



**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

January 16, 2022

Sunday, January 16, 2022 34th Sunday after Pentecost

08:00 – Confession/Mattins; 08:30AM – For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular for special intention of Fr. Deacon Brian Majewski from Martha & John Stine

Sunday, January 23, 2022 35th Sunday after Pentecost

08:00 – Confession/Mattins; 08:30AM – For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular for special intention of Rev. Fr. Lee Roos from Martha & John Stine

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34th Sunday after Pentecost



The gospel for this Sunday is prescribed for the 14th Sunday of Luke chapter 18:35-43, which tells of the blind beggar Bartimaeus, who laying by the road near Jericho hears a commotion of people as they were passing by. Bartimaeus asks what is happening to which the people say, Jesus of Nazareth is passing by. He then cries out, “Jesus, Son of David have mercy on me!”, after which the people tell him to be quiet. He then cries out even louder: “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Jesus hearing his plea stops and asks that Bartimaeus be brought to him. He then asks Bartimaeus, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind beggar answers Jesus saying, “that I may receive my sight.” Jesus then says, “receive your sight, your faith has made you well” – After which, he followed Jesus, glorifying God!

The Fathers of the Church in their writings point out that although physically blind, the eyes of his soul were illumined by God’s Grace because he had believed what he had heard from others about Jesus. The saints also lift up the blind beggar man Bartimaeus as an example of earnest and humble prayer. Each time we come to Christ in prayer, the Fathers teach us to come to Him as blind beggars and cry to Him, as Bartimaeus did, to receive new light day by day, glorifying God.

This gospel urges us to go to God in prayer and earnestly and persistently bring our physical and spiritual needs before Him. “Ask, He said, and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you”. (Matthew 7:7)

It may be true we do not always receive what we ask for, but we must leave room for God to act in our lives according to His perfect will for us. Nevertheless, we do receive, a physical or spiritual healing, an unexpected solution to a personal problem, a new opportunity for reconciliation with someone, a renewed strength to face a distressful situation or some other blessing that we need. For Jesus’ unfailing promise is that, “everyone who asks will receive, and anyone who seeks will find, and the door will be opened to him who knocks” (Matthew 7:8)

Let us always remember this promise as we go through life! *Source:sthermansoca.org*

THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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!

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 acclaims 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. Theotokion (1): When Gabriel uttered to you, O Virgin, his Rejoice! - at that sound the Master of all became flesh in you, the holy ark. As the just David said, you have become wider than the heavens, carrying your Creator: Glory to Him Who dwelt in you! Glory to Him Who came forth from you! Glory to Him Who freed us through birth from you!

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.

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Epistle: Reading of the First Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy. (1Tim 1,15-17) Brethren: This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Of these I am the foremost. But for that reason I was mercifully treated, so that in me, as the foremost, Christ Jesus might display all his patience as an example for those who would come to believe in him for everlasting life. To the king of ages, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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.

Gospel: (Lk 18,35-43) At that time, as Jesus approached Jericho a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging, and hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what was happening. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." He shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" The people walking in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent, but he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me!" Then Jesus stopped and ordered that he be brought to him; and when he came near, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He replied, "Lord, please let me see." Jesus told him, "Have sight; your faith has saved you." He immediately received his sight and followed him, giving glory to God. When they saw this, all the people gave praise to God.

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!

COVID -19 Precautions! Based on recent reports from various medical experts, the new COVID variants are highly transmissible. Considering this, our goal is to be cautious, not only to protect all parishioners but to make all who attend church feel at ease. As a community, it is our obligation to work together to safeguard all. I kindly ask you to wear a mask or face covering during services. We are blessed to have you in the church so we will continue to be vigilant and to do our best to follow all the covid directives for everyone's sake. Thanks for your cooperation.

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