

Christ and the Law

When Christ says to him, “If you would enter life, keep the commandments,” the man expects Him to add immediately, “my commandments.” “Which ones?” he asks. He was quite deceived in his expectation. For Christ did not answer him as he expected but simply pointed him to the law.

This is not because the law is perfection, for “no one is justified by the law,” as it is written, but because the life lived according to law is a kind of introduction to the eternal life, briefly acquainting trainees to the things above. “For the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ.”

The law is the starting point for social justice.

Christ is the perfection. For the beginning of good is to act justly, He says. Just action then is shown by the law, but goodness is shown by Christ. The law taught us to repay those who wish to harm us, as in “eye for eye, tooth for tooth.”

But Christ taught us to let go such balanced vengeance with a view to the greater good, teaching that “if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also; and if anyone would sue you and take your coat, let him have your cloak as well.”

St. Cyril of Alexandria

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Sunday – August 20, 2023

Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever + Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки

All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

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Sunday August 20 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Maria Urbanovych from Family)
Thursday August 24 9:00 a.m.	Ukrainian Independence Day - День Незалежності України (Peace in Ukraine)
Friday August 25 9:00 a.m.	(+Lydia Kernitsky from Andrew and Michele)
Sunday August 27 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Anna Saturdays from the Futey Family)

FALL CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-6 BEGINS SEPTEMBER 10

All children ages 3-6 are welcome to join Holy Family's Catechism classes this fall with Co-Catechists Lindsey Fedyk and Julia Dezelski. Classes will be held between the two liturgies from 10:15-11:15. Please email Lindsey (lindseyfedyk@gmail.com) with any questions and to register your family. Classes will be held on: 9/10, 9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 12/17

**God Bless Ukraine as it commemorates its
32nd Independence Day
August 24, 1991**

**God Save Ukraine
under attack for 18 Months
February 24, 2022**

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Alice Gogniat, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmanskyy, Vanessa Hetmanskyy, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Frank Karasinski, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Paul Marynowych, Fr. Roman Mirchuk, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Thomas Nagurney, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Michael Sharr, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Paul Yarrish.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

God With Us Catechism

MAIMONIDES' EIGHT LEVELS OF CHARITY

[1] The highest level, above which there is no higher, is to support one's neighbor by a gift or a loan, or by taking him into partnership, or by finding him a job, so that he does not have to depend on others.

[2] A lesser level of charity is to give to the poor without knowing to whom you give, and so that the recipient does not know from whom he receives. It is similar to the anonymous foundation that was in the Temple in Jerusalem. There the righteous gave secretly, and the poor received secretly. Donating to a charitable foundation is similar to this method of charity, although you should not contribute to a charitable foundation unless you know that the person appointed to manage the foundation is a trustworthy, wise, and proper administrator.

[3] An even lower level of charity is when someone knows to whom he is giving, but the recipient does not know his benefactor. The greatest sages went secretly and placed coins at the doors of the poor. It is dignified and indeed a good thing to do.

[4] An even lower level of charity is when someone does not know to whom he gives, but the poor person knows his benefactor. The greatest sages tied coins to their clothes and threw them behind their backs, while the poor came and picked coins from their clothes so that they would not be ashamed.

[5] A lower level than this is when one gives directly to the poor, but gives before being asked.

[6] A lower level than this is when someone gives to the poor after being asked.

[7] A lower level than this, when a person does not give enough, but gives with pleasure and with a smile.

[8] And the lowest level of charity is when someone gives reluctantly.