



**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

August 22, 2021

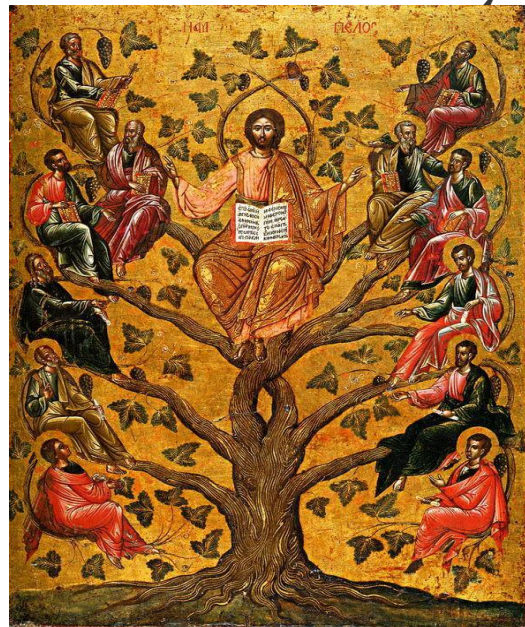
Saturday, August 22, 2021 13th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Sunday, August 29, 2021 14th Sunday after Pentecost, Beheding of St. John the Baptist 08:30AM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

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Today the Holy Gospel again tells us the parable of Christ about a vineyard – the saddest and bitterest parable about cruelty of mankind. This parable is about how the Lord calls upon people, waits for their answer, sends His messengers and envoys. But the people don't want to receive them and listen to them, rise against them, up to the rising against the Son Himself who was sent by the Heaven. But the master from this parable didn't simply send his servants to the vineyard. He expected the tenants of this vineyard to give some fruit of their work to their master, landowner,

because neither the land nor the vineyard belonged to them.

If we think over it, we will understand at once that everything we have doesn't belong to us either. Everything has been given to us. And the life itself has been given to us. Today we have it, but tomorrow we may lose it. And the health itself has been given to us. Today we have it but tomorrow we may lose it. A lot of things we have, don't belong to us, but are a gift which we may lose. And as it is a gift of God, we must increase it and return something to the One Who gave it to us.

According to the patristic interpretation, the landowner who planted the vineyard is the Lord God and grapes are the chosen Judaist people.

The fence round the vineyard is the Law of Moses which protected the people of God from paganism and obscurity. A tower and a winepress in the middle of the vineyard are the church and a sacrificial altar, the tenants who were given the vineyard by the master, are Judaist elders and priests whom the Lord entrusted His people. The servants sent by the master for the fruit and trashed and killed by the vinedressers are the prophets of God. The master's Son who was killed is the only-begotten Son of God, having been put to death by the high-priests and the Pharisees. The wretched death of the wretched vinedressers carried out by the owner is future destruction of Israel by Roman forces and other vinedressers, who will be rented out this vineyard, are pastors of the Christ Church to guard God's people, who since the Pentecost have been any people who accepted the Saviour.

Since the coming of Christ the new vineyard of God has been spreading all over the world. The whole mankind is included in this vineyard. And this new vineyard is the Christ Church with the Apostles, Martyrs, Saints, Confessors, Venerables, pious kings and queens – all those, who work properly in the Lord's vineyard. This is a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, as the Word of God tells us. [1 Peter 2,9]

When we confessed and came up to the Communion Cup, we, thus, testify to our wish to come to Him. His light has penetrated us. Let's try to feel how this light illuminates all dark ins and outs of our soul. Let's try to tell ourselves that we don't want to be those careless slaves. O, Lord, you send me your omens and I will try to listen to them, I will try to hear them, I will try to change my short life and make it worthy of Your call, Your holiness, our love. And then, if you come to me, when my life is weighed on scales, when the harvest time in the vineyard comes and you will tell me – You have done little because of your sickness, but you have done this little work in aspiration of your heart and I will accept it with love.

But how sad it will be if it turns out that we have nothing, all is empty and fruitless. Then, the end of our way will be as sad as the end of this parable. How often the people, who imagined that they had a grace and spiritual wealth, turned out to be rejected. Let it not be with us! Therefore, the Lord's Word is not only the Word of consolation, not only the Word of encouragement and love but also the Word of warning to protect all of us from evil and everlasting destruction.

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**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
POSTFEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD**

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. **Troparion (1):** O Mother of God, in giving birth You still preserved virginity; and in your falling-asleep you did not forsake the world. You are the Mother of Life and have been transferred to life and through your prayers have delivered our souls from death.

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. Kontakion (2): The grave and death did not detain the Mother of God. She prays perpetually and is our unfailing hope of intercession; for He Who dwelt in the womb of the ever-Virgin, transferred to life the Mother of 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. **Prokimenon (4):** How great are Your works, O Lord; You have made all things in wisdom.

Epistle: Reading of the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1Cor 16,13-24) Brethren: Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong. Your every act should be done with love. I urge you, brothers - you know that the household of Stephanas is the firstfruits of Achaia and that they have devoted themselves to the service of the holy ones - be subordinate to such people and to everyone who works and toils with them. I rejoice in the arrival of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, because they made up for your absence, for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. So give recognition to such people. The churches of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Prisca together with the church at their house send you many greetings in the Lord. All the brothers greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write you this greeting in my own hand. If anyone does not love the Lord, let him be accursed. Marana tha. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love to all of you in Christ Jesus.

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 21,33-42) The Lord told this parable: "There was a land-owner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his

produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes'?"

It is truly right... (Or the Hirmos of the Feast): Seeing the dormition of the most Pure One, the angels were filled with awe at how the Virgin went from earth to heaven. Hirmos: In you, O Pure Virgin, the laws of nature were overcome: in giving birth you remained a virgin and in your death heralded life. You remained a virgin after giving birth and remained alive after death, always saving your descendants, O Mother of God.

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

2022 Donation Envelopes It is that time of year when we prepare a list for next year's church donation envelopes. If there are any changes or corrections to your name or address, or if you do not have envelopes and wish to be considered an active registered parishioner please contact Fr. Alexander or Helen Troy.

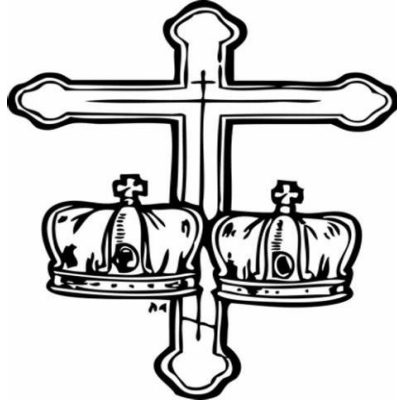
Sunday Coffee Hour! We invite everyone to come to the church hall for refreshment after the service, and we encourage you to participate by bringing pastries/sandwiches for coffee hour on Sunday. May God bless us all!

Support your Church You may send your donations to PO Box 2735, Manassas VA 20108

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YOUR OFFERINGS Collection: Sunday, August 15, 2021 -

Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!



BYZANTINE MARRIAGE:

An Eastern Christian Sacrament:

For the Life of the World

October 30, 2021

Holy Myrrhbearers

Ukrainian Catholic Church

900 Fairview Rd ,Swarthmore PA 19081

A presentation by Carl Krauthaser Jr on the spirituality of marriage as found in the marriage ceremony of the Byzantine Church. What it means to be “Bridegroom and Bride” especially in relation to the Domestic Church. Examining the destructive forces which undermine marriage and family in today’s secular society.

9:00AM Registration

10:00AM Marriage in the Byzantine Tradition

Discussion

11:30AM Lunch

1:00PM Examination of the difficulties facing Marriage and Family in today’s secular world.

Discussion

2:30PM Akathist to the Mother of God

Please register online by emailing your information to HMBChurch@verizon.net

Or mailing in your registration form by October 10,2021

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Biography: Carl Krauthauser Jr was born and raised Roman Catholic, Carl & his family officially changed ritual churches to the Ukrainian Catholic Church in 1995. He has a deep love for the domestic and universal church. He has served in various parishes as cantor and acolyte. A member of

Holy Myrrhbearers, he and his wife Denise, call Wilmington home. He has his Masters Degree in Theology from St.Charles Borromeo.