

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the 40 Women of Macedonia and Ammon -- September 1st

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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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever! Слава Ісусу Христу! Слава навіки!

Reader Great Vespers: 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 5:00pm
Divine Liturgy in English, Sundays 10:30am
Holy Mystery of Repentance (Confession): Sundays, 9:45am
 The church is open for prayer M-F, 9-5, unless otherwise announced.

**AUGUST 31, 2025 – 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 3);
 PLACING OF THE PRECIOUS CINCTURE OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
 IN THE CHURCH OF BLACHERNAE IN CONSTANTINOPLE**

**SS JOACHIM AND ANNA
 10TH ANNIVERSARY
 PICNIC**

Please join our parish family to celebrate!

**Sunday,
 September 7th
 after 10:30 am
 Liturgy**

Pulled Pork,
 beverages and
 moon bounce
 provided!
 Bring yard
 chairs and
 picnic blankets



Sign up for a dish or two to share and to RSVP



GIVING REPORT – The in-pew collection for August 24 was \$766.35. We invite you to help support the ministry of our parish as the baskets are passed on Sundays, or find us on tithe.ly, our e-giving platform. Thank you for your generosity.

WEEKDAY DIVINE LITURGY – Wednesday, September 3, 6:00pm. Come, let us worship!

NEXT SUNDAY! We will have our annual anniversary celebration with food, fun, and a bounce house! Check your email for the sign-up link. 2025 marks 10 years since the parish’s founding!

HAPPY LABOR DAY TO ALL PARISHIONERS – On this Labor Day weekend, we ask Almighty God to bless our parishioners, who in their daily labors continue to support their families and our parish. God bless you all and may you enjoy a restful Labor Day Monday!

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HELP - We welcome individuals or families to help with the set up and/or cleanup for our Sunday fellowship. Sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Nancy & Jon Anderson, Julie, Lisa Behnke, Alison Bernhoft, Yevhenia Borys, Robert Matthew, Carrie Chuff, Elizabeth Deegan, Clara Anne Duda, Fr Michael Duesterhaus, Robert Dulaine, Pat Fagan, Danylo (Neyko) Fedoryka, Emma Flournoy, Katie Flynn, Patricia Fogarty, Lillian Garland, Jerry Gawron, CR Gaush, Samuel Gaush, Josie Hacker, Brigid and Marlena Hess, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Oksana Horszynska, Ihor Hulawyj, Sarah Kelt, Dixie Lane, Catherine Luckey, Destiny Makins, Michael Marshner & Family, Bridget McDonald, Laura McMahon, Vince McLaughlin, Thomas Pavick, Robert Rice, Chris Saboe, Betsy Sayre, Truman L Sayre, Jr, CJ & Theresa Sidrow, Amy Smith, Kitty Smith, Karena Tapsak, and Fr George Worschak.

Teresa Fedoryka is our prayer coordinator; please email bulletin prayer requests to ssjoachimandannaucc@gmail.com.



Christ Our Pascha Catechism teaches: “In the Dormition [August 15], the Mother of God was bodily taken up to heaven. However, she left us her precious relics—her robe and her sash—as “a powerful safeguard” for her faithful children. These relics are venerated in the feasts of the Placing of the Precious Robe of Our Most Holy Lady in the Church at Blachernae in Constantinople (July 2) and the Placing of the Precious Sash (August 31).” The Placing of the Precious Robe (cincture or belt) of the

Most Holy Theotokos in the church of Blachernae in Constantinople’s Chalcoprateia district took place during the reign of the emperor St Theodosius the Younger (402-450). Before this the holy relic, entrusted to the Apostle Thomas by the Mother of God herself, was kept by pious Christians at Jerusalem after her Dormition. During the reign of Emperor Leo the Wise (886-911), his wife Zoe was afflicted with an unclean spirit, and he prayed that God would heal her. The empress had a vision that she would be healed of her infirmity if the Belt of the Mother of God were placed upon her. The emperor then asked the Patriarch to open the coffer. The Patriarch removed the seal and opened the coffer in which the relic was kept, and the Belt of the Mother of God appeared completely whole and undamaged by time. The Patriarch placed the Belt on the sick empress, and immediately she was freed from her infirmity. They sang hymns of thanksgiving to the Most Holy Theotokos, then they placed the venerable Belt back into the coffer and resealed it. In commemoration of the miraculous occurrence and the twofold Placing of the venerable Belt, the Feast of the Placing of the Venerable Belt of the Most Holy Theotokos was established. Parts of the holy Belt are in the Vatopedi monastery on Mt. Athos, in Trier monastery, and in Georgia.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost; Aug. 31. ☩ Placing of the Precious Sash of Our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God in Calcoprateia (942)

Troparion, Tone 3 (p. 337). Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.* He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead;* He saved us from the abyss of Hades* and granted great mercy to the world. **Troparion, Tone 8 (DO-RE-MI).** Protection of humans, ever-Virgin Mother of God* as a mighty bulwark for your city* you gave your pure body's robe and sash.* They remained incorrupt by your giving birth without seed.* For in you are nature and time made new.* Therefore, we pray you, give peace to your city* and to our souls great mercy. *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.* **Kontakion, Tone 3 (p. 338).** You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord,* and led us out from the gates of death.* Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices,* and the prophets together with the patriarchs* unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power. *Now and for ever and ever. Amen.* **Kontakion, Tone 2 (MI-SOL).** Your womb which received divinity* was girded about by your precious sash, O Mother of God.* It became an unconquerable force for your city* and a generous treasury of good things:* O you, the only virgin who ever gave birth.

Prokeimenon, Tone 3 (p. 340). Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing. *verse:* Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy. **Prokeimenon, Tone 3 (p. 372).** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Brothers and Sisters, I would remind you of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James,

then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Alleluia, Tone 3 (p. 340).

verse 1: In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever. *verse 2:* Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me. *verse 3:* Rise up, O Lord, to the place of Your rest, You and the ark of Your holiness.

Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26

At that time, a young man came to Jesus and said, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.” He said to him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honor your father and mother; also, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to him, “I have kept all these; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When the young man heard this word, he went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astounded and said, “Then who can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible.”

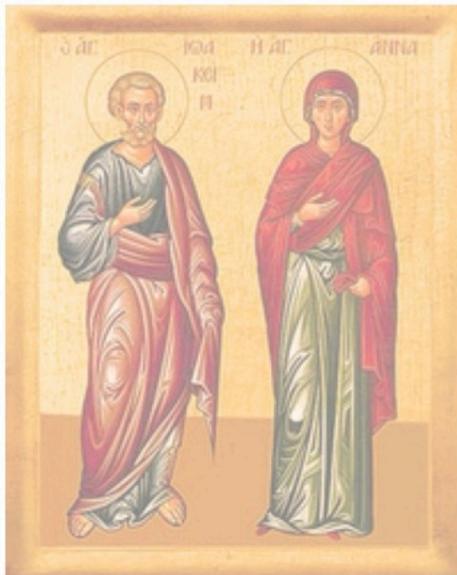
Communion Verses. Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* I will take the cup of salvation;* and I will call upon the name of the Lord.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

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