

The Danger of Riches

One day, an Indian boy found a large pearl. It represented the fulfillment of all his hopes and dreams. His days of hardship and toil would be over. He would never have to work again. But, when he tried to sell the pearl, his real problems began. Buyers tried to trick him, bandits tried to attack him, and even his friends tried to manipulate him. Possessing great wealth was nothing like he expected it would be, so he took the pearl and threw it back into sea.

The boy in this story is quite a contrast to the young man of whom Jesus spoke in the Gospel reading for this Sunday. Jesus spoke of a young man who desired to be justified by God. He had faithfully kept all the commandments, but Jesus told him that there

was one thing he still needed to do: sell all he had and give to the poor. With that, the young man went away saddened because he was not able to easily part with all his possessions. Jesus then spoke one of His most enduring statements, "It will be easier for a camel to pass through the needles eye, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." (Matthew 21:24)

What type of hold do our possessions have on us? Are we willing to share what we have with others, including our time, our talents, as well as our treasure? Everything that we have is a gift from God, which must be freely shared with others as a gift. Our Lord Himself tells us, "The gifts you have freely received, now give as a gift." (Matthew 10:8)

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Rich Young Ruler and Christ (Matthew 19:16-26)

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Sunday – August 23, 2020

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

The District of Columbia is at Phase 2, and our Church is open for Divine Liturgies. But, some may not feel ready to return, so we will continue to Livestream our 9:00 a.m. English Divine Liturgy and our 11:30 a.m. Ukrainian Divine Liturgy. The dispensation from attending Sunday Divine Liturgy and Holy Days of Obligation throughout the Archeparchy is still in effect until further notice.

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

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OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR LITURGIES

Sunday August 23 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Dormition of the Mother of God Weekend (For the Parish) (+Hryhoriy Bura from Family)
Tuesday August 25 9:00 a.m.	(+Eva Poullard from Ruth Fedack)
Wednesday August 26 9:00 a.m.	(+Marta Kolomayets from Friends)
Thursday August 27 9:00 a.m.	(+John Fedkiw from Anna Polnyj)
Friday August 28 9:00 a.m.	(+John Fedack from Ruth)
Sunday August 30 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Anna Luchka from the Ponos Family)

Pray the Rosary Together!

Come join us in the comfort of your own home and rediscover the Rosary. It's the prayer of saints and the prayer for you! Our Rosary Prayer Group is dedicated to the Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of Fatima and with these uncertain times that we all live in, let us turn to her for help to bring peace for our country. All you need to have is a telephone! The prayer participants receive a special toll-free number and access code and you dial in at the appropriate day and time. **We meet each Tuesday at 6:15 PM.** No matter where you live in the country, you are invited to join us in praying the Rosary. For more information and to join us in prayer, please contact Mary Ellen Keyes at mekeyes1@yahoo.com or call her at 301-431-1069.

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Fr. Frank Avant, Susan Avant, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Fr. David Clooney, Mary Connors, Jack Davis, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Damian Fedoryka, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, 1LT Catherine Hetmansky Hayes (Active Duty Iraq), Julia Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Michael Joseph Little, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta Andrew, Gerald Stasko, Timothy Stock, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Jarrelyn Trusen, Cindy Turchek, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Jennifer Wilson, Nataliya Wozniak, Michael Zabych.** 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 Bless Ukraine

29 Years of Independence of Ukraine - Glory to Ukraine

This Sunday, our parish celebrates and observes the 29th Ukrainian Independence Day (August 24, 1991). We will pray for God's blessings upon Ukraine, especially for peace.

НЕХАЙ ГОСПОДЬ БЛАГОСЛОВИТЬ УКРАЇНУ !!!

З нагоди 29 - річниці незалежності нашої любної України, бажаємо всім вам міцного здоров'я, великого родинного щастя, миру, взаєморозуміння, злагоди та добробуту. Нехай кожен день нашого життя, а також всіх наших братів та сестер в Україні буде сповнений радістю, теплом і новими здобутками, а Ваші добрі справи примножать славу рідної України.

Слава Україні! Героям слава!