



**Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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Sunday Divine Liturgies: 8:30 a.m. Holy Days as scheduled in the Bulletin

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

AUGUST 19-26, 2018

Sunday, August 19 13th Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE 1COR 16:13-24; GOSPEL: MT.21:33-42 TONE 4

8:00 a.m. – Confession 8:30 a.m. – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular
for Good health for Anca Nemoianu from Ann Woroniak

Sunday, August 26 14th Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE 2COR 1:21-2:4; GOSPEL: MT.22:1-14 TONE 5

8:00 a.m. – Confession 8:30 a.m. – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular
for Good health for Rev. Fr. Robert Sokolowski from Ann Woroniak

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13th Sunday after Pentecost



Today the Holy Gospel again tells us the parable of Christ about a vineyard – the saddest and bitterest parable about cruelty of mankind. This parable is about how the Lord calls upon people, waits for their answer, sends His messengers and envoys. But the people don't want to receive them and listen to them, rise against them, up to the rising against the Son Himself who was sent by the Heaven. But the master from this parable didn't simply send his servants to the vineyard. He expected the tenants of this vineyard to give some fruit of their work to their

master, landowner, because neither the land nor the vineyard belonged to them. If we think over it, we will understand at once that everything we have doesn't belong to us either. Everything has been given to us. And the life itself has been given to us. Today we have it, but tomorrow we may lose it. And the health itself has been given to us. Today we have it but tomorrow we may lose it. A lot of things we have, don't belong to us, but are a gift which we may lose. And as it is a gift of God, we must increase it and return something to the One Who gave it to us. According to the patristic interpretation, the landowner who planted the vineyard is the Lord God and grapes are the chosen Judaist people. The fence round the vineyard is the Law of Moses which protected the people of God from paganism and obscenity. A tower and a winepress in the middle of the vineyard are the church and a sacrificial altar, the tenants who were given the vineyard by the master, are Judaist elders and priests whom the Lord entrusted His people. The servants sent by the master for the fruit and trashed and killed by the vinedressers are the prophets of God. The master's Son who was killed is the only-begotten Son of God, having been put to death by the high-priests and the Pharisees. The wretched death of the wretched vinedressers carried out by the owner is future destruction of Israel by Roman forces and other vinedressers, who will be rented out this vineyard, are pastors of the Christ Church to guard God's people, who since the Pentecost have been any people who accepted the Savior. Since the coming of Christ the new vineyard of God has been spreading all over the world. The whole mankind is included in this vineyard. And this new vineyard is the Christ Church with the Apostles, Martyrs, Saints, Confessors, Venerables, pious kings and queens – all those, who work properly in the Lord's vineyard. This is a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, as the Word of God tells us. [1 Peter 2,9] When we confessed and came up to the Communion Cup, we, thus, testify to our wish to come to Him. His light has penetrated us. But how sad it will be if it turns out that we have nothing, all is empty and fruitless. Then, the end of our way will be as sad as the end of this parable. How often the people, who imagined that they had a grace and spiritual wealth, turned out to be rejected. Let it not be with us! Therefore, the Lord's Word is not only the Word of consolation, not only the Word of encouragement and love but also the Word of warning to protect all of us from evil and everlasting destruction.

- **BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY** St Mary's Parish provides for the spiritual needs of Eastern Christians in the Manassas area. All are welcome to worship with us without regard to ethnic heritage or ecclesial ascription. As members of the same parish, not only do we worship God together, but we strive to help one another in other ways, both spiritually and practically. Please practice stewardship by giving of your Time, Talent, and Treasure. Your voluntary service and financial support are essential!
- **Worship:** The Divine Liturgy is celebrated every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in English/Ukrainian. Fulfills Sunday obligation of all. • **Confessions:** The Holy Mystery of Reconciliation is available before the Divine Liturgy at 8:00 a.m. in the Confession Room.
- **Emergencies:** In the event of an emergency or death, when a priest is needed, please ask the hospital to contact the local Catholic priest responsible for the hospital or call Fr. Alexander at 301-421-1739
- **Bulletin Information:** In order to add items to the bulletin, please send the info with details to Mark Scafona: mscafona@yahoo.com no later than Wednesdays by 5:00PM

Announcements

- **CATECHIST:** The parish is in need of a volunteer to help teach children's Catechism classes on Sundays after Liturgy. The volunteer will be required to take youth protection training. Please see Martha if you are interested.
- **HOLY TRINITY UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION** – August 26th Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church, 16631 New Hampshire ave, silver Spring, MD 20905 is holding their annual Ukrainian Festival from 1:30PM – 6:00 PM. They will be holding a bake sale and be selling traditional Ukrainian foods. For more info, please contact Dora Horbachewsky @ 716-903-5485

Layman's 10 Commandments....

- 1] Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout the journey.
- 2] So why is a Car's WINDSHIELD so large & the Rear View Mirror so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, Look Ahead and Move on.
- 3] Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes a few minutes to burn, but it takes years to write.
- 4] All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.
- 5] Old Friends are Gold! New Friends are Diamond! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a Base of Gold!
- 6] Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!
- 7] When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.
- 8] A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"
- 9] When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
- 10] WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES, it takes away today's PEACE.



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