



**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 13, 2021

Saturday, 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

Sunday, June 20, 2021 4th Sunday after Pentecost - Father's Day

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

For God's Blessing for living fathers & in memory of deceased +fathers

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3ND Sunday after Pentecost



“Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Mt.6:33).

Everything necessary for our earthly existence will be added: food, drink, clothing. But

not just added; there is one condition: “Seek ye first the Kingdom of God.”

What does “seek” mean? It means that the Lord requires from us actions, an effort of our will. Remember the Gospel readings for the last two weeks and also what was said in today's Gospel. These are like steps by which all the saints ascended to the heavenly dwellings, and by which we too must all ascend. Indeed, there is no other way. The way to the Lord is the same for everyone. And it is this: Confess Christ before people, love Him more than everyone and everything else, and

take up our cross and follow Him, in the same way the Apostles followed Him, leaving everything behind: their families, nets and boats. And not care about what we eat or drink or about what to wear, because our Heavenly Father knows that we need all these things. The Gospel gives us wonderful examples: "Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap ... yet your Heavenly Father feedeth them.... And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these" (Mt. 6:26, 28-29).

This is what it means to seek the Kingdom of God. But what is the center of such seeking? What is required of us for this? What is the beginning? Here it is: "The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be clean, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness" (Mt. 6:22-23).

Which eye is meant here? This eye is our conscience, and the body is our entire being. This means that if our conscience is clean, then our entire being will be full of light. But for our conscience to be clean, an effort on our part is needed. We must keep vigilant watch over our thoughts and every movement of our heart. It is for this purpose that we are given this inner eye.

May the Lord help us to strain all our forces to keep it clean. And then all the commandments of God will become joyous and possible for us, because we will be full of light.

"O Christ, the true Light, Who enlightens every man who comes into the world, may the light of Thy Countenance be signed upon us, and may we behold in it the unapproachable Light!" (Prayer after the First Hour, at the end of the evening vesper service). Source: pravmir.com

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Troparion and Kontakion:

Troparion (2): When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You!

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

Kontakion (2): You rose from the tomb, O Almighty Savior, and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose. Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults. And the world, my Savior, sings Your praises for ever.

Now and for ever and ever: Amen. Theotokion (2): The tomb and death could not hold the Mother of God, unceasing in her intercessions and an unfailing hope of patronage, for as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life by Him Who had dwelt in her ever-virgin womb. **Prokimenon (2):** Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

Verse: The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death.

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Epistle: Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (Rom 5,1-10) Brethren: Since we have been justified by peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access [by faith] to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good one might even find courage to die. God proves his

love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

Alleluia Verses: Verse (2): The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse (2): Lord, grant victory to the king, and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. **Gospel:** (Mt 6,22-33) The Lord said: “The lamp of the body is the eye. If your eye is sound, your whole body will be filled with light; but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be in darkness. And if the light in you is darkness, how great will the darkness be. No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat [or drink], or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life span? Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith? So do not worry and say, ‘What are we to eat?’ or ‘What are we to drink?’ or ‘What are we to wear?’ All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom [of God] and his righteousness, and all those things will be given you besides.”

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.

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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YOUR OFFERINGS Collection:

Sunday, June 06, 2021 - Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!



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A LETTER FROM THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY OF THE USA

TO OUR CLERGY, RELIGIOUS, SEMINARIANS AND BELOVED FAITHFUL

The world has lived through an extraordinarily painful and difficult eighteen months. There is no one living who has not been adversely affected in some way by the illness and death wrought by the COVID pandemic and the economic collapse and psychological turmoil it has left in its wake.

But, as bad as the pandemic is, it proved to be a learning experience for our Church in the United States. We were compelled to develop innovative methods of witnessing to Christ in the world. We quickly adapted to the new and unprecedented new reality and soon almost every parish had the ability of live-streaming liturgical services and conducting meetings and catechetical sessions remotely.

These modern technologies were life-savers, but they could never replace being with each other, in person, in community. Truly, how much have we missed praying together and sharing fellowship as a parish community in our beloved parish churches! How much have our hearts yearned for the consolation of the Holy Mysteries and especially the presence of our Eucharistic Lord in our souls!

Now, however, through the grace of God, and the efforts of zealous doctors and researchers, it appears the pandemic is waning and the time of healing, rebuilding and renewal has begun. Now, finally, the day has come for us to return to church, to the House of the Lord, that tiny slice of heaven on earth.

In most of the jurisdictions in which our churches are located in the United States, the COVID restrictions regarding public gatherings, social distancing and mask wearing have been eased or removed altogether. We, your bishops, therefore, invite all of you, our faithful, to see this as a sign to return to your parish churches and, along with your pastors, renew the liturgical, sacramental and community life that has been lacking for over a year and is the center of our lives. We urge everyone to return, but, at the same time, to be prudent and continue to employ the normal means of keeping your churches sanitized and safe.

In particular, we are grateful to those of you who, despite your own hardships, continued to offer the same and even more financial support to your individual parishes during this time, especially since the usual means of parish fund-raising were not possible. By this you have demonstrated how much you love your parish church and your Faith.

As regards the distribution of Holy Communion during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, we advise the pastors, for the time being, to continue the practice of distribution that each of you has established during the time of the pandemic. At some point in the near future we will revisit the issue and offer a concise directive.

May the words of joy and trust in the Lord expressed by the psalmist be a reflection of our own joy as we return to our beloved sanctuaries: "Only goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." (Ps. 23:6)

May the blessings of God be with you,

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