



**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

November 28, 2021

Sunday, November 28, 2021 27th Sunday after Pentecost

08:00 – Mattins; 08:30AM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

Sunday, December 05, 2021 28th Sunday after Pentecost

08:00 – Mattins; 08:30AM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

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In today's Gospel Reading we have heard the story about a sick woman who was healed by Our Lord Jesus Christ on the Sabbath Day. We may ask ourselves a question: what was the fault of "a

woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years?" (Luke, 13. 10-17) Our Church offers us to put it in another, more soul-saving way and instead of asking: **"For which fault?"** and **"Why?"** – inquire ourselves: **"For what purpose?"**

Being still in Eden, the humans turned around from God, from His Divine Joy and eternal Life, and, consequently, as a result, had to face sufferings and death. In this sense, of cause, every infirmity, every suffering comes from satan, who deceived people. **"Man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward,"** – says Saint Iov, the Long-Suffering (Iov 5.7).

Jesus Christ calls us to repent in order to save our souls and not to perish... He calls us to "change our mind", to make an effort and choose Life and not death! But how hard it is for us, who *"have been*

snared by satan for many years”, to start this struggle! Our Lord cures the suffering woman and He forgives our sins not because we deserve this forgiveness, but because He is Love and His love embraces all of us!

It is very hard for a man, who is experiencing misery from his own sins, to perceive this ultimate goodness of God. The ruler of the synagogue from today’s reading, for example, is trying to defend and endorse the literal execution of the law. He does not even realize that by doing that he calls to obey not the God’s law, but his own personal understanding of this law... Being so deeply mistaken, the head of the synagogue in reality demands everyone to comply and adhere to the law of his own...

The meaning of one of the Commandments of the Old Testament is in the fact, that it is essential to give people one Day as the Day of God’s Remembrance. People need to have the ability to live at least one day a week not for themselves, but for God, and in the long run – for other people, for God’s love towards others...

Jesus Christ came to this world not to trespass the law, but to fulfill it (Mat.5.17). He calls us to repentance and to the change of our way of thinking. He wants us to see the true meaning of the Commandment about the Sabbath, answering thus to the reproaches for healing on the Consecrate Day: **“Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?”** (Luke 13.15-16)

The woman, who was cured from her infirmity, received from Jesus Christ not only alleviation of the sufferings of her body, but also, as the gift of Faith, redemption from the sufferings of her soul. *“He laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God”* (Luke 13.13).

Let us, brothers and sisters in Christ, always remember that only Jesus Christ is able to free our souls from the burden of sins and from the devil’s ensnarement; only God possesses power to liberate and make us strait! *Source: orthodox-canada.com*

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Troparion (2): When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Kontakion (2): You rose from the tomb, O Almighty Savior, and Hades, seeing this wonder, was stricken with fear; and the dead arose. Creation saw and rejoices with You, and Adam exults. And the world, my Savior, sings Your praises for ever.

Now and for ever and ever: Amen. Theotokion (2): The tomb and death could not hold the Mother of God, unceasing in her intercessions and an unfailing hope of patronage, for as the Mother of Life she was transferred to life by Him Who had dwelt in her ever-virgin womb.

Prokimenon (2): The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation. **Verse:** The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death. **Prokimenon (2):** The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

Epistle: Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (Eph 6,10-17) Brethren: Draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power. Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens. Therefore, put on the armor of God, that you may be able to resist on the evil day and, having done everything, to hold your ground. So stand fast with your loins girded in truth, clothed with righteousness as a breastplate, and your feet shod in readiness for the gospel of peace. In all circumstances, hold faith as a shield, to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Alleluia Verses: Verse (2): The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse (2): Lord, grant victory to the king, and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel: (Lk 13,10-17) At that time, Jesus was teaching in the synagogue on the sabbath. And a woman was there who for eighteen years had been crippled by a spirit; she was bent over, completely incapable of standing erect. When Jesus saw her, he called to her and said, "Woman, you are set free of your infirmity." He laid his hands on her, and she at once stood up straight and glorified God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant that Jesus had cured on the sabbath, said to the crowd in reply, "There are six days when work should be done. Come on those days to be cured, not on the sabbath day." The Lord said to him in reply, "Hypocrites! Does not each one of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger and lead it out for watering? This daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound for eighteen years now, ought she not to have been set free on the sabbath day from this bondage?" When he said this, all his adversaries were humiliated; and the whole crowd rejoiced at all the splendid deeds done by 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.

Come Back to Church. The Eucharist is our life-line, without it we cannot live. The Sunday Divine Liturgy is the community celebration of Christ in our midst, the event that unites us all together as the Body of Christ. Celebrating the Eucharist is not just a commandment of the Church, but an inner necessity. Christ sustains us, and, without Him, our lives are empty. It is time to return to full parish life, with precautions, and to come back to church weekly to participate in the Lord's banquet and receive Him in Holy Communion, by which we become the Body of Christ. Now, as we trust in the Lord, and with great confidence in the vaccines, our lives are opening up to more activity. It is time to return to the obligation of Sunday Divine Liturgy. Our obligation to participate in worship at the Divine Liturgy is an obligation of love as well as a command of the Lord.

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!

Christmas Food Drive: Our parish is collecting non-perishable food, toiletries, and monetary contributions for area food banks. December 19, 2021 all collected items will be delivered to Sacred Heart Church. Please leave donated items in the designated boxes in the back of the church. Thank you!

88th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine. This year people of Ukrainian descent throughout the world commemorate the 88th anniversary of the Holodomor – the man-made famine in Ukraine that occurred in 1932- 1933. This great tragedy continues to cry out to the world for its recognition as a crime against humanity and pleads never to be erased from the memory of the human race. This Sunday, November 28, is the official date of commemorating the victims of Holodomor. A special collection will be taken this Sunday to contribute towards creation of the Museum of Holodomor in Kyiv, Ukraine. This is a historical moment to become of something great.

St. Nicholas Day. It is hard to believe that we are only few weeks away from St. Nicholas Day. This year we can celebrate this wonderful holiday in person at our Church on December 5th. We hope that many of our youngest parishioners are looking forward to sing a song "Oh Hto, Hto, Mykolaya liubyt', meet St. Nicholas and receive a gift from him." Parents, please fill out the form located in the back of the church. Thank you very much! May God bless you!

Christmas Preparations! The church will be decorated for Christmas on Sunday, December 12, 2021. Please remain in the church after Liturgy to help. Thank you!

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

YOUR OFFERINGS Collection: November 21, 2021 - 

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



VISION: The National Holodomor Museum will be a living memorial to Holodomor victims and a research centre, which will inspire Ukrainians and all other international communities and their leaders to fight for freedom, dignity and human rights in the world, and to oppose intolerance, hate, crimes against humanity and genocide.

6 Reasons to Support the First Holodomor Museum in the World

1 The Museum will be the first dedicated Holodomor Museum in the world and the place for Ukrainians in the world to unite and celebrate the unbreakable spirit of the Ukrainian nation. The construction of the Museum has already started in Kyiv, Ukraine.

2 The Holodomor Museum exposition will be created by two world-renowned museum design companies: Haley Sharpe Design Ltd, Canada-UK, and Nizio Design International, Poland, who have developed state-of-the-art permanent exhibitions for the Smithsonian Museums in Washington, the Visitor's Center at Stonehenge, the Museum of the Warsaw Uprising, the Museum of the History of Polish Jews POLIN in Warsaw, and over 400 more museums in the world.

3 The Holodomor Museum will become the largest Museum in Ukraine – more than 15,000 sq.m. in size.

4 The Holodomor Museum will be the first landmark public-private partnership between the state of Ukraine and private benefactors, following the experience of world-famous museums such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the Museum of Contemporary Art in Houston, and the Grand Egyptian Museum etc.

5 The Holodomor Museum will be more than just a museum: it will include permanent and temporary exhibitions, a research and memory center, a major archival facility, a conference hall, movie-theatre, library, educational areas, kids' space, which together will create a powerful educational and scientific hub in Ukraine.

6 The Holodomor Museum is expected to attract more than 1 million visitors per year and will open in 2023 on the 90th commemoration of Holodomor.

FINANCES

PUBLIC SECTOR: 1,6 billion UAH (approx 64 million USD) - total estimated cost for building construction, to be financed by the state budget. In October 2019, all preparatory foundation works were completed and the construction of the building started.

PRIVATE SECTOR: 60 million USD – private and corporate fundraising campaign amount to create the permanent exposition and complete interior design works, and to establish an endowment fund.

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://www.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.



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.



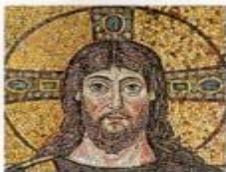
WONDERFUL, COUNSELOR, THE MIGHTY GOD: A BIBLICAL STUDY OF HANDEL'S MESSIAH

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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