



**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

JUNE 06, 2021

Saturday, June 06, 2021 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

08:30AM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular

For +Michael Bergkamp form Ann Woroniak

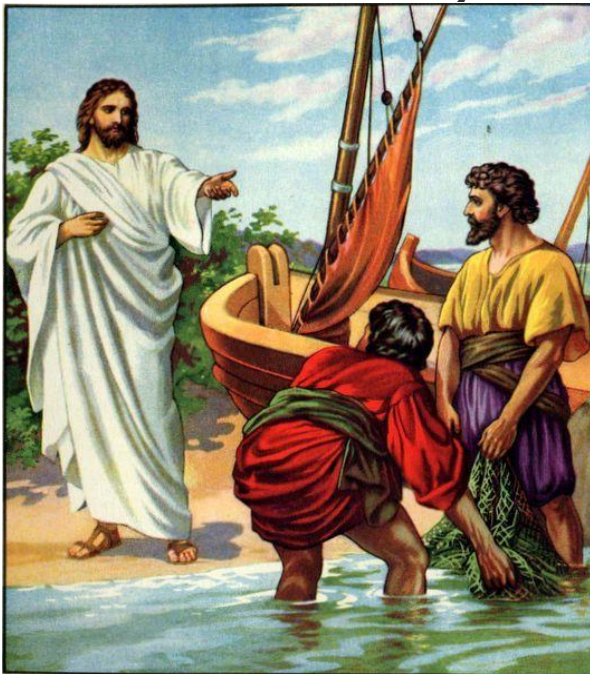
Sunday, June 13, 2021 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

08:30AM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular

For God's deliverance of the victims of the COVID-19 form Ann Woroniak

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2ND Sunday after Pentecost



It's the second Sunday after Pentecost (The Feast of the descension of the Holy Spirit on the disciples). The Gospel Reading is from (Matthew 4:18-23), which speaks about calling the first Apostles. The calling of Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and Jacob the son of Zebedee and his brother John.

Today's Gospel shows us the start of Christianity, which grew from a small group. Twelve Apostles were invited to be of humble service to other, who

were mostly fishermen of no education, knowledge or social stature. They were men living on the outskirts of Lake Tiberias actively fishing. Interestingly, when Jesus called the first Apostles, they were not unemployed, or out of work, but they were in the middle of their businesses. They were preoccupied with their work. "They were throwing their nets at sea".

The Lord Jesus called them and as the Bible says: “Immediately they left the nets and followed him”, they didn’t hesitate to leave their livelihood and their lives to follow Jesus. He did not promise riches, position or status to them, He said one sentence “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men”. The same scenario is repeated with John and Jacob, the sons of Zebedee; they were fixing their nets with their father. “Immediately they left the boat, their father, and followed Him.” It seems that these pupils did not hesitate for a second to become missionaries, that is, the “fishers of men.” What calls for attention on this first Sunday after Pentecost, is that first and second calls were to two brothers; that is two persons from the same family were called to serve the Lord. These Apostles and others, were given but one commandment by the Master, “go make disciples of all Nations”.

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave them grace and wisdom, understanding and strength, that was not of this world, but from above, God’s abundance. The strength, which gave the disciples the power of Evangelism, to reach Rome and other extremities of the earth like, India and Africa; to preach Christ who has risen from the dead! Every baptised Christian, who has received the Holy Chrism, is called to serve the Lord by their talents, abilities, and resources. Certainly there are callings through the mysteries of the Holy Priesthood or through the ascetic vows; however everyone is invited to be a disciple of Jesus, to take his place in the Evangelism. All from their baptismal day are dedicated to the Lord, “All ye who have been baptised unto Christ; have put on Christ.” When we say “Yes” to the Lord, it means that we should say “No” to the things of importance of this world. We are called to abandon the Nets that tie us to the things of this world, which prevent us from following Christ. The traps of this world are many, with multiple deceptions, however it was Jacob and his brother John, who were “Fixing the nets” when the Lord called them and “they left everything and followed Him.” In the Church and through the sacred sacraments we live a continuous Pentecost. All are called according to their talents and ability to meet the Lord’s calling, to become a fisher of men, to pursue them, so they know the true God and His Heavenly Kingdom. *Source: antiochian.org.au/*

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Troparion and Kontakion:

Troparion (1): Though the stone was sealed by the Jews and soldiers guarded Your immaculate body, You arose, O Savior, on the third day, and gave life to the world. And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your saving plan, O only Lover of Mankind!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Kontakion (1): You arose in glory from the tomb and with Yourself You raised the world. All humanity acclaims You as God, and death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master; and Eve, redeemed now from bondage, cries out for joy: You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all.

Now and for ever and ever: Amen. Theotokion (1): When Gabriel uttered to you, O Virgin, his Rejoice! - at that sound the Master of all became flesh in you, the holy ark. As the just David said, you have become wider than the heavens, carrying your Creator: Glory to Him Who dwelt in you! Glory to Him Who came forth from you! Glory to Him Who freed us through birth from you! **Prokimenon (1):** Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. **Prokimenon (1):** Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

Epistle: Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans

(Rom 2,10-16) Brethren: There will be glory, honor, and peace for everyone who does good, Jew first and then Greek. There is no partiality with God. All who sin outside the law will also perish without reference to it, and all who

sin under the law will be judged in accordance with it. For it is not those who hear the law who are just in the sight of God; rather, those who observe the law will be justified. For when the Gentiles who do not have the law by nature observe the prescriptions of the law, they are a law for themselves even though they do not have the law. They show that the demands of the law are written in their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even defend them on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge people's hidden works through Christ Jesus. **Alleluia Verses:** Verse (1): God gives me vindication, and has subdued peoples under me. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse (1): Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to his posterity for ever. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel: (Mt 4,18-23) At that time, as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with the father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Parishioners and Friends! We welcome you to our Sunday Liturgy with the indoor service.

The Divine Liturgy During a Time of Pandemic. As of June 5-6, 2021, as many other Catholics Dioceses in America, the Bishops of the Ukrainian Archdiocese will lift many of the Liturgy restrictions that have been in place for over a year due to Covid-19. Once I receive the letter that highlights the procedures going forward, I will insert it into the church bulletin. I'll use a mask for the distribution of the Holy Communion and also use precautions when handling the gifts or singing or speaking near the gifts. I'll also continue using two spoons for the Holy Communion, that will be sterilized with an alcohol solution. The personal decision by faithful to continue wearing masks/facial coverings should be respected out of charity. Please treat others with love and kindness.

Father's Day Remembrances! – You can recognize your living or deceased father by having him remembered at the Divine Liturgy on Father's Day, June 20, 2021. You may commemorate your dad or any important father figures in your life such as your godfather, uncle, grandfather, brother or a special friend. Please use the envelope for this purpose clearly write the names you wish to be remembered and drop it, along with your offering, to the collection basket. We will pray together for them. The names of fathers and donors will be listed in the church bulletin.



Support your Church In addition to caring for your neighbor and taking care of yourself, one of the most practical ways to help the Church is to continue to do what you have always done: support our parish with your financial resources. Please, continue to contribute to your parish, even during the period you are unable to attend the Liturgy, with your gifts of alms during this Great Fast. Parishioners' weekly contributions are the main source of financial support for our parish, and while some expenses may be a little lower during this time, parishes have many fixed costs that need to be attended to. You may send your donations to PO Box 2735, Manassas VA 20108

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Sunday, May 30, 2021 -  Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!