



**Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ukrainian Catholic Church
(St. Mary's)**

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Sunday Divine Liturgies: 8:30 a.m. Holy Days as scheduled in the Bulletin

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 07-14, 2018

Sunday, October 07 20th Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE GAL. 1:11-19; GOSPEL: LK. 7:11-16 TONE 3

8:00 a.m. – Confession 8:30 a.m. – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular
for +Elias Onyszkewycz (7th Anniversary) from daughter Maria Onyszkewycz

Sunday, October 14 Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council

EPISTLE GAL. 2:16-20; GOSPEL: LK. 8:5-15 TONE 4

8:00 a.m. – Confession 8:30 a.m. – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular
for good health for Elodie & David Faulkner from Ann Woroniak

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The 20th Sunday after Pentecost



Christ, surrounded by His Apostles and a multitude of people, moved toward the gates of the town of Nain. And at that time, from the town of Nain appeared a funeral procession. A young man was being carried out, the only son of a widow from Nain. Imagine the suffering of the mother: the only one, the favorite, the hope of her old age.

What was the mother going through? But at this time, Christ, with a multitude of people and His Apostles, approached this procession on the road. He came closer and closer. He was walking on the same road on which the deceased was being carried. He saw the suffering of the mother, came up to her and said, "Weep not" (Lk. 7:13). Who could, who had the right to say these words to a mother at the coffin of her son? He alone, because He conquered death. The bearers stopped. Christ took the young man by the hand and said: "Arise!" (Lk. 7:14). And He returned him to his mother.

Can you imagine what the mother was experiencing? The peace which a mother could have before the death of her son, that peace was not only renewed, but it revived her whole life. Besides her son, she saw the power of resurrection. And all this happened because the way of Christ coincided with the way of the funeral procession. The way of Christ — the deceased had to move along this way of Christ, and on the way of Christ there can be no grief. This is how it happened. In saying "Weep not," Christ renewed the inner strength which had already been put to rest. Years might pass, and this young man would depart in the same way. But this is not the point. The point is that peace appeared in the heart, strengthening the person in external existence. The way of a Christian is the element in which the Way of Christ is revealed. And the Way of Christ is the Church. In her is the Grace which exists in all the sacraments, in all activities of the Church, in all the prayers, in everything which is given to us for sanctification. And this Grace which is in the Church is with us. It is expressed in every activity, in the rites, and in a special way, in the Divine Eucharist, in this Tree of Life which is given to us for the renewal of our nature, for our deification.

Here is the way on which we must go. If we are on this way, then, believe me, there will not be such tragedy in our life as there is now. If the Lord said to the widow of Nain: "Weep not!" so that same voice whispers to us today, "Weep not!" Only do not abandon this way of true Christianity. Abide in prayer, behave yourself in life as the Holy Church requires, remembering the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the mystery of death and the mystery of life. See how life goes on: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday — Sunday [the day of Resurrection] (The word for Sunday in Russian (voskresenia) means resurrection). The end of everything is the Resurrection.

Live in the Grace of God, and the Lord will not forsake you.

Homily From "The One Thing Needful," Sermons of Archbishop Andrei (Rymarenko)

• **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

• **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** :The next Parish Finance/Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Sunday, October 28, 2018 after Liturgy, which will be served at 8:00AM. All members are encouraged to attend the meeting.

• **Saturday, October 27, 2018**--Catechetical Conference at the Cathedral Social Hall in Philadelphia, Pa. Registration-9:15 am; Conference begins at 9:45 a.m. All clergy are invited. However catechists and your parish religious education coordinators (DRE) must attend. Others are welcome. Email: Father John Fields email: ibah@aol.com or Lola Dubenko email: LDubenko@verizon.net.

Church Income: **Collection: 09/30 - 09/23 .**

Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!

Me and My Shadow

*Our shadowed lives...me and my shadow...
From our early years to our last breath...
My shadow, the dark side of me,
Keeps clinging and clinging to me...
Why won't you set me free?
I followed all the rules the world did decree,
But somehow I still don't feel free.
I followed all the precepts the world has taught
Which, however, in me havoc have wrought.
I pursued wealth, status, knowledge of all kind...
Which have left me in an emotional bind.
Somehow I have taken a wrong turn in the road...
Which has put me in an emotional overload.
Now I must retrace my ways...*

*The ways of selfishness and sinful forays
To follow the path God has set...
The path that allows ourselves to forget.
Then all my facets will shine
Like a diamond... a jewel of rare find.
And when my Maker I shall see
There will be no shadow, but brilliant me.*
—Lydia Bargiuk August 2009

