



**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**

**JULY 18, 2021**

**Saturday, July 18, 2021 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

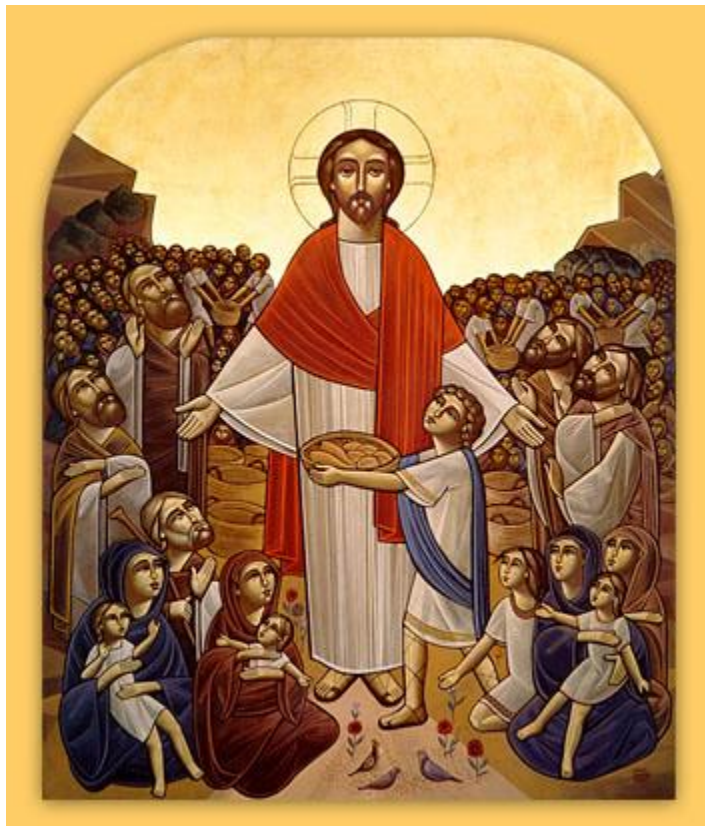
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from Martha & John Stine

**Sunday, July 25, 2021 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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from Martha & John Stine

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## **8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**



When the Savior withdrew with his disciples to a lonely place near Bethsaida, crowds of people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after Him. Having left their everyday matters, having forgotten about meals and drinking, these people enjoyed listening to God's teaching of Jesus Christ. Evening came, but nobody wanted to leave the place. Then the disciples asked the Savior to send the people away so that they could go to the villages to buy themselves some

food. But Lord acted differently. He gave the people not only spiritual food which they so greatly needed, but also earthly bread.

Before this event Christ performed miracles only over the sick, and now He is doing good deeds so that the people, as Holy Fathers explain, shouldn't be ordinary spectators of the miracle being performed over others but can be given this gift themselves. By this miracle Christ justified before the people His words, "Seek first His kingdom of Heaven and His righteousness; and all these things will be added to you".

Today the Church calls us to see that life is wonderful. The Holy Fathers say that in the miracle of multiplying bread is shown the same God's power which every year multiplies seeds sown to the earth and as in the first days of creation orders the earth to bring forth its fruit. So, handful of seeds thrown to the earth, will return to you by sheaves. This is God's miracle, and this is our participation in the Lord's miracle.

An image of Church is given to us in today's Gospel. Here, the Head of the Church is Christ, Its Creator, here are the Apostles, shepherds installed by Christ, here are the people. And here it is important to stress the words of the Holy Scripture: saying to the Apostles, "you give them something to eat", Jesus, taking the loaves, "gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds", and recall the words of Christ told to His disciples at the Last Supper, "do this in remembrance of Me". In both cases Christ as if stresses that the Church being created by Him is and must be Apostolic. Since the day of Holy Trinity, the day of the Descent of the Holy Spirit the Apostles and the whole Christ Apostolic Church have been doing at command of the Savior: they have been feeding spiritually the whole world, have been feeding everybody looking for God and His Truth by those gifts which Christ had given the Church: by God's word, holy sacraments, a prayer for all mankind. You and I belong to this Apostolic Church as living cells of Christ's body, Let the Great Shepherd Christ help each of us to belong not only physically to His Body – His Church, but let our soul live in it. Amen. *By Rev. George Sergeev*

## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

**Troparion (8):** O Christ our God, You are most glorified, for You established our fathers as lights to all the earth. Through them You led us to the true faith. O most merciful Lord, glory be to You!

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

**Kontakion (8):** The preaching of the apostles and the decisions of the Fathers have established the true faith of the Church, which she wears as the garment of truth, fashioned from the theology on high. She justly governs and glorifies the great mystery of worship.

**Now and for ever and ever: Amen. 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!

**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 (4):** Blessed are You, and praiseworthy, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and glorious forever is Your name.

**Verse:** In all You have done Your justice is apparent.

**Epistle: Reading of the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.**

(1Cor 1,10-18) Brethren: I urge you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. For it has been reported to me about you, my brothers, by Chloe's people, that there are rivalries among you. I mean that each of you in saying, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Kephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I give thanks to God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say you were baptized in my name. (I baptized the household of Stephanas also; beyond that I do

not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning. The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**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. Verse: The God of gods, the Lord has spoken and summoned the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse: Summon before Me my people who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Gospel:** (Mt 14,14-22) At that time, Jesus saw a vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said, “This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves.” But they said to him, “Five loaves and two fish are all we have here.” Then he said, “Bring them here to me,” and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over - twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

**Communion Verse:** Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome!** Our warmest greetings are extended once again to all visitors and guests who are participating in Divine Liturgy. It is always a joy to have you praying with us. After the service please do not hesitate to introduce yourself to Fr. Alexander and our parishioners and find out more about our faith and our parish.

**Sunday Coffee Hour!** 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!

**Support your Church** Summer time is here and with it the idea of taking a vacation...even from church! However, church services continue, bills pile up and offerings drop due to the lack of people coming to church. Don't forget your financial obligations to the church during the summer months. Make your offerings before you leave on vacation! You may send your donations to PO Box 2735, Manassas VA 20108

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**YOUR OFFERINGS Collection:**

**Sunday, July 11, 2021 - Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!**