



**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 27, 2021

Saturday, June 27, 2021 5th Sunday after Pentecost

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

For God's Blessing & the health of David Faulkner from Ann Woroniak

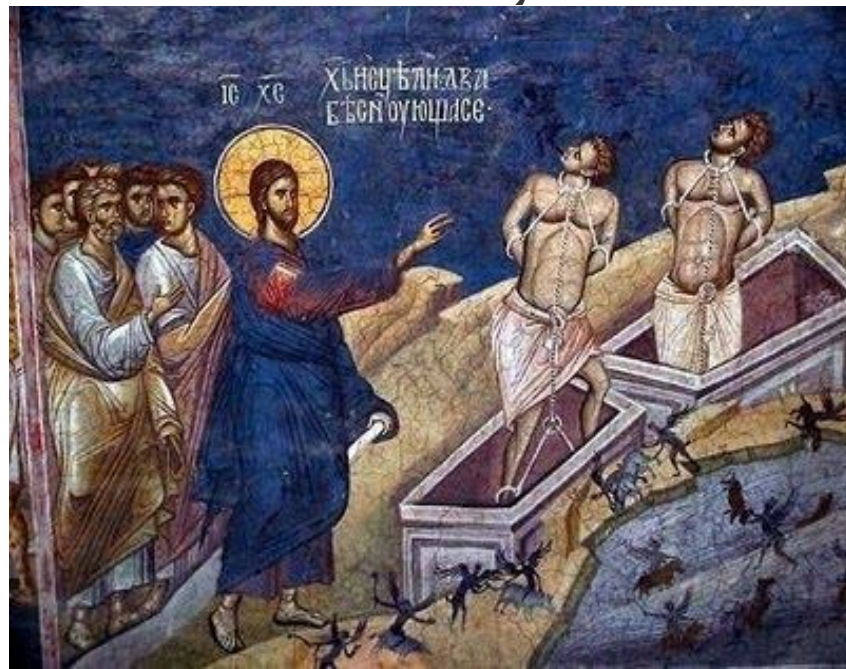
Sunday, July 04, 2021 6th Sunday after Pentecost – Independence Day

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

For God's Blessing & the health of Elizabeth Miller from Ann Woroniak

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5th Sunday after Pentecost



This Sunday the Church tells us about Christ's healing of the demoniacs. The inhabitants of the city were affraid to walk by these terrorist look alike's. The demons living in them, whom God came to liberate from torment, were affraid of Christ. What must we do in

order for the devil to fear us instead of us fearing him? How can we free ourselves from his power?

The story about the impotence of the demons, even over swine, is recalled during the 'office of reception of catechumens' (or Baptism). At the beginning of that service, in the second 'exorcizm' the priest addresses the devil and says: «acknowledge the vainness of thy might, which hath not power even over swine.

Call to mind Him who, at thy request, commanded thee to enter into the herd of swine». Before being baptized, a person must reject sin and satan, who is the leader of evil. However, one must first find a protector who is stronger than the one who powered over him. In order for us to better understand, let us pretend that a commission of enquiry enters a prison where criminals are held, and asks them: «Are you well treated? Are you well fed? Are they mocking you?». No one will dare say: «Yes, we are mistreated, here we are in hell» , when they all know that when the commission leaves, they will again be left in the hands of those whom persecuted them and could make things worse. If a person, who does not have God's protection, says: «I renounce all evil!», then this evil can make things worse for him!

This is why already before being 'Christened', a christian goes under the protection of Christ Himself, and becomes free. The Church forbids satan to even come close to him. In prayer, the priest asks God not only to chase away satan, but also to give power of victory over him: «O, Lord, root out of him every operation of the devil. Rebuke the unclean spirits and expel them, and purify the works of Thy hands; and exerting Thy trenchant might, speedily crush down satan under his feet; and give him victory over the same, and over his foul spirits». In order to definitely chase away the devil from the depths of a person's soul, the priest breathes upon his mouth, his brow and his breast saying: « Expel from him every evil and impure spirit which hideth and making its lair in his heart. The spirit of error, the spirit of guile, the spirit of idolatry and of every uncleanness which operateth through the prompting of the devil». Only after this 'exorcism' can the person answer the question: «Dost thou renounce satan, and all his angels, and all his works, and all his service, and all his pride?». The person, protected by God can answer: «Yes, I renounce». He is not alone. Christ is helping him fight satan and they cannot be defeated. In conclusion of 'the renunciation' he is asked to 'brethe and spit upon satan. This sybolizes the cleansing away of unclean spirit from oneself with the help of God's grace, like the blowing away of dust from some item... *Source: orthodox-canada.com*

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Troparion and Kontakion:

Troparion (4): When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy. **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Kontakion (4):** My Savior and Deliverer from the grave, as God, has raised out of bondage the children of earth and shattered the gates of Hades; and as Master, He rose on the third day.

Now and for ever and ever: Amen. Theotokion (4): By your birth, O Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And your people, redeemed from the guilt of their sins, celebrate as they cry out to you: The barren one gives birth to the Mother of God and the nourisher of our life.

Prokimenon (4): How great are Your works, O Lord; You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great.

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Epistle: Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans (Rom 10,1-10) Brethren: My heart's desire and prayer to God on their behalf is for salvation. I testify with regard to them that they have zeal for God, but it is not discerning. For, in their unawareness of the righteousness that comes from God and their attempt to establish their own [righteousness,] they did not submit to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for the justification of everyone who has faith. Moses writes about the righteousness that comes from [the] law, "The one who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will go up into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ

down) or ‘Who will go down into the abyss?’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).” But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is the word of faith that we preach), for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. **Alleluia Verses:** Verse (4): Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse (4): You have loved justice and hated iniquity. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel: (Mt 8,28-34;9,1) At that time, when Jesus came to the other side, to the territory of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs who were coming from the tombs met him. They were so savage that no one could travel by that road. They cried out, “What have you to do with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the appointed time?” Some distance away a herd of many swine was feeding. The demons pleaded with him, “If you drive us out, send us into the herd of swine.” And he said to them, “Go then!” They came out and entered the swine, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea where they drowned. The swineherds ran away, and when they came to the town they reported everything, including what had happened to the demoniacs. Thereupon the whole town came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him they begged him to leave their district. He entered a boat, made the crossing, and came into his own town.

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.

Sunday Coffee Hour! Recently, we've resumed our Sunday coffee hour after the Divine Liturgy, which was canceled at the time of the pandemic. We invite everyone to come to the church hall for refreshment after the service, and we encourage you to participate by bringing pastries/sandwiches for coffee hour on Sunday. May God bless us all!

A Big Thank You is extended to Ron Kranchick for donating the new Divine Liturgy books for our church. May Our Lord bless you for your kindness and generosity, and may God reward you in the way only He knows.

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, June 20, 2021 - Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!