



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

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

MARCH 22-29, 2020

Sunday March 22 2nd 4th Sunday of Great Fast EPISTLE HEB 6:13-20; GOSPEL: MK 9:17-31 TONE 8

11:30AM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners (at Holy Trinity UCC, Silver Spring, MD)

Sunday March 29 2nd 5th Sunday of Great Fast EPISTLE HEB 9:11-14; GOSPEL: MK 10:32-45 TONE 1

11:30AM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners (at Holy Trinity UCC, Silver Spring, MD)

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4th Sunday of Great Fast



“O Lord, I believe; Help my unbelief.” (Mark 9: 24), prays the man in today’s Gospel who had asked Jesus to heal his son possessed by a demon. The Apostles, too, ask Jesus to help their unbelief “Lord, Increase our faith.” (Luke 17:5) To both Jesus responds that if you have faith the size of a mustard seed (about half the size of a poppy seed) you can accomplish miraculous results with only a word, even moving mountains or pulling a huge tree out by its roots and tossing it into the sea. It might seem normal for people today to doubt that this is/was possible,; however, the people at that time had witnessed even greater miracles themselves, the blind having their sight restored, the lame walking, and many others including today’s Gospel account of demons being expelled. So it might be expected that these marvels and Jesus’ promise of the power to perform them to those with faith, would inspire all to great faith, but in the next chapter of St Luke’s Gospel, Jesus wonders “when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?” (Luke 18:8), and declares “O faithless

generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you?” when He is told that His disciples could not drive the demon out of the boy. Man has always believed that there was something else (i.e., spirits) beside himself and the visible in the world, and generally divided the spirits into good ones and bad ones. Over time man has ascribed greater power to the evil ones; deifying them, building temples to them, looking to them for help in all things, fearing their wrath, bringing their sacrifices and prayers. It is shown today in the many pagan cults thriving thorough out the world, and we see this at the time of Christ, when Christ’s great power was attributed to Satan, “He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons.” (Matthew 9:34 also in Luke and Mark). Jesus came to show us that the opposite is true. In today’s reading, the possessed boy’s father points out the disciple’s lack of power to Jesus. “I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not.” He also exposes his own contribution (lack of faith) to the disciple’s failure when he says to Jesus “if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” Jesus doesn’t put the blame specifically on anyone (“O faithless generation”). Even those in the crowd are accused of the lack of faith (for Jesus acknowledged the faith of the four who lowered the paralytic to Him as the reason of his cure). How would we have reacted if this was our child? What kind of faith would Christ find in each us if He would appear today? What evidence of faith would He see in our everyday actions? Would He see us trying to deal with everything, both the blessings and that which require us to show patience and humility, with the faith that God has sent them to us for our own benefit - “It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I may learn Your statutes” (Psalm 119:71)? Do we have the faith to act according to His will? Do we act as though this world is only a passing phase and that His obedience (and therefore ours too) to the Father, even to death on the cross is the source of eternal life? Do we ask Him in prayer to strengthen our faith and use it in all our decisions and judgments? As we continue our Lenten journey, let us focus our efforts on increasing our faith to the size of a mustard seed keeping in mind the words of Jesus “This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.” Let us accept Christ’s power as supreme in our lives and allow Him to take the spirit of despair from us.

Fr. John Haluszczak

Announcements

• **Coronavirus and Church Services** Dear Parishioners and Friends, All services will be temporarily celebrated by the PRIEST ONLY and WITHOUT the participation of the assembly of the faithful in the church. But, Church is not cancelled. I will celebrate ALL SUNDAY SERVICES for the intentions of the faithful, but sadly without your presence. These temporary extraordinary measures find their basis not in lack of faith but in obedience to God, who commands that we care for the least of the brethren through self-sacrifice and obey our civil authorities and follow the directives of our Ukrainian Catholic Bishops in the USA. Confessions by appointment only. For an emergency, please contact Fr. Alexander at 301-421-1739 or alexanderd715@aol.com.

• **An Act of Spiritual Communion** It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion means uniting one's self in prayer with Christ's sacrifice and worshiping Him in His Body and Blood. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Divine Liturgy. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily. When unable to receive Holy Communion, pray the prayer below: • «My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen».

• **Sorokousty (praying for our deceased loved ones)** will be served as planned, every Saturday during the Lent at Holy Trinity Church in Silver Spring, MD. Please send a listing of the names you wish to be remembered.

• **Church Interior Renovation** is completed. A Big Thank you is extended to all who helped with preparation for renovation and cleaned the church after. May God bless you richly!

DURING THIS CRISIS THAT EVERYONE IS EXPERIENCING, THE CHURCH NEEDS YOUR HELP. PLEASE KEEP SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH BY MAILING YOUR DONATIONS TO

PO Box 2735, Manassas, VA 20108. THANK YOU!

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

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Sorokousty 2020



Behnke Family

Peil – Norman, Elizabeth A., Christopher J.
Behnke – Frank J., Jr. McKenna – Melanie L.

Bodnar Family

Bodnar – John, Anna, Michael, Mary, Gerald, John, Mary Ann
Conner - Wanda, Edwin, Gladys, Ralph Fox – Alvie, Hazel

Goldman Family

Duke – Stephan, Mary, Samuel, Anastasia, Anastasia Kaminski
Kopchak – Daniel, Katherine, Paul, John, Andrew, Joseph, Tillie, Helen, Anna

Grynyk Family

Ivan, Petro, Volodymyr, Ostap, Yulia, Ihor, Luba, Vasyl, Mykhajlo, Bohdan, Maria

Hara Family

Hara – Edward, Sally, Dorothy, Leah, and all members Impelliteri - Anthony, Rose, Salvatore, Tom, Billie, Joseph, and all members Monkhouse – all members

Homsy Family

Jalil, Adla, Yousef, Khamis, Hanna, Essa, Walter

Hunter Family

Saupp – Karen, John

Kedzo Family

Kedzo – Joseph, John, Catherine, Bob, John Cebula – John, Mary, Catherine, Michael, John, George, Anne, Margaret, Helen

Kranchick Family

Kranchick – John, Eleanor Gazo – Michael, Susan Kraunchick – Andrew, Anna

Nowicki Family

Berezuk – Dymtro, Mary, William, Helen, Melissa Hutnik – Peter, Anna Nowicki – Walter, Marie De Paolo – Philip

Pellegrino Family

Tovey – Robert, John Wend – Theresa, Costic, Peter, Alex, Sophie, Henry, Martha, Josephine
Hard – Florence Matuszewski – Xavier, Felix, Valentine, Anna Rogers – Martha Suprenaut – Estelle, Charlie
Gundick - Sophie, Daniel, Shirley Pellegrino – Louis, Dorthoy, Louis II, Mary Montano - Billy
LaGaurdia – Stephen Costello - Bill

Stine Family

Byrd – Mary Louise, Susan, Mary Elizabeth, John E., John E. II, Ann, Jack, Curtis, Annie, Edna, Jack
Stine – Carl, Mary, Joseph, Christina, John, Clarence, Macy, Bill, Clarence, Christina

Tkhoryk Family

Ivan, Volodymyr, Maria, Luba, Vasyl, Mykhajlo, Andriy, Kateryna, Ivan

Troy Family

Troy – William Troynowsky – Jacob, Mary, Mary, Russell, Michael, Florence, Marcella

Settembrino - John, John Anthony Kozak – Edmund Katinowsky – Matthew, Helen, Vincent, Matthew

Liturgical Services Livestreaming Schedule in Philadelphia Archeparchy

***Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Philadelphia, Pa.***

The Divine Liturgy (bi-lingual) will be livestreamed Sunday, March 22 10:30 AM with Metropolitan-Archbishop Borys Gudziak presiding.

Click on Archieparchial Facebook page to watch:

<https://www.facebook.com/archeparchyphilly/>

Click on Cathedral Facebook page to watch:

<https://www.facebook.com/Philadelphia-Ukrainian-Catholic-Cathedral-of-the-Immaculate-Conception-139284692765626/>

***Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family
Washington, DC***

The Presanctified Liturgy will be livestreamed Wednesdays and Fridays 7:00 p.m. Bi-lingual

The Divine Liturgy will be livestreamed Sunday 10:00 a.m. Bi-lingual beginning Sunday, March 22

Click on this link to watch: <https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyshrine/>

***St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church
Whippany, New Jersey***

The weekend Divine Liturgies will be broadcast live through the application Zoom on the internet. This is the YouTube link that shows how to install Zoom

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vFhAEoCF7jg&feature=emb_rel_end

After installation, you should click on the "join the meeting" link and the system will walk you through a quick installation on how to have it up and running:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3432721570>

The Divine Liturgy in English will be broadcast at 5 PM on Saturdays and in Ukrainian/English at 10 AM on Sundays for the time being, beginning the weekend of March 21-22.

***Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church
Bridgeport, Pa.***

The Divine Liturgy will be livestreamed Saturday at 6 pm and Sunday at 9 am beginning

the weekend of March 21-22 and every weekend until further notice.

There are two ways to watch.

- 1. Click on the YouTube Link to begin watching <https://youtu.be/KCMD73t8F0g>***
- 2. You can also click on this link to go to [Father Ron's YouTube Channel](#).***