

August 16th, 2026
12th Sunday after the Pentecost

SUNDAY, 8/16 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
 10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention
MONDAY, 8/17 7:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention
TUESDAY, 8/18 NO Divine Liturgy
WEDNESDAY, 8/19 6:15 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention
THURSDAY, 8/20 NO Divine Liturgy
FRIDAY, 8/21 7:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention
SATURDAY, 8/22 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention
SUNDAY, 8/23 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
 10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost – What Must I Do to Have Eternal Life?
Gospel: Matthew 19:16–26

On the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, we hear the encounter between Jesus and the rich young man. He approaches Christ with a sincere question: “What good must I do to have eternal life?” He has kept the commandments and lived a morally upright life, yet he senses that something is still missing.

Jesus looks deeper into his heart and invites him to take the next step: to let go of what possesses him and to follow Christ completely. The young man goes away sorrowful because he has many possessions. His sadness reveals that the problem is not wealth itself, but attachment—the inability to place God above everything else.

This Gospel challenges each of us to ask: What am I holding onto that keeps me from following Christ more freely? For one person it may be money; for another, comfort, pride, control, resentment, or fear. Christ does not call everyone to the same outward sacrifice, but He calls every Christian to an undivided heart.

The disciples are troubled and ask, “Who then can be saved?” Jesus answers with words of hope: “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” Salvation is not something we achieve by our own strength. It is the work of God’s grace in a heart willing to trust Him.

This Sunday invites us not simply to be “good enough,” but to follow Christ more deeply. May we have the courage to loosen our grip on whatever holds us back and place our trust in the One who alone can give us eternal life.

Upcoming Events
in Parish & Eparchy
Sep 1st – New Church Year
Sep. 8th – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saints Who Encourage Us to Remain Faithful
During the second half of August, our Church commemorates several saints whose lives remind us that holiness can take many different forms.

On August 20, we remember the Holy Prophet Samuel, who learned to listen attentively to God's voice and faithfully carried out the mission entrusted to him.

On August 27, we commemorate the Venerable St. Pimen, whose monastic life teaches us the importance of humility, repentance, and perseverance in prayer.

On August 28, we remember the Venerable St. Moses the Ethiopian, whose remarkable conversion reminds us that no past is beyond the transforming power of God's grace.

Finally, *on August 29*, the Church commemorates the Beheading of St. John the Baptist. His courageous witness reminds us that faithfulness to truth may require sacrifice, but the truth of God must never be abandoned for convenience or fear.

These saints lived in very different circumstances, yet each responded faithfully to God's call. Their example encourages us to ask: How is God calling me to greater faithfulness in my own life today?

Bringing the Liturgical Year Into Our Homes
The liturgical calendar of our Church is more than a schedule of feast days and fasts. It gives Christian families a beautiful rhythm for living and passing on the faith throughout the entire year.

Our children learn the faith not only through formal catechism classes, but also through what they experience at home: preparing for feast days, observing fasts, learning about patron saints, praying before icons, attending the Divine Liturgy, and developing family traditions connected with the Church year.

When these practices become part of ordinary family life, the faith becomes something children do not merely learn about, but something they understand, anticipate, and joyfully celebrate.

The Eparchy's Office of Religious Education will offer an online workshop, “Living the Liturgical Year From Parish to Home,” on September 1 from 7:00–7:30 PM. It will offer practical ideas for helping families and catechists bring the feasts, fasts, saints, icons, and traditions of our Ukrainian Catholic Church more deeply into everyday life. To participate, *please register by August 31 at ucmcanton.com.*

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
Sunday collections for the weekend of 8/9/26, including envelope offerings - \$ 970,
donations -\$ 436, candle -\$ 146
Weekly budget: \$1500, Income \$ 1552

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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 REMEMBE YOUR PARISH AND THE EPARCHY OF SAINT JOSAPHAT IN PARMA IN
YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.***