pm @ Sts. P&P	15  Weekly Vespers and Evangelism 7pm	16	17	18
19 <b>10am ECF 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> Lk. 8:5-15	20	21  Moleben for Ukraine 7pm @ HTUCC	22  Weekly Vespers and Evangelism 7pm	23	24	25
26 <b>10am ECF 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> Lk. 16:19-31	27	28  Moleben for Ukraine 7pm @ Sts. P&P	29  Weekly Vespers and Evangelism 7pm	30	31	

October 5, 2025

17th Sunday After Pentecost

## **From the Desk of the Pastor...**

Glory to Jesus Christ!

So often we wonder what holiness really looks like. Is it long prayers, great acts of sacrifice, or a life set apart from others? The saints remind us that holiness is far simpler—and far harder—than we imagine: it is learning to love.

In today's Gospel, the Lord calls us to love—not in theory, but in the messy, ordinary reality of our daily lives. The saints remind us that love is not something we can postpone or measure out sparingly.

St. Ephraim once wrote, “Do not let your hand be open to receive, but closed when it is time to give.” How true that rings. We are quick to accept kindness, but hesitant to extend it. Yet Ephraim urges us toward generosity that looks like Christ Himself—hands open, heart open, even when it costs us something. “The measure of love,” he adds, “is to love without measure.”

St. Isaac the Syrian brings this closer to home. He says, “Do not hate the sinner, for we are all guilty.” It's easy to notice the faults of others, but much harder to see our own. Isaac gently redirects us: if we are honest, we all need mercy. So let us give it freely. He goes further still: “Love all creation, every creature without exception.” That is, learn to love broadly and without hesitation—because God's love doesn't stop short.

St. John Chrysostom makes it practical: “If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find Him in the chalice.” Those are sobering words. We come to liturgy seeking Christ in the Holy Gifts, but He also waits for us outside, disguised in the poor, the difficult, the forgotten.

And St. Maximus reminds us why it matters: “Blessed is the one who can love all people equally.” That kind of love heals the divisions inside us. It frees our hearts from the bitterness that poisons joy.

This week, perhaps we can take one small step—open our hands a little more, soften our judgments, greet someone we usually overlook. In doing so, we live the Gospel in the most ordinary, yet most Christlike way.

*Fr. Jason Charron* (NB: Bishop's Benefit Luncheon in this bulletin)



# 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | TONE 8

## **TONE 8**

### ***Troparia and Kontakia***

***Troparion, Tone 8:*** You came down from on high, O Merciful One, \* and accepted three days of burial \* to free us from our sufferings. \* O Lord, our life and our resurrection, \* glory be to you.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.**

***Kontakion, Tone 8:*** When You rose from the tomb, \* You also raised the dead and resurrected Adam. \* Eve exults in Your resurrection, \* and the ends of the world celebrate You rising from the dead, \* O most merciful One.

**Now and forever and ever. Amen.**

***Theotokion, Tone 8:*** To You, O Mother of God, \* the invincible leader, \* we, your servants ascribe these vict'ry hymns \* in thanksgiving for our deliverance from evil. \* With your invincible power free us from all dangers \* that we may cry out to you: \* "Hail, O Bride and pure Virgin!"

### ***Prokeimenon, Tone 8***

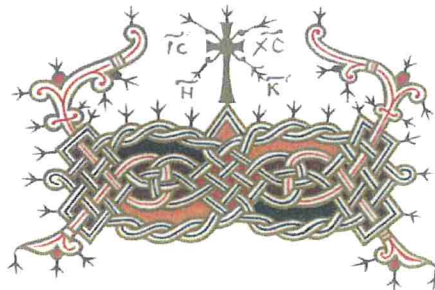
Pray and give praise to the Lord, our God. Pray and give praise to the Lord, our God.

***verse:*** In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel.

### ***Alleluia, Tone 8***

***verse:*** Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior.

***verse:*** Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.



## **2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1**

<sup>16</sup> What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." <sup>17</sup> Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, <sup>18</sup> and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." <sup>7</sup> Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

## **Luke 6:31-36**

<sup>31</sup> And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. <sup>32</sup> "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> 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. <sup>35</sup> 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. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

## **2 до коринтян 6:16-7:1**

<sup>16</sup> Або яка згода поміж Божим храмом та ідолами? Бо ви храм Бога Живого, як Бог прорік: Поселюсь серед них і ходитиму, і буду їм Богом, а вони будуть народом Моїм! <sup>17</sup> Вийдіть тому з-поміж них та й відлучіться, каже Господь, і не торкайтесь нечистого, і Я вас прийму, <sup>18</sup> і буду Я вам за Отця, а ви за синів і дочок Мені будете, говорить Господь Вседержитель! <sup>7</sup> Отож, мої любі, мавши ці обітниці, очистьмо себе від усякої нечисти тіла та духа, і творімо святиню у Божім страху!

## **Від Луки 6:31-36**

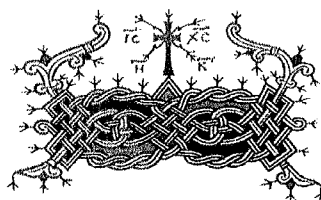
<sup>31</sup> І як бажаєте, щоб вам люди чинили, так само чиніть їм і ви. <sup>32</sup> А коли любите тих, хто любить вас, яка вам за те ласка? Люблять бо й грішники тих, хто їх любить. <sup>33</sup> І коли добре чините тим, хто добро чинить вам, яка вам за те ласка? Бо те саме і грішники роблять. <sup>34</sup> А коли позичаєте тим, що й від них сподіваєтесь взяти, яка вам за те ласка? Позичають бо й грішники грішникам, щоб одержати стільки ж. <sup>35</sup> Тож любіть своїх ворогів, робіть добро, позичайте, не ждучи нічого назад, і ваша за це нагорода великою буде, і синами Всевишнього станете ви, добрий бо Він до невдячних і злих! <sup>36</sup> Будьте ж милосердні, як і Отець ваш милосердний!

## Weekly Collection Report

Sunday: \$2,390, Diocesan: \$279, Energy: \$40, Birth of Theotokos: \$5, Exaltation of the Cross: \$5, Cemetery: \$65, Candles: \$172, Loose Money \$99, Books/Icons: \$80, Catechetical: \$45, Festival: \$750, Natalia: \$3, Roof Renovation: \$50, Deacon Vestments: \$100, Donations: \$75

Total: \$4,158

Domes: \$25



### **Prayer Reminders**

Josh Carmino	Bobbi Spak	Mike Makar
Rosemarie Zagorsky	Bob Kness	Ken Medwig
Greg Sembrat	Trish Chorba	Stephanie Konecky
Ellen Hays	Kara Stemplewicz	Michael Morozowich
Justine Perhosky	Amy Gentile	Harry Kohl
Grayson Basl	Connie Parker	Sandy Krivonyk
Pauline Kyle	Maria Bagmet	Jim McGuire
Angela Wowczuk	Ann Sherwood	Carol Ostaffe
Marie P.	Sam Opoku	Bob Gasior
Ben Ciarello	Al End	Michalina Pituch
Russell Douglass	Oksana Kravchuk	Al Trautman
Ann Hritzko	Melissa Newman	Pat Chastulik
Wayne Arlet Sr.	Ricky Oddi	Adelina Lenonetti
Veronica Elliott	Mary Jane Pilarski	Brad McGowan
Sam Opoku	Kathy Carlson	Frank Tombazzi
Jim Bogdon	Dan McMurtrie	Barbara Ramage
Colleen White McShane		

Remember to include in your daily prayers the needs of those fighting for freedom in Ukraine, as well as the widows and orphans



# Church Festival Announcements



✂ **Our Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, Oct.11, 2025 from 11:00 am - 6:00 pm.** There are many ways that you can help make it a success. Each household absolutely must help in some way for this annual event.

Please reference the sign up sheet on the next page.

**Set up** | Set up for the festival will begin at **Noon on October 10<sup>th</sup>**. Come if you can, many hands make light work.

**Donated items needed for the festival: Water, Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Gift Cards and alcohol for the Baskets.** We request that all donated items (except baked goods) be delivered to the church hall before Friday, October 10.

**Calling all bakers!** We need to hear from you!

- **Please call the church office at (412) 279-4652 and let us know what you are bringing to the festival bake sale for our food festival on October 11<sup>th</sup>.** Without calling to let us know, there is no way for us to plan for space to set up or to prepare for sales.
- **Packaging:** Please package your product as it will be sold (i.e. 1 large cookie in a cellophane bag or 3 small cookies in a baggie).
- **Ingredients:** Please provide 1 full list of ingredients for sellers to reference if customers have questions.
- Indicate on package any allergens (peanuts, tree nuts, gluten, egg) or list item as gluten free if you've baked a GF treat.
- Drop off prepackaged treats to the church hall on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Contact the office if this is an issue.

Thank you for all your time talent and effort to make this our biggest and best bake sale yet!



## Announcements



✦ **Weekly Vespers every Wednesday at 7pm followed by Q and A and snacks. Bring a friend!** Vespers is one of our most beautiful services and is a great tool for evangelism.

✦ **Pittsburgh Benefit Luncheon, Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>** | Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo and the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat invite you to the 2025 Benefit Luncheon. Hosted by Sts. Peter & Paul in Ambridge, the reception will open at 12:30 with lunch to begin at 1:00pm. RSVP online by October 7<sup>th</sup>.

✦ **Attention Ladies of the Parish!** Rebecca Covell is opening her home to us for a ladies' night on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Bring yourself and a snack or drink.

✦ **Adult Education Resumes!** Our adult education series is back. Tuesday at 6pm in the church hall.

✦ **Save the date: December 14<sup>th</sup>** will be Andrew Kurzawski's diaconate ordination. Mnohaya lita!



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# SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

**Sat. 10/4**

**4:00 pm**

For the soul of Frances Burlando req. by Anthony Burlando.  
(IS)

**Sun. 10/5**

**8:30 am**

For the souls of Ivan, Lydia & Andri Wowczuk req. by Marika Zaliszczuk. (JC)

**11:00 am**

For the health of Ann O'Brien req. by Katie Gasior. (JC)

**Tues. 10/7**

**7:00 pm**

**Moleben for Peace in Ukraine here at HTUCC**

**Wed. 10/8**

**7:00 pm**

**Weekday Vespers (repeating weekly)**

Come and pray the beautiful vespers service; stay afterwards for a 45 min. Q & A on the role of Mary in converting Muslims to Christ

**Sat. 10/11**

**CHURCH FALL FESTIVAL – NO LITURGY**

**Sun. 10/12**

**8:30 am**

For the soul of Pam Naddeo req. by Marika Zaliszczuk. (IS)

**11:00 am**

For the soul of Ewgen Cichanowckij req. by Patti Lucas. (JC)



















# SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Matthew 5-7 records an epic teaching of Jesus called the Sermon on the Mount (because Jesus taught it from a mountain).

## The BEATITUDES

Matthew 5:3-12

Jesus paints a big-picture view of what life is like in God's kingdom.

BLESSED ARE...	FOR...	BLESSED ARE...	FOR...
 The poor in spirit	 Theirs is the kingdom of heaven	 Those who mourn	 They will be comforted
 The meek	 They will inherit the earth	 Those who hunger & thirst for righteousness	 They will be filled
 The merciful	 They will be shown mercy	 The pure in heart	 They will see God
 The peacemakers	 They will be called children of God	 Those who are persecuted	 Theirs is the kingdom of heaven
 You when you are insulted because of Jesus	 Your reward in heaven is great		

## EXPECTATIONS *for the* COMMANDMENTS

God cares about our hearts just as much as our actions.

Matthew 5:21-47

Do not murder.

Do not be angry.

Do not break your oath.

Do not make an oath at all.

An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth.

Turn the other cheek.

Love your neighbor.

Love your enemy.



Being angry or calling someone a fool is as **wrong** as murder.

We shouldn't make promises we **might not** be able to keep.

We should **never seek revenge**, even if we think the other person deserves it.

We should love those who like us **and** those who don't like us.





# FALSE SPIRITUALITY

Matthew 6:1-18

Be careful not to show off how spiritual you are.



Show off how generous you are.



Give in secret.



Show off how well you pray.



Pray in secret.



Show off how miserable you are when you fast.



Fast in secret.



# THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

Jesus gives us a sample prayer, which we call the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father in heaven,

We can pray confidently, knowing God is a loving Father who wants to help us.

hallowed be your name,

"Hallowed" means "set apart." We want to remember that God is not like anyone else. He is greater than all of creation.

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Prayer is not about trying to get God to do what we want, but about us wanting to do what He wants.

Give us today our daily bread.

God wants us to ask Him to help us with our daily problems.

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

We need to confess our sins to God and ask for forgiveness, remembering to forgive others as well.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

We need to ask God to help us not to sin and to protect us from Satan.

# IT'S NOT ABOUT THE MONEY



If we are spiritual, will God make us rich?  
It doesn't work that way.

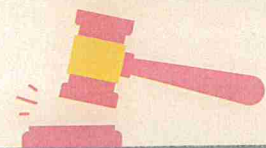
Matthew 6:19-34

We shouldn't seek riches on earth, but in heaven.

You can't love both God and money.

We don't need to worry about money, because God will take care of us.

Seek the kingdom first, and God will take care of your needs.



# JUDGE NOT

Matthew 7:1-12

Drawing attention to other people's mistakes is rarely helpful.

We will be judged the same way we judge others.

We should treat people the way we want to be treated.



Rather than worry about the speck in someone else's eye, we should take the log out of our eye.

This is called "the golden rule" (even though Jesus doesn't use that term) because it is an easy and important way to remember how to treat other people.



# PARISH FESTIVAL SCHEDULE 10/11/25

10 AM - 1 PM	1 PM - 4 PM	4 PM - 7 PM
<b>CHURCH TOURS</b>	<b>CHURCH TOURS</b>	<b>CHURCH TOURS</b>
Dcn. Myron Spak	Bill Stickman	Peter Leigh
<b>KITCHEN HELP</b>	<b>KITCHEN HELP</b>	<b>KITCHEN HELP</b>
Anne Konecky	Anne Konecky	Iryna Davyda
Marika Zaliszczuk	Marika Zaliszczuk	Natalia Sahaidak
Borys Bednarchuk	Doug Sethner	Lesya Korenovsky
Ludmyla Bednarchuk	Orest Konecky	Kevin Shugars
Kris Szmul	Kris Szmul	
Tony Szmul	Tony Szmul	
<b>SERVERS</b>	<b>SERVERS</b>	<b>SERVERS</b>
Mary Beth Gasior	Germaine Headrick	Tymur
Mary Kurzawski	Julie McElligott	Tanya
Gigi	Leanne Stickman	Clair Madden
Elise Sudiak	Linda Yurko	Orysy Sugars
Kathy Sudiak	Tanya Lysak	
<b>GRILLING</b>	<b>GRILLING</b>	<b>GRILLING</b>
Ezra Headrick	Steve Headrick	Taras Silecky
Zarek Headrick	Marc Yurko	Julian Silecky
Bob Gasior		
<b>FROZEN PYROHY 10- 2</b>	<b>FROZEN PYROHY 2-6</b>	
Lynn Wilde	Kathryn Milano	
Carol Ostaffe	Bobbi Spak	
<b>BAKE SALE</b>	<b>BAKE SALE</b>	<b>BAKE SALE</b>
Veronica Alstad	Maggie Saad	Olha Pyvovar
	Anna Stickman	Angelika Pyvovar
<b>CASHIERS 10 AM - 2 PM</b>	<b>CASHIERS 2 PM - 6 PM</b>	
Lesyk Konecky	Martha Charron	
Oles Konecky	Katie Gasior	
<b>GIFT BASKETS</b>	<b>GIFT BASKETS</b>	<b>GIFT BASKETS</b>
Gabby Blythe	Natalia Vykhnelych	Yaryna Koreovska
	Tallulah Headrick	Mia Madden
<b>UKRAINIAN SHIRTS</b>	<b>UKRAINIAN SHIRTS</b>	<b>UKRAINIAN SHIRTS</b>
Tetyana Rad	Tetyana Rad	Tetyana Rad
<b>ICONS</b>	<b>ICONS</b>	<b>ICONS</b>
Medwig Family	Medwig Family	Medwig Family
<b>NECKLACES</b>	<b>NECKLACES</b>	<b>NECKLACES</b>
Lida Chovnyk	Lida Chovnyk	Lida Chovnyk
<b>CLEAN-UP</b>	<b>CLEAN-UP</b>	<b>CLEAN-UP</b>
Rebecca Covell	Jonathan Covell	Brett McCaw
Halyna Charron	Yuriy Vykhnelych	Dominic Freeza
<b>SECURITY</b>	<b>SECURITY</b>	<b>SECURITY</b>
Mike Haritan	Mike Haritan	Mike Haritan
Doug Blythe	Jake McElligott	Chris Madden
<b>FRIDAY SET-UP CREW - 12 pm - ?</b>		
Halyna Charron	Hanlins	Natalia Konyk
Fr. Jason	Gabby & Doug Blythe	Medwig Family
Mary Beth Gasior	Halyna Bilinski	
Pevy family	Natalia Haida	Julia Shanaida
Katie Gasior		
Mary Kruzawski		

## Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church Bell Tower Restoration Project

We have joyfully completed our restoration of our two belfries, crowned with Kyivan-Byzantine style domes, and graced by divine favor through the worthy prayers of our hierarch, His Grace Bohdan Danylo. God be praised! We thank your donors! We give thanks to God that the workers were safe and there were no injuries. These sacred domes lift hearts to heaven and they stand as a sign of our living faith and heritage. Your generosity and prayers made the visible proclamation of the kingdom possible! Next project... iconography??

### Fundraising

Expenses to Date: \$474,205.44

Funds Raised: \$103,875.53

Difference (taken from savings): \$370,329.91

Category	Amount
Dome Expenses to Date	\$474,205.44
Funds Raised	\$103,875.53
Difference (taken from savings)	\$370,329.91
Budget Status	Roughly \$100,000 under budget

*We are humbled to share that we are approximately \$100,000 under budget!*

*Our deepest thanks to Allen Sherwood for his leadership and dedication in volunteering to head this important project. May the Lord richly bless him and Anita and all who support our parish family.*





## **Fall Collections Drive for Ukraine September 21<sup>st</sup> to October 19<sup>th</sup>**

### **What items are being collected?**

#### **Hygiene supplies**

Deodorant	Hair ties	Shavers	Cotton washcloths	Adult diapers
Toothbrushes	Nail files	Tweezers	Maxi pads	Underbed pads
Toothpaste	Hair brushes / combs	Travel size soap	Baby diapers	Nail clippers
Dental floss / floss picks	Body wipes / Baby wipes	Cotton swabs / Cotton balls	Chewable multi-vitamins	Individual laundry detergent packs

#### **General First Aid Supplies**

ACE bandages	Gauze	Band-aids	Burn dressings
Butterfly bandage	Latex or nitrile gloves	Alcohol wipes	Medical tape

#### **School Supplies**

Backpacks	Pens	Pencils	Markers	Ruler
Highlighters	Crayons	Paper	Notebooks	Folders
Safety Scissors	Glue Sticks			

#### **Winter Supplies**

Knit hats	Winter gloves	Winter boots with a grip	Warm socks
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### **Where to bring donated items?**

Donations will be collected at Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church, Carnegie. Please leave items in the labeled boxes at Church entrances.

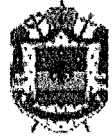
### **Who will receive your donations?**

Our partner, DTCare ([www.dtcare.org](http://www.dtcare.org)), provides shipment to their secure warehouses in Mykolaiv, Ukraine or Kyiv, Ukraine. There, donations are organized and distributed to fellow nonprofit organizations, community groups, health clinics, and families in need throughout Ukraine.

### **For more information**

Please contact Taras Silecky ([tarassilecky@yahoo.com](mailto:tarassilecky@yahoo.com)) or Fr Deacon Myron Spak ([mjspark@verizon.net](mailto:mjspark@verizon.net))

# PITTSBURGH



## Benefit Luncheon

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12 ЖОВТНЯ 2025

ПІТСБУРГ, ПЕНСИЛЬВАНІЯ

OCTOBER 12, 2025

PITTSBURGH, PA

Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo  
and

the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy  
of Saint Josaphat in Parma  
cordially invite you to the  
2025 BENEFIT LUNCHEON  
in Ambridge, PA

for the Eparchy of Saint Josaphat  
Sunday, October 12, 2025  
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL  
PARISH HALL

404 6th Street | Ambridge, PA 15003

Reception 12:30PM | Luncheon 1:00PM

Please RSVP online by October 7, 2025 at  
[stjosaphateparchy.com/benefitluncheon2025](https://stjosaphateparchy.com/benefitluncheon2025)



## THE ROMAN COLOSSEUM

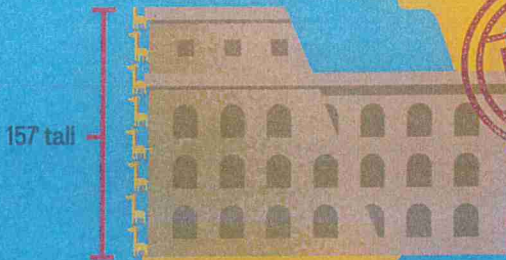


AD 70/80



Rome, Italy

Housed the bloody games where gladiators, criminals (including Christians), and even animals would fight to the death.



It could hold about **50,000** spectators, which is almost the same as Yankee Stadium (52,325).

## THE PARTHENON



436 BC



Athens, Greece

It replaced an existing temple destroyed by the Persian empire and was dedicated to Athena.



**Advanced architecture:** The columns all lean inward slightly to create the illusion of straight lines.

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479' tall

x24



The temperature inside of the pyramid **never changes** from **68° F**. This is also the earth's average temperature.

## THE GREAT PYRAMID OF GIZA



c. 2600 BC



El Giza, Egypt

It was built to guide ships into its busy harbor. Rumors say it may have also been used to light enemy ships on fire.



**The first lighthouse**—it used mirrors to reflect sunlight and could be seen up to 35 miles out to sea.

## THE LIGHTHOUSE OF ALEXANDRIA



3rd century BC



Island of Pharos, Egypt



## SOLOMON'S TEMPLE



c. 970 BC



Jerusalem

1 Kings 6

This temple was the most important center of religion for the Israelites for about 400 years.



After the Babylonians destroyed the temple, the **Ark of the Covenant** disappeared from history.

## THE TOWER OF BABEL



300 years  
after the Flood



Babylon  
(present-day Iraq)

Represented humanity's disobedience to God



We don't know what the Tower of Babel looked like, but it's generally accepted that it was a **ziggurat** in the Babylon area.

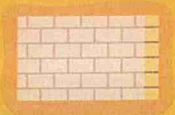
# BIBLICAL WORLD

Matthew 21:12-13

The temple during Jesus's ministry



The Wailing Wall is the  
only part still standing



After the Romans destroyed Herod's Temple, they may have used the **pieces of the temple** to build the **Colosseum**.

## HEROD'S TEMPLE



1st century BC



Jerusalem

Built as a gift for Nebuchadnezzar's wife, who was homesick for the mountains of her homeland



**An engineering feat!** A large green mountain with ascending tiered gardens and all kinds of trees, shrubs, and vines.

## THE HANGING GARDENS OF BABYLON



600 BC



Babylon  
(present-day Iraq)



# ISAAC & REBEKAH:

## An Old Testament Love Story

GENESIS 24 describes when Abraham reached old age, and his beloved wife Sarah had died. Desperate for his son, Isaac, to uphold the covenant with God (and become father to many peoples), Abraham turned to his home country, Mesopotamia, to find his son a wife. A servant made the journey for him, and returned with Rebekah to be the young bride. This story speaks to the power of God's love for His people, and confirms how His promises will always be fulfilled for those who believe.



### THE 10 CAMELS TEST

Abraham ordered a servant to take ten camels to Nahor, in Mesopotamia, to find Isaac a bride. The servant devised a plan to find a woman worthy of his master's son. The servant would stand next to a well with his ten camels and ask the women drawing water to share a drink—with all of them.

### 5 Love Lessons

Taken directly, this story centers upon the foundation of Isaac and Rebekah's marriage. But the true love expressed through this story is God's love for His people, and their faith, love, and devotion to Him in turn.

#### 1 The promise to Abraham.

Even though Abraham feared his son would not marry, the Lord delivered Rebekah to him. Abraham received God's love when He upheld His promise.

#### 2 The servant's faith in God.

Despite an arduous journey, and the immense task of finding his master's son a wife, the servant had faith in his Lord that the right woman would find them.

### The Damsel

Rebekah approached the well with a pitcher on her shoulder. Described as a fair damsel and a virgin, she offered the servant a drink when he asked, and labored to water the camels as well. (GENESIS 24:15-19)



### The Earring

When the camels had finished, the servant rewarded Rebekah for her generosity. He offered her "a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold." (GENESIS 24:22)



### The Agreement

The servant asked Rebekah for lodging, and her family welcomed him as one "blessed of the Lord." (GENESIS 24:31) The servant explained his mission, and Rebekah's family agreed to her becoming Isaac's wife, as the Lord intended. (GENESIS 24:51)



### The Meeting

Isaac and Rebekah met at dusk, as her camel caravan approached. Isaac went out into the fields to meditate at the time of her arrival. Upon seeing Isaac, Rebekah covered herself with a veil. (GENESIS 24:63-65)



#### 3 The family's approval.

Considering this factor through a historical lens (where daughters were married off, often for a dowry), Rebekah's family welcomed a stranger into their home, listened to his message, and accepted his mission from God.

#### 4 Rebekah's acceptance. Some say

Rebekah answered God's calling to follow the servant into Isaac's arms. Although she had to leave her family and her home to travel abroad and marry a man she had never seen, she trusted in God. The Lord rewarded her with a loving marriage and children who would continue the lineage of Jesus.

#### 5 Isaac and Rebekah's sons.

Rebekah faced a time when she could not bear children. Isaac prayed for her, and through God's love and power, Rebekah conceived twin sons: Esau and Jacob. Jacob would become the father of Israel.



# NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10am ECF 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Pentecost Lk. 8:26-39	3	4 7pm Moleben for Peace in Ukraine.	5 6pm Vespers	6	7	8 <i>Archangel Michael &amp; the bodiless powers</i>
9 10am ECF 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Pentecost Lk. 8:41-56	10	11 7pm Moleben for Peace in Ukraine.	12 <i>Hieromartyr Josaphat of Polotsk 8:30am DL</i>	13	14	15 <i>Beginning of St. Philip's Fast</i>
16 10am ECF 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Pentecost Lk. 10:25-37	17	18 7pm Moleben for Peace in Ukraine.	19 6pm Vespers	20	21 Entrance into the Temple of Theotok. 8:30am	22
23 10am ECF 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Pentecost Lk. 12:16-21	24	25 7pm Moleben for Peace in Ukraine.	26 6pm Vespers	27	28	29
30 10am ECF 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Pentecost Lk. 14:16-24						

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