

August 30th, 2026

14th Sunday after the Pentecost

SUNDAY, 8/30

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

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

MONDAY, 8/31

7:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

TUESDAY, 9/1

NO Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY, 9/2

6:15 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention

THURSDAY, 9/3

NO Divine Liturgy

FRIDAY, 9/4

7:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention

Night Time Prayers

9:00pm Confession

9:30pm Akaphist

10:00 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention

11:00 pm Healing Service and All Night Adoration

SATURDAY, 9/5

5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention

SUNDAY, 9/6

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 4th**, 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-First Confession & Solemn Holy Eucharist

On Sunday, September 13, the children of our parish will celebrate their First Holy Confession and Solemn Holy Eucharist. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this beautiful and important step in their life of faith.

3-Reminder: Living the Liturgical Year From Parish to Home

The Eparchy’s Office of Religious Education will offer a short online workshop, “Living the Liturgical Year From Parish to Home,” on September 1 from 7:00–7:30 PM. The session will share practical ideas for helping families bring the feasts, fasts, saints, icons, and traditions of our Ukrainian Catholic Church into everyday home life. Please register by August 31 at ucmcanton.com

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost – Responding to God’s Invitation

Gospel: Matthew 22:1–14

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of a king who prepares a wedding banquet for his son. Everything is ready, the invitations have been sent, and yet many of those invited

refuse to come. Some are too occupied with their fields, businesses, and daily concerns; others reject the invitation altogether. The king then opens the banquet to others, and the wedding hall is filled.

This parable reminds us that God continually invites us into communion with Him. His Kingdom is not something we earn; it is a gift freely offered. Yet every gift still requires a response. We can become so absorbed in work, possessions, plans, entertainment, or worries that God is gradually pushed to the margins of our lives.

The wedding garment at the end of the parable adds another important lesson. It is not enough simply to accept the invitation outwardly. Our lives must also be changed by God’s grace. The “garment” can be understood as the life of faith, repentance, mercy, and love that should accompany our belonging to Christ.

This Gospel therefore asks us two questions: Have I truly accepted God’s invitation? And is my life being transformed by it? Coming to church, hearing the Gospel, and receiving the sacraments are great gifts, but they are meant to shape the way we think, speak, forgive, serve, and love.

The Lord has prepared the banquet and continues to call us. May we not allow lesser things to become excuses. Instead, may we respond with gratitude, clothe ourselves in the life of Christ, and live each day as people who know they have been invited into the joy of God’s Kingdom.

Beginning the New Church Year – A Time to Begin Again

On September 1, the Byzantine Catholic Church begins a new liturgical year. This is more than a change of date on the calendar—it is an invitation to begin again with God.

The Church year gives a sacred rhythm to our lives. Through the feasts of Christ and the Theotokos, the fasts, the Sundays, and the commemorations of the saints, we are gradually drawn deeper into the mystery of salvation. The calendar reminds us that time itself is a gift from God and that every day can become an opportunity for prayer, repentance, and growth in holiness.

The beginning of a new Church year is a good moment to ask ourselves: How will I use the time God has given me? Will I make more room for prayer, the Divine Liturgy, Scripture, confession, and works of mercy? Spiritual renewal does not usually happen through one dramatic decision, but through small, faithful choices made day after day.

As we begin this new year of grace, let us place our families, our parish, our work, and all our plans into God’s hands. May the Lord guide us through the coming year, strengthen our faith, and help us use every season as an opportunity to draw closer to Him. May this new Church year be a year of grace, peace, and spiritual renewal for us all.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Sunday collections for the weekend of 8/23/26, including envelope offerings - \$ 715, donations -\$ 206, candle -\$ 27

Weekly budget: \$1500, Income \$ 948

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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.***