

August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, 8/31

9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners

10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

MONDAY, 9/1

7:30 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

TUESDAY, 9/2

NO Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY, 9/3

6:15 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention

THURSDAY, 9/4

NO Divine Liturgy

FRIDAY, 9/5

7:30 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

SATURDAY, 9/6

5:00 pm Divine Liturgy (English) for special intention

SUNDAY, 9/7

9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners

10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

Announcements

1-Nighttime Prayers

Join us for Nighttime Prayers on *September 5th*, from 9:30 PM to Midnight, in our church. These prayers are a powerful offering to the Lord, as we set aside time normally reserved for rest to unite in sacrifice and devotion. Let us come together in prayer, seeking God's grace and blessings.

2-Fall Youth Retreat 2025

The Fall Youth Retreat (FYR) will take place September 12–14 (Friday–Sunday) at Camp Guyasuta in Sharpsburg, PA.

This year’s theme is: “The Saints: Beacons of Hope.” The main speaker will be Subdeacon Alex Bricki from the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. Flyers and registration materials (English and Ukrainian) are available.

For details, please contact Fr. Lubomir Zhybak (zhybak@hotmail.com) or Michael Spak, FYR Coordinator ([michael\\_spak@yahoo.com](mailto:michael_spak@yahoo.com)).

Upcoming Events  
in Parish & Eparchy

Sep 1<sup>st</sup> – New Church Year

Sep. 5<sup>th</sup> – Night Time Prayers

Sep. 8<sup>th</sup> – nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The New Church Year

On September 1, we begin the liturgical New Year in the Byzantine Catholic Church. The changing of the Church year reminds us that time itself is holy—a gift from God entrusted to us. Each season of the Church calendar leads us deeper into the mystery of salvation: from the feasts of Christ and the Theotokos, to the fasts, to the celebration of the saints.

As we enter this new year of grace, let us resolve to use our time well—not merely counting days, but making our days count for God. The year ahead is an invitation to grow in prayer, works of mercy, and love for Christ.

“Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.” (Ps 90:12)

May the Lord bless this new Church year with peace, spiritual renewal, and fruitfulness in our parish and families.

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost – “What Must I Do to Inherit Eternal Life?”

Gospel: Matthew 19:16–26

In today’s Gospel, a young man asks Jesus the most important question:

“Teacher, what good must I do to have eternal life?”

Jesus answers first with the commandments—love of God and neighbor—but then invites the young man to something deeper:

“If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow Me.”

The Call Beyond “Good Enough”

The young man kept the commandments faithfully, but he was still searching. Jesus showed him that the Christian life is not just about avoiding sin but about radical love and total surrender. Eternal life is not earned by rules alone; it is a gift received when we place everything in Christ’s hands.

St. John Chrysostom writes: “It is not enough to avoid evil; we must also do good with zeal, sharing what we have with those in need.”

The Struggle of the Heart

The young man went away sad because he had many possessions. His wealth was not the problem itself—his attachment to it was. This Gospel asks us: What holds me back from following Christ fully? It may not be riches, but pride, comfort, grudges, or fear.

With God All Things Are Possible

When the disciples wondered who could possibly be saved, Jesus reassured them:

“With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Salvation is God’s work in us. What seems impossible for our human weakness becomes possible by the power of God’s grace.

Reflection Question

What “possessions”—whether material or spiritual—am I clinging to, and how is Christ inviting me to let go and follow Him more freely?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, You call me not only to keep the commandments but to follow You with my whole heart. Free me from attachments that weigh me down, and give me courage to trust in Your promise: that with God all things are possible. Amen.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Sunday collections for the weekend of 8/24/25, including envelope offerings - \$615,

donations -\$327, candle -\$24, online giving - \$30

Weekly budget: \$1250, Income \$996

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**Confession before or after Divine Liturgy.**

Confession is recommended as a regular monthly practice. The graces received from confession are an excellent way to help us become closer to Jesus.

***THE CHURCH WAS A MOTHER TO YOU IN LIFE, PROVIDING FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS;  
PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR PARISH AND THE EPARCHY OF SAINT JOSAPHAT IN PARMA IN  
YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.***