



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

OCTOBER 28-NOVEMBER 04, 2018

Sunday, October 28 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE EPH. 2:4-10; GOSPEL: LK.8:26-39 TONE 6

8:00 a.m. – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular

For good health of Robert & Mary Jo Bergkamp from Ann Woroniak

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The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost



Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so He got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Him; but He sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." On this Sunday Our Lord comes to the land of the possessed; there, He is neither idle, nor passive, nor absent: He acts, He heals the possessed man; and what happens, what is the response of the people? They are in terror because

they have seen the power of God manifested in such a way that fills them with fear, not with awe. And they ask Christ to be gone: Leave our realm, go away! The fact that Christ has acted, that He has healed, that He has saved the man, matters nothing; what matters, is that they have to pay the cost for it: their pigs... Isn't it again something which we happen to do? We ask God to come into our lives; and suddenly we discover that God is not coming in the way in which we want Him to be! He is not coming into our lives simply to order things according to our view; He transforms the dead orderliness of our life into a chaos, but a chaos which is loaded with possibilities - but we don't want this! We want what we had: an orderly life, without problems, without anything great happening, also without anything tragic happening. Earlier, on another occasion, someone else had said to Christ, "Leave me - I am unworthy". Having seen the miraculous catching of fish on the Sea of Galilee, Peter said, "Leave my boat, I am not worthy, I am a sinner." Have we ever spoken such words? Have we ever felt that we are unworthy of Christ's coming, dwelling under our roof, being with us, doing for us all we need? Indeed being for us like a servant who will do things because we need them done.

• **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

• !!! Please, remember to turn your clock 1 hour back next Saturday, November 3rd, before you go to bed. Standard Time Resumes!!!

• **Thanksgiving Food Drive:** Our parish is collecting non-perishable food, toiletries, and monetary donations for local food banks. Please leave donated items in the designated boxes in the back of the church. The last day we will be collecting for this food drive 11 November.

Church Income: **Collection: 10/21 -**

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

Illness, Therapy and Health in our Physical and Spiritual lives

Illness- is a condition of brokenness sickness, disease, or some other ailment. Spiritual illness is caused by sin (separation from God). Every sin is a repetition of Adam's sin, and with every sin we undergo the darkening and dying of the soul. If sin remains unconfessed, spiritual illness will remain untreated thus leading to death.

Therapy- is the treatment of illness or disability by means of a curative or rehabilitative process. Spiritual therapy is found in the Church, where Jesus Christ is the Chief Physician. Healing is imparted when we ask the Physician for healing in Confession, follow the "doctor's orders" by keeping the Commandments, and with due preparation partake of His divine medicine in Holy Communion.

Health- is a condition of wholeness or soundness, free from disease or ailment. To be healthy spiritually means to be free from the disease and brokenness of sin by being united to God and in good relation to our neighbor, and ourselves. Spiritual health was the condition of Adam before the Fall, and thanks to the redemptive work of Christ it can be our condition as well, should we desire to undergo the therapy offered by the Church.

