



**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

October 17, 2021

Sunday, October 17, 2021 21st Sunday after Pentecost

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

Sunday, October 24, 2021 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

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21st Sunday after Pentecost - The Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council



Today we celebrate the memory of the holy Fathers of the 7th ecumenical council. It was gathered against the heresy of iconoclasts, which emerged in the 8th century. Supported by several Byzantine emperors, this heresy lasted for about a century and troubled the Church deeply. The iconoclasts denied

the veneration of icons and of all holy images, on the grounds that images were banned in the Law of Moses. They considered veneration of icons to be similar to pagan idolatry. God is invisible and incomprehensible in His divine nature, but God incarnate Jesus Christ is perfect God and perfect Man. In His humanity He was visible and His human features could be portrayed. The apostles for 3 years shared daily life with Him, as St John the Evangelist

says: *“That which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and our hands have handled, of the Word of life. For the Life was manifested: and we have seen and do bear witness and declare unto you the Life eternal, which was with the Father and hath appeared to us.”*(1 John 1). Incomprehensible and Almighty God appeared to the world as a Man humble and meek, so that meekness was His most distinguishing feature. As He says Himself: *“Take up my yoke upon you, and learn from me, because I am meek, and humble of heart: And you shall find rest to your souls (Mat.11, 29).* As the Gospel mentions, His eyes were always looking down, and He only rarely raised them up. There is no reason why the icons of Christ, of the Mother of God and the saints couldn't be admitted, and as we know, from the time of the apostles they did exist in the Church. The iconoclasts, rejecting holy images, indirectly put under doubt the incarnation of the Son of God Jesus Christ.

We, all the Christians, are summoned to be the living images of our Lord Jesus Christ. But as it sometimes happens that a portrait doesn't look like its prototype, the same happens to us. We being Christ's image do not really resemble Him, as we don't have His distinguishing features: meekness and humility.

St Paul teaches us: *“Put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him Who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew... barbarian nor Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.”* (Col.

3) Source: <http://austroca.org/>

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS
OF THE 7th ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

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 (8): O Christ our God, You are above all praise, for You established our Fathers as lights upon the earth. You led us to the true faith through them. O most bountiful Lord, glory be to You.

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

Kontakion (6): How the Son proceeded from the Father, our words cannot express; but having two natures, He was born of a woman. We do not reject His image when we behold it; but, in faith, we venerate and honor it. And the Church professes it as true belief when she honors the image of Christ's incarnation.

Now and for ever and ever: Amen. 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.

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

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

Epistle: Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (Gal 2,16-20) Brethren: We know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law, no one will be justified. But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves are found to be sinners, is Christ then a minister of sin? Of course not! But if I am building up again those things that I tore down, then I show myself to be a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in

the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me. **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. 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: (Lk 8,5-15) The Lord told this parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path and was trampled, and the birds of the sky ate it up. Some seed fell on rocky ground, and when it grew, it withered for lack of moisture. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some seed fell on good soil, and when it grew, it produced fruit a hundredfold.” After saying this, he called out, “Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear.” Then his disciples asked him what the meaning of this parable might be. He answered, “Knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of God has been granted to you; but to the rest, they are made known through parables so that ‘they may look but not see, and hear but not understand.’ This is the meaning of the parable. The seed is the word of God. Those on the path are the ones who have heard, but the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. Those on rocky ground are the ones who, when they hear, receive the word with joy, but they have no root; they believe only for a time and fall away in time of trial. As for the seed that fell among thorns, they are the ones who have heard, but as they go along, they are choked by the anxieties and riches and pleasures of life, and they fail to produce mature fruit. But as for the seed that fell on rich soil, they are the ones who, when they have heard the word, embrace it with a generous and good heart, and bear fruit through perseverance.”

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!

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Live-streamed lectures require prior registration and begin at 8 pm Eastern time; the live-stream site opens about 15 minutes prior to the lecture during which the moderator generally speaks briefly about some timely topic, such as the day's feast day.

Participants in the live-streamed lecture can ask questions of the lecturer at the end.

Most lectures are single events, although there are some that are offered once a week for two or more weeks. A video of the live-streamed lecture is posted on the God With Us Online site after about 48 hours, so anyone who missed the lecture can still view it. There is also a library of past lectures. The flyer of the lectures for the rest of this year is attached.

God with Us Online is an outreach project of the Eparchial Directors of Religious Education (ECED) and the Eastern Catholic Associates (ECA). It is dedicated to the catechetical formation and renewal of Eastern Catholics in the United States in accord with the Church's call for a new evangelization.