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

**DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**NOVEMBER 11-18, 2018**

**Sunday, November 11 25th Sunday after Pentecost**

**EPISTLE EPH. 4:1-6; GOSPEL: LK.10:25-37 TONE 8**

8:00 a.m. – Confession 8:30 a.m. – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

& in particular for good health for David Faulkner from Ann Woroniak

**Sunday, November 18 26th Sunday after Pentecost**

**EPISTLE EPH. 5:9-19; GOSPEL: LK.12:16-21 TONE 1**

8:00 a.m. – Confession 8:30 a.m. – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

& in particular for +Onyszkewycz family from Maria Onyszkewycz

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**The 25th Sunday after Pentecost**



*"No one will be saved simply by knowing God's will; salvation lies in doing it" [Saint Nicholas of Zicha]*

The famous parable of the Good Samaritan tells of a man being mugged and left half dead on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. The first to come upon him were a priest and a Levite, but they passed by. We're not told the reasons they passed by, but can speculate. The levite, a "religious professional," was likely enroute to or from "work." The priest was perhaps fearful he'd defile himself and thus become unable to perform his priestly service by coming into contact with someone shedding blood. Maybe they were just running late, afraid they too would

be mugged, or even that the wounded man was faking his injuries. This is worthy of thought. After all, don't we sometimes pass by needy neighbors for similar reasons?! If we see people following dangerous paths in their lives, if we really love them, isn't one of the best ways to show them our love to warn them of danger? As parents, we show compassion to our children in exactly this way—"don't run into the street, don't touch a hot stove, don't get into a car with strangers, don't hang around with bad people, don't do drugs, etc." Many roads in life are full of danger. Yet how often do we see neighbors following such grievous paths and remain silent or pass them by? Perhaps we ourselves are, knowingly or unknowingly, on such paths, and only the compassion of another can save us from being wounded, beaten or destroyed, or at least incite us to consider an alternate, safer route. In this sense, the Church must intentionally strive to fulfill the role of Christ as the good Samaritan. The Church is to be a lighthouse that guides lost and wandering souls to the Kingdom of God—"a haven of peace in a tortured world." Thus, the Church is a life-saving station that nurtures that equips and dispatches good Samaritans to be neighbors to others, or a spiritual GPS that displays the preferred path to a desired destination and warns of the dangers inherent on other roads.

Each of us has, in our individual lives, been beaten, bruised, wounded and left for dead, in one way or the other, by the "thugs" of passions and sin. But, thanks be to God, Jesus Christ has repeatedly been—and will forever be—our good Samaritan, applying His healing oil and wine to our wounds in the Mysteries of His Holy Church. Especially as our thoughts now turn to Advent, Thanksgiving and the Great Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, may our love for our neighbor truly take flesh in doing God's will, so that we in the Church truly may be the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world," for that's what our good Samaritan, Jesus Christ, calls us to be—and do!

*Fr. Daniel C. Kovalak*

• **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](mailto:mscafona@yahoo.com) no later than Wednesdays by 5:00PM

### Announcements

• **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.

• **Philip's Fast (Pylypivka) -** St. Philip's Fast begins this Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> and ends on Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this fast is to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Birth of Christ. This is a special time to observe a simple abstinence (fast), make a good confession, mediate or reflect on our actions, thoughts and spiritual growth, such as serious prayer, repentance and worship.

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Church Income: Collection: 11/04 -

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

#### Food for thought

- ❖ *If we claim God as Our Father, we should be willing to act like His children.*
- ❖ *God puts the Church in the world, Satan puts the world into the Church.*

#### GOD Won't Ask

1. *God won't ask what kind of car you use, he'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.*
2. *God won't ask the square footage of your house, he'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.*
3. *God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, he'll ask how many you helped to clothe.*
4. *God won't ask what your highest salary was, he'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.*
5. *God won't ask what your job title was, he'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.*
6. *God won't ask how many friends you had, he'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.*
7. *God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, he'll ask how you treated your neighbors.*
8. *God won't ask about the color of your skin, he'll ask about the content of your character.*
9. *God won't ask why it took you so long to seek salvation, he'll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven.*