



**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

December 05, 2021

Sunday, December 05, 2021 28th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Sunday, December 12, 2021 Sunday of the Forefathers

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

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28th Sunday after Pentecost

Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving Him thanks...



On this Sunday we have in the Gospel reading a short example of the way in which we, most of the time, receive the gifts of God. Ten men came, covered with leprosy, condemned to a cruel death by illness, but also rejected ritually by their own people for the impurity of this infectious disease. They came to Him, stood at a distance, because they knew that according to the Jewish Law they had no right even to come near Him to touch Him. And they asked

for mercy. Christ send them to the priests to bring forth the sign of their gratitude for the healing which they had not received; and they believed, and they went, and they were healed before they reached their goal... We might have expected that they rushed back to fall to the feet of Christ, to touch Him in gratitude - no. Nine of them went their way; it was enough for them to have been healed: it's all they needed of God. One of them, however, turned round, and came to thank the Lord. Isn't it an image of the way in which so often we also behave? We pray; we ask the Lord for something that matters to us: it may not be live and death, it may just be that we need so much one thing or another; or that we don't even need it so much, but that we long so much for it. And then it is given us; and we receive the gift, and we rush into life with this gift in our hearts, this gift in our hands, we rush to life because it is enough for us that our prayer was fulfilled. How seldom it is that we come back, leaving our gift to be used later, but first of all turning to God and saying: How great, how compassionate, how humble that You have responded to my prayer... Let us reflect on this because we are coming within a few weeks when our heart should be aflame with gratitude: God has loved us so much as to become one of us; while we were strangers, alien to Him, He came, and He gave His life for us that we may live! We must prepare for it: joy, gratitude, faith, openness to God does not happen of a sudden; we must prepare for it. Let us reflect on what is going to happen; that which happened over two thousand years ago we shall remember as an actual event now, in a few weeks; and be ready, with a heart tilled, deeply furrowed by faith, by reflection, having though out all our life, ready to receive the Lord like a shepherd, in the simplicity and purity of our hearts, or like the Wise Men in the deep understanding of wisdom. *Source: saintgeorgepittsburgh.org*

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OUR VENERABLE AND GOD-BEARING FATHER SABBAS THE SANCTIFIED

Troparion (3): Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death; He became the firstborn of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

Troparion (8): With the streams of your tears you cultivated the barren desert, with deep sighs your toils bore fruit a hundredfold. You became a beacon, shining throughout the world by your wonders, our venerable Father, Sabbas. Pray to Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Kontakion (8): In your virtue, O blessed Sabbas, you offered yourself to God from childhood as an unblemished sacrifice, becoming a gardener in the garden of godliness. Thus you became the adornment of monastics, a praiseworthy citizen of the desert. And so we cry to you: Rejoice, most wealthy Sabbas.

Now and for ever and ever: Amen. Kontakion (3): You rose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord, and led us out from the gates of death. Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices, and the prophets together with the patriarchs unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

Prokimenon (3): Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing. **Verse:** Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy. **Prokimenon (7):** Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His venerable ones. **Verse:** What shall I render to the Lord for all the things He has rendered to me?

Epistle: Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (Col 1,12-18) Brethren: Give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light. He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent.

Alleluia Verses: Verse (3): In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame for ever. Alleluia. Verse (3): Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me. Alleluia. Verse: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments. Alleluia. Verse: His posterity shall be mighty upon the earth. Alleluia.

Gospel: (Lk 17,12-19) At that time, as Jesus was entering a village, ten lepers met him, They stood at a distance from him and raised their voice, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go, your faith has saved you." **Communion Verse:** Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance. An evil report he will not fear. 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.

Visit with St. Nicholas this Sunday. Parish children are invited to meet Saint Nicholas and then for a party on this Sunday, December 5, 2021 after Liturgy.

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!

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!

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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

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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

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