



**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 31, 2021**

**Sunday, October 31, 2021 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

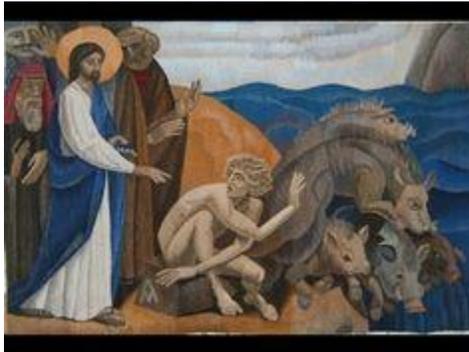
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## **23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**



Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. In today's Gospel reading about the Gadarene demoniac we are often distracted by the elements that are so unlike our normal, everyday lives. Here we see a wild, violent, frightening example of the kind of possession that Hollywood loves. We have a naked man, living in a graveyard, scaring the townspeople, so powerful that chains could not hold him. The hero comes, sets him free, and sends the

demons (creatively) into a herd of swine who rush off screaming over a cliff into the sea to drown! ... But today I want us to look at a detail of the story that is near to all of us. That is fear. Everyone in this Gospel reading, with the exception of Our Lord, was afraid. The demoniac was afraid and the townspeople were afraid. Even after he was healed the townspeople were still afraid! Fear drove the man to isolate himself in a graveyard, a place that consistently invokes fear from which he not only lived in fear, but made it his business to frighten anyone who happened by. Evidently, this atmosphere of fear was a focus of life in the region of the Gadarenes. Who among them did not know the story? I imagine that Gadarene parents used the demoniac to scare their children into obedience like we use the boogeyman. A terrible thing to do really, but nevertheless, fear can be a powerful incentive. It is curious that the Gospel calls us to do something quite different than we are used to doing with fear. It invites us not to run away from it. Christ Our Savior did not run away from the demoniac. He met him face to face. He did not run away from Golgotha (Calvary). He met death face to face. Of course, He was afraid! Read the account of His agonizing prayers in Gethsemane! But courageous people are not those who have not experienced fear, but rather those who know it intimately and who do not let it rule them. We are invited to meet our fears head-on with faith and hope in God who will never forsake us. If we do, we will discover that the monster we so feared is not so fearful after all. Today Our Lord invites us to leave our fears behind and come to Him as we are. *Source: stgeorge.org*

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Troparion (6):** Angelic powers were upon Your tomb and the guards became like dead men; Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body. You captured Hades without being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and granted life. O Lord risen from the dead, glory be to You!

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Kontakion (6):** With His life-giving hand, Christ our God, the Giver of life, raised all the dead from the murky abyss and bestowed resurrection upon humanity. He is for all, the Savior, the Resurrection and the Life, and the God of all.

**Now and for ever and ever: Amen. Theotokion (6):** Undaunted patroness of Christians! O steadfast intermediary with the Creator, turn not away from the suppliant voices of sinners, but in your kindness come to help us who cry out to you in faith. Be quick to intercede, make haste to plead, for you are ever the patroness of those who honor you, O Mother of God.

**Prokimenon (6):** Save, Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

**Verse:** Unto You I will cry, O Lord, my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

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**Epistle: Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians.** (Eph 2,4-10)  
Brethren: God who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ (by grace you have been saved), raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

**Alleluia Verses:** Verse (6): He who lives in the aid of the Most High, shall dwell under the protection of the God of heaven. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse (6): He says to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge, my God; in Whom I hope. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Gospel:** (Lk 8,26-39) At that time, Jesus came to the territory of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. When he came ashore a man from the town who was possessed by demons met him. For a long time he had not worn clothes; he did not live in a house, but lived among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him; in a loud voice he shouted, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me!" For he had ordered the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (It had taken hold of him many times, and he used to be bound with chains and shackles as a restraint, but he would break his bonds and be driven by the demon into deserted places.) Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they pleaded with him not to order them to depart to the abyss. A herd of many swine was feeding there on the hillside, and they

pleaded with him to allow them to enter those swine; and he let them. The demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran away and reported the incident in the town and throughout the countryside. People came out to see what had happened and, when they approached Jesus, they discovered the man from whom the demons had come out sitting at his feet. He was clothed and in his right mind, and they were seized with fear. Those who witnessed it told them how the possessed man had been saved. The entire population of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them because they were seized with great fear. So he got into a boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had come out begged to remain with him, but he sent him away, saying, "Return home and recount what God has done for you." The man went off and proclaimed throughout the whole town what Jesus had done for him.

**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.

**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!

**Food Drive:** Our parish is collecting non-perishable food, toiletries, and monetary contributions for area food banks. Please leave donated items in the designated boxes in the back of the church.

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

**YOUR OFFERINGS Collection: October 24, 2021 -**

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

**Adult Catholic Adult Education:**

The Institute of Catholic Culture ("ICC" ) is an adult catechetical organization, whose mission is to be faithful to the Magisterium and is dedicated to the Church's call for a new evangelization. The ICC fulfills this mission by offering educational programs structured on the classical liberal arts and by offering opportunities in which authentic Catholic culture is experienced and lived. Like God With Us Online, the ICC offers free one-hour lectures and lectures in series, which participants may livestream (and ask questions) or view the recordings at a later time. Unlike God With Us Online, the ICC offers one or two semester-long courses each semester. Courses involve reading preparation for a weekly class, which students may audit or take for certificate credit. Those participants choosing the certificate track must also take a weekly quiz and a final exam.

The ICC has an impressive array of lectures and courses in its library in Theology, Philosophy, Scripture, Catechetics, History, Literature, and Liturgical Studies ([Live Events](#))

[instituteofcatholicculture.org](http://instituteofcatholicculture.org)). All of the instructors are experts in their fields and the lectures are well worth the time. The Fall Quarter Curriculum is attached.

# QUARTER I

*The first quarter of the ICC curriculum year, beginning just before the Advent season and concluding with the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord, focuses on the ancient and biblical world, the fundamentals of human nature, and Old Testament revelation, preparing attendees for the Advent of the Christ and the beginning of the Christian Era.*



## DEFEATING THE INFIDEL: THE STORY OF THE BATTLE OF LEPANTO

**Christopher Check on Monday, October 4**

Pre-class Discussion @ 7:30 PM ET, Lecture from 8:00 - 9:00 PM ET

On October 7, 1571, the most important sea battle in history was fought by the Holy League and the Ottoman Turks. As political and religious conflicts imperiled Europe from within, the Turk was threatening to devour Christendom from without. It took the daring leadership of one man, the deep faith of a great pope, and the intervention of the Blessed Virgin to save it.



## CATECHESIS IN CRISIS: THE BREAKDOWN OF DOCTRINE, FAITH, AND CONSCIENCE

**Jared Staudt, Ph.D., on Sunday, October 17**

Pre-class Discussion @ 7:30 PM ET, Lecture from 8:00 - 9:00 PM ET

The task of transmitting the faith has become increasingly difficult with an excessive focus on freedom in our culture. Conscience has been misunderstood to represent the autonomy of each individual's beliefs in contrast to the authority of the Church. Discover how true liberty comes from belief in the Church's doctrine and how we can strengthen our efforts to catechize today.



## GOOD SERVANTS, BAD MASTERS: SAINT THOMAS ON THE PASSIONS

**Rev. Paul Scalia on Tuesday, October 19**

Pre-class Discussion @ 7:30 PM ET, Lecture from 8:00 - 9:00 PM ET

What role do the emotions or passions play in our lives? For most people, it's too much or too little. Saint Thomas, the Common Doctor, teaches us about the passions of the human soul and how we can integrate them for a deeper relationship with God and with others.



## FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN: RECEIVING THE LAW AT MOUNT SINAI

**Steven Smith, Ph.D., on Tuesday, October 26**

Pre-class Discussion @ 7:30 PM ET, Lecture from 8:00 - 9:00 PM ET

Is God's continued action throughout salvation history merely a series of reactions to the choices of fallen men? To explore this question, we will look at what happened on Mount Sinai over three millennia ago and explore its significance for understanding God's plan for the life of His Church.



## DESPOILING THE EGYPTIANS: THE CHRISTIAN APPROACH TO PAGAN LITERATURE

**Glenn Arbery, Ph.D., on Tuesday, November 16**

Pre-class Discussion @ 7:30 PM ET, Lecture from 8:00 - 9:00 PM ET

"What indeed has Athens to do with Jerusalem?" —Tertullian

The Church Fathers debated the value of studying the literary and cultural achievements of the pagans. We will explore the principles by which a Christian reader ought to approach the classics.



## WOMEN OF FAITH: HEROINES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Rev. Sebastian Carnazzo, Ph.D., on Mondays, November 8 & 15

Pre-class Discussion @ 7:30 PM ET, Lecture from 8:00 - 9:00 PM ET

"Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." —Luke 1:45

Many faithful women hold prominent places in the stories of the Old Testament. Join Father Sebastian Carnazzo to learn about these great women and how they ultimately point forward to the Blessed Virgin Mary, her Son, and the Church.



## WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? ADVENT, THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS, AND JOHN THE BAPTIST

John Bergsma, Ph.D., on Tuesday, November 30

Pre-class Discussion @ 7:30 PM ET, Lecture from 8:00 - 9:00 PM ET

Advent is a time of waiting. To wait well, we can draw lessons from the ancient Essenes, the Jewish sect that left us the Dead Sea Scrolls. This all-male monastic community lived at the shore of the Dead Sea along the route they expected the Messiah to take up to Jerusalem. We can better understand Jesus' ministry through their writings and their greatest pupil: John the Baptist.



## CONCEIVED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT & BORN OF THE VIRGIN

Tim Staples on Tuesday, December 7

Pre-class Discussion @ 7:30 PM ET, Lecture from 8:00 - 9:00 PM ET

Paul referred to Christ crucified as "a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Greeks" (1 Cor 1:23). For the Jews, "How could the infinite and all-powerful God become a man and die?" And for the Greeks, "How could God who is pure actuality become anything at all?" Join us as we ponder this great mystery and discuss how the the Incarnation does not violate the laws of reason.



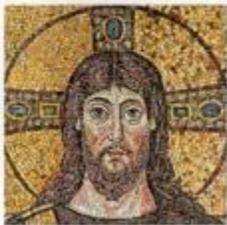
## WONDERFUL, COUNSELOR, THE MIGHTY GOD: A BIBLICAL STUDY OF HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope on Tuesday, December 14

Pre-class Discussion @ 7:30 PM ET, Lecture from 8:00 - 10:00 PM ET

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given... His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." —Isaiah 9:6

Enjoy a guided tour of scriptural passages and musical themes in Handel's masterpiece, the *Messiah*.



## THEOLOGY 101: FUNDAMENTALS OF CATHOLIC DOCTRINE

Jared Staudt, Ph.D., on Thursdays, January 20 - June 23

Pre-class Discussion @ 7:30 PM ET, Lecture from 8:00 - 9:15 PM ET

Live Course: Application opens November 30

This course provides an introduction to theology, the Church's systematic understanding of God's revelation. It examines theology's methods and sources and explores the articulation of the most important doctrines of the Catholic faith.



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