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Sunday & Holy Days Divine Liturgies:
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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

AUGUST 02, 2020

Sunday August 02 9th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00AM – Confession. 8:30AM – Divine Liturgy For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners
 & in particular for Liz and Craig Miller from Ann Woroniak

Sunday August 09 10th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00AM – Confession. 8:30AM – Divine Liturgy For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners
 & in particular for the health of Emily Penner from Ann Woroniak

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The 9th Sunday after Pentecost

“Be of good cheer! It is I!” Such are the words of the Lord Jesus Christ to His Disciples in today’s Gospel (Matthew 14:22-34). “Do not be afraid”. It is somewhat strange to conceive that the Disciples who knew the Saviour so well would be frightened of His appearing. Hadn’t He, over and over again, showed them His compassion and kindness? Didn’t they remember words such as these: “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light” (Matthew 11:28-30)? How could one be afraid of the Man Who could speak such wonderfully soothing and comforting words? But the disciples’ fear is not really so hard to explain. After all they had never before seen Jesus in this role of Lord of the

elements of sea and earth and air. And now there He was walking upon the sea as though it were dry land! And then, when He arrived at the boat, the stormy wind ceased, and was replaced by calm. This was truly something completely different from anything that they had ever experienced hitherto, even though they had seen Him work miracles of healing and had heard His powerful, authoritative words as He taught the multitudes. This was something new and, once more, unexplainable. It shocked their sense of what was, and what was not, possible. It was completely disconcerting. What could have prepared them for such a revelation? What indeed? The Disciples were learning from their experience of Christ’s miracles. We, too, in our life in Christ, may from time to time discover aspects of God which are new and unexpected. In fact the experience of adult faith, which must replace the faith which we had as children, is precisely our response in trust and confidence to aspects of God or life in this world, which He made and of which He is Lord, which are surprising – sometimes pleasant but also, not infrequently, painful and challenging. Adult faith requires trust in God, even though all the evidence that He is completely trustworthy at all times, is not always in our hands in a satisfactory way. Sometimes the things we discover about God, or about the way He works (or seems to work) in the world, make us afraid, too. For we find that things are more complex than we had thought. Our comfortable view of the world and of God is challenged and stretched – sometimes, it seems, to the very point of breaking. We ought not to close our eyes to the problems which come about as a result: for the Christian, the truth is always a friend which ultimately brings liberation and authenticity [“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32)]. Nor must we ever give up our faith. Instead let us remember the word the Lord spoke to the disciples: “It is I; do not be afraid”. Yes! Let us trust in the Lord. It isn’t so difficult, after all. On the contrary it is very natural for us to do so since we are His children!

Dear Parishioners and Friends The Sunday Liturgy with the indoor service has resumed. Please keep in mind that social distancing applies and wearing a mask during the celebration of Liturgy is mandatory to help stop the spread of coronavirus.

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Troparion and Kontakion:

Troparion (8): You came down from on high, O Merciful One, and accepted three days of burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory be to You.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Kontakion (8): When You rose from the tomb, You also raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your resurrection, and the ends of the world celebrate Your rising from the dead, O Most Merciful One.

Now and for ever and ever: Amen. Theotokion (8): To you, O Mother of God, the invincible leader, we your servants ascribe these victory hymns in thanksgiving for our deliverance from evil. With your invincible power free us from all dangers that we may cry out to you: Hail, O Bride and pure Virgin!

Prokimenon (8): Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

Verse: In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Epistle: Reading of the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1Cor 3,9-17) Brethren: We are God's co-workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it. But each one must be careful how he builds upon it, for no one can lay a foundation other than the one that is there, namely, Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw, the work of each will come to light, for the Day will disclose it. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire [itself] will test the quality of each one's work. If the work stands that someone built upon the foundation, that person will receive a wage. But if someone's work is burned up, that one will suffer loss; the person will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy.

Alleluia Verses: Verse (7): Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse (7): Let us come before His countenance with praise and acclaim Him with psalms.. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel: (Mt 14,22-34) At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once he [Jesus] spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how [strong] the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God." After making the crossing, they came to land at Gennesaret.

Communion Verse: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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Collection: July 25 - \$740.

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

This year's Pilgrimage, "Communion and Unity in the Life of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church during the Pandemic" will be held in a condensed format due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There will be no morning Liturgy or Confession. Instead, Confession and a Moleben will be offered in the afternoon according to the schedule below. Other precautions that will be taken include the following: • Masks will be required. • Bottled water will be provided. • No food will be served.


89th ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE MOTHER OF GOD
Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great

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Live stream available on  **YouTube**

Sunday, October 4, 2020

1:00 – 3:30 PM Confession and Opportunities for Individual Prayer
(Socially Distanced)

3:30 – 4:30 PM Moleben to the Mother of God
(Homilist: Metropolitan-Archbishop Borys Gudziak)

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