



**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**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2020**

**Sunday November 15, 2020 24th Sunday after Pentecost**

8:00AM – Confession, 8:30AM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular For The health of Jude & Patricia Dougherty from Ann Woroniak

**Sunday, November 22, 2020 25th Sunday after Pentecost**

8:00AM – Confession, 8:30AM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular For God's Blessings on Joann Troy from Helen Troy

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**The 24th Sunday after Pentecost**



Today's Gospel reading (Luke, 8; 41-56) tells us about the core thing of the New Testament – about the Victory of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ shows us that He came to this world in order to defeat evil and sufferings that appeared on the earth as a result of the first people's sin. Our Saviour triumphs over the most frightening types of

diseases and death by the way that is directly opposite to that by which these plagues of humankind came upon it. The Holy Bible teaches us that diseases and death originated as a result of destruction of the unity between God and people at the beginning of human history; Jesus Christ descends to our world in order to restore this connection that was once cut off by the fall of man.

Undoubtedly, the most grievous malady is that one that does not have an end and is not to be cured. Today's Gospel story tells us about such a sickness of a woman that spent all her money on medicine without finding the necessary remedy... The doctors refused to cure her... It is also widely agreed that the most awful death is the death at the beginning of life, the death of a child. You have also heard today in the

reading of the Holy Scriptures about a sudden death of the twelve-year old girl. And how does Jesus Christ conquer these illnesses and death? The sick woman, after having lost any hope in earthly cure, touches with faith the edge of Jesus Christ's vestments – and becomes healthy again! It is very interesting that she does it by herself and secretly, as once Eve stretched secretly her arms to the forbidden fruit... But at this time it is the reverse movement: Eve, by transgressing the Will of God, had detached herself and her descendants from our Heavenly Father, while this sick woman of the Gospel story tries to reach God and to establish the connection with Him and, thus, obtains her health. God did not create us to be miserable; He never wanted us to be unhappy or get sick, or die. The sick woman touches Jesus Christ and receives from Him the power to live. This Divine Power defeats her long-term disease... By virtue of her faith in God, the Heavenly Healer, she became again healthy and intact.

In order to make the girl to recover from death, Our Lord Jesus Christ enters the house of her father Jairus, the ruler of the synagogue, who had invited Him to come. At the presence of just a few witnesses Jesus takes the girl by her lifeless hand and says to her: "*Talitha cumi, which is, My child, I say to you, Get up!*" (Mark, 5:41). The girl, quite oppositely to the disobedient Eve, obeys God. She gets up from the bed and starts to eat. The death runs from her, as a shadow, and the life returns to her again...

This story clearly teaches us a lesson that if we want to be healthy and have an eternal life, we should always obey our God, and live in compliance with His Old Testament Commandments, and according to His New Testament teaching. We should always be with Christ in His Holy Church! Let us endlessly touch Jesus Christ and constantly reconcile with God through kissing and venerating His Holy Cross. Let us invite Jesus Christ to enter the house of our heart at the moment of the Holy Communion of the Immortal Mysteries of His Holy Body and Precious Blood during the Divine Liturgy. Amen.

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## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### Troparion and Kontakion:

**Troparion (7):** By Your cross You destroyed death; You opened Paradise to the thief; You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy, and charged the apostles to proclaim that You are risen, O Christ our God, offering great mercy to the world.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**

**Kontakion (7):** No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold humanity, for Christ went down shattering and destroying its powers. Hades is bound. The prophets exult with one voice: The Savior has come for those with faith, saying: Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!

**Now and for ever and ever: Amen. Theotokion (7):** O All-praised Treasury of our resurrection, we hope in you, bring us up from the pit and depth of sins, for you have saved those subject to sin by giving birth to our Salvation, O Virgin before childbirth, and virgin in childbirth, and still a virgin after childbirth.

**Prokimenon (7):** The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace. **Verse:** Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God; bring to the Lord young rams. **Prokimenon (7):** The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

**Epistle: Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians.**

(Eph 2,14-22) Brethren: Christ is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh, abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims, that he might create in himself one new person in place of the two, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile both with God, in one body, through the cross, putting that enmity to death by it. He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who are near, for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. Through him the whole structure is held together and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord; in him you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

**Alleluia Verses:** Verse (7): It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing in Your name, O Most High. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse (7): To announce Your mercy in the morning and Your truth every night. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Gospel** (Lk 8,41-56) At that time, a man named Jairus, an official of the synagogue, came to Jesus. He fell at the feet of Jesus and begged him to come to his house, because he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. As he went, the crowds almost crushed him. And a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years, who had spent her whole livelihood on doctors and was unable to be cured by anyone, came up behind him and touched the tassel on his cloak. Immediately her bleeding stopped. Jesus then asked, "Who touched me?" While all were denying it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds are pushing and pressing in upon you." But Jesus said, "Someone has touched me; for I know that power has gone out from me." When the woman realized that she had not escaped notice, she came forward trembling. Falling down before him, she explained in the presence of all the people why she had touched him and how she had been healed immediately. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you; go in peace." While he was still speaking, someone from the synagogue official's house arrived and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer." On hearing this, Jesus answered him, "Do not be afraid; just have faith and she will be saved." When he arrived at the house he allowed no one to enter with him except Peter and John and James, and the child's father and mother. All were weeping and mourning for her, when he said, "Do not weep any longer, for she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed him, because they knew that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and called to her, "Child, arise!" Her breath returned and she immediately arose. He then directed that she should be given something to eat. Her parents were astounded, and he instructed them to tell no one what had happened.

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



