



**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**

**September 26, 2021**

**Sunday, September 26, 2021 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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

**Sunday, October 03, 2021 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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



What should be admired first from what the Evangelist Luke told us today? The people of Galilee, who thirsted to hear the words of Jesus? They filled the shore of Lake Gennesaret as soon as they learned that Jesus was there, and they longed to see Him and hear Him. His word sweetened their hearts and gave peace, strength and enlightenment. They had never heard such words before! Even His

enemies, the guards of the Hebrew high priests, after being sent to seize Jesus, confessed: "No man ever spoke like this Man" (John 7:46). And instead of arresting Jesus, they were fascinated and listened to him! Let us admire the simplicity of the Lord, who decided to get into Simon (Peter)'s fishing-boat, so His listeners could see Him better, and speak to them.

Or the obedience of Peter to Jesus, who told him to go out fishing around noon time? An experienced fisherman like Peter knew that fish were not caught in the day time! The other fishermen would maybe mock them or laugh when they see them throw their nets out for fishing at that time. After all, last night he could not catch any fish, so he expects a catch now? But Peter willingly obeyed Christ! Let us still admire the multitude of fish caught in such a short time, and at that time of day, so that not only was Peter's

boat filled, but the other Zebedee boat as well, to the point where they were in danger of sinking.

Peter's reaction was remarkable when he saw so many fish, as it was something he had never seen before. Instead of expressing his thanks to the Lord for such a great blessing, he says to Him: Please get out of my boat. What kind of strange behavior is that? Why does Peter do this? It becomes clear in his words: "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" (verse 8). He felt his sinfulness, and in humility declared that he was not worthy to have on his simple boat the great honor of the Lord's presence. As the Evangelist Luke explains: "For he-Peter- and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken" (verse 9). All of this is admirable, and among other things, they teach us something very important for our lives. Peter and his associates, when they struggled alone all night, thought they were experienced fishermen, working under the best conditions for fishing and yet had no profit. But when they had Christ with them and obeyed His words, despite all of the unfavorable conditions for fishing, they earned more than they ever had in their lives! Does that say something to us too?

Unfortunately, Christians influenced by the materialist spirit of the time do not respect the spiritual and moral values of the Gospel. They say: You cannot survive in today's world with the Gospel, You have to compete with others using the same means that they do. What are these means? We know it includes lies, fraud, theft, usury, deception, unfulfilled promises, extortion, and so many others that have brought humanity to such a terrible situation! We see the downfall of so many of them! Because of the profiteering, others become prisoners, with broken families and facing the assault of society. They suffer from psychological problems and what is worse, lose their souls. The Apostle Paul writes about them: "Tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil" (Romans 2:9). They may at first appear to be gaining and prospering, but they have a bad end. There is a saying: "The liar and the thief rejoice in their first year only." But those who follow in Christ's example, respect and obey His will: "glory, honor and peace," the Apostle Paul writes in his Letter to the Romans (2:10).

My brothers and sisters, let us always have in front of our eyes the image of Jesus with Peter and the two boats full of fish, and remember this: If we have Christ near us and we will work according to His words, we will enjoy blessings that no one else can give us. Source: [pemptousia.com](http://pemptousia.com)

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
THE PASSING OF THE HOLY APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST  
JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN**

**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!

**Troparion (2):** O beloved apostle of Christ our God, hasten, deliver a people without defense. He who received you when you leaned upon His breast accepts you as you bow in prayer. Implore Him, O Theologian, to scatter the cloud of nations that besets us, asking peace and great mercy for us.

**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 acclaim 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. Kontakion (2):** O virgin apostle, who can recount your mighty works? For you pour out wonders and healings and you pray for our souls as Theologian and friend of Christ.

**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 (8):** Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. **Verse:** The heavens tell the glory of God, and the firmament declares the work of His hand.

**Epistle: Reading of the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.** (2Cor 9,6-11) Brethren: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." The one who supplies seed to the Sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and

increase the harvest of your righteousness. You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God. **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. Verse: The heavens shall confess Your wonders, O Lord, and Your truth in the church of the saints. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse: God is glorified in the council of the saints, great and awesome over all those around Him. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Gospel:** (Lk 5,1-11) At that time, Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that they were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

**Communion Verse:** Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Their utterance has gone forth into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. 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.

**2021-2022 Religious classes** Please register your children for the 2021-2022 First Confession and Solemn Holy Communion classes using the following form and email to [alexander715@aol.com](mailto:alexander715@aol.com) no later than by October 3, 2021. The Catechetical classes will be starting SUNDAY, October 10, 2021 for our parish children (8-9 years old).

**Divine Liturgy Intentions.** It is a holy act to remember individuals in Divine Liturgies. We remember our living loved ones on birthdays, baptism and wedding anniversaries, health needs and any intention. We should remember our deceased family and friends on the anniversaries of their death or any other time we wish. Offertory stipends are traditionally given to the priest for these services, but no one is ever denied a Divine Liturgy intention based on a stipend. To pray for one another is directly from Our Lord and His holy church. "Pray for those who love us and pray for those who hate us". See Fr. Alexander to schedule Divine Liturgy intentions. May God bless you!

**Altar Servers needed!** There is a need for more young men to assist during the liturgical celebrations. If you are interested, please talk to Fr. Alexander. Parents are asked to encourage their children to serve by the Altar. Thank You!

**Sick Calls** Fr. Alexander is distributing the Eucharist and administers the Sacraments of Healing Penance and Anointing of the Sick to the Homebound. If you are sick and unable to make it to the Liturgy and want to be put on the list for a priest's visit, please call the rectory.

**Marriage Banns** – Oleg Grynyk and Olga Grynyk (Pasichnyk) plan to be united in the bond of Holy Marriage Saturday, October 16, 2021. If anyone knows of any reason this marriage should not take place, please contact the parish office.

**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

**YOUR OFFERINGS Collection: September 19, 2021 .**

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