



Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Sunday Divine Liturgies: 8:30 a.m. Holy Days as scheduled in the Bulletin

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 22-29, 2019

Sunday September 22 15th Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE 2COR. 4:6-10; GOSPEL: LK.5:1-11 TONE 6

8:00AM – Confession, 8:30AM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular

for good health for William Bergkamp from Ann Woroniak

Sunday, September 29 16th Sunday after Pentecost

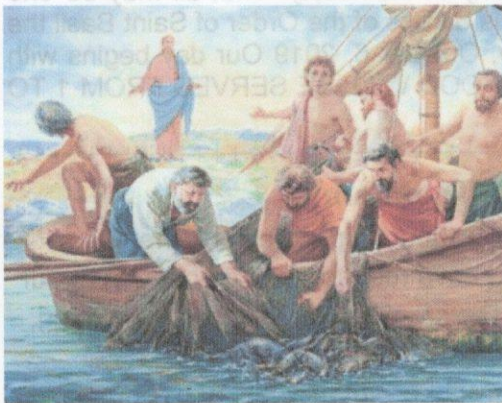
EPISTLE 2COR. 6:1-10; GOSPEL: LK.6:31-36 TONE 7

8:00AM – Confession, 8:30AM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular

In memory of +Jack Lee from Martha & John Stine

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The Miraculous Catch of Fish



The Lord flees glory, which all the more pursues Him. When the crowd pressed against Him, He entered the boat, so that from the boat He could teach those standing on the shore, and everyone would be in front of Him, rather than some coming towards Him from behind. And when He had finished teaching the people, He did not leave the owner of the boat without payment, but gave him a two-fold benefit: He bestowed on him an abundance of fish, and He made him His disciple. Marvel at how wisely the Lord arranges our salvation, drawing to Himself each one by means of the things that are his own and with which he is familiar. As He had attracted the Magi with a star, so now He draws the fishermen by means of fish. Behold the gentleness of Christ,

how He does not command, but requests, that Peter put out from land. Behold also the obedience of Peter, how he welcomes into his boat a man whom he did not know, and obeys Him in everything. When the Lord tells him to launch out into the deep, Peter does not become exasperated and leave Him, nor does he reply, "I have toiled the whole night and gained nothing, and now I should obey you and do it all again?" Peter said nothing like this, but instead, *At Thy word I will let down the net*. Such was the warmth of his trust even before he had faith. And he caught so great a number of fish that he was not able to haul them in, and he beckoned to his companions in the other boat. He calls them with a signal, because his astonishment at the catch was so great that he could not even speak. Out of great reverence for Jesus, Peter begs Him not to remain in the boat, and calls himself a sinner who is not worthy to be with Him.

You may also understand these things in a spiritual sense. The boat is the synagogue of the Jews. Peter represents the teachers of the law. For the teachers of the law also toiled the whole night before Christ came (the time before Christ's sojourning on earth was indeed *night*) and took in nothing. But when Christ came, and it became day, the teachers of the law were replaced by the Apostles who, at His word, that is, at His command, *let down the net* of the Gospel in which they caught so great a number of men that the Apostles could not haul in the catch by themselves. And so they beckon to their partners and companions and together pull in the net. These are the pastors and teachers of the Church in every generation who teach and interpret the words of the Apostles, laboring with the Apostles to catch mankind. Consider also the words, *Let down the net*. The net is the Gospel: like the fisherman's net, which is a lowly and commonplace thing, the Gospel is composed of humble, everyday words which reach down and condescend to the simplicity of the people. This is why it is said that the net is *let down*. If any one should say that letting down the net also indicates the depth of meaning of the Gospel, neither would he be off

the mark. Therefore the words of the prophet have also been fulfilled, *Behold, I will send many fishermen, saith the Lord, and they shall fish for them; and afterward I will send many hunters, and they shall hunt for them* (Jer. 16:16). The fishermen are the holy Apostles, and the hunters are the leaders and teachers of the Church in each generation.

Announcements

• **FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP-METROPOLOITAN BORYS GUDZIAK:** On December 17, 2018, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, Head and Father of the UCC, signed a decree to convene the 8th session of the Patriarchal (all-church) Sobor (Council) of our Church on the topic "Emigration, Settlement and Global Unity of the UGCC", which will take on August 26-29, 2020 in Lviv. Bishops, representatives of the clergy and institutions of consecrated life, rectors of theological seminaries, laity of the eparchies and exarchates are invited to participate in the Sobor. In preparation for the Sobor, archeparchial and eparchial sobors will be convening between now and summer of 2020. Archeparchy of Philadelphia will hold its archeparchial sobor in two sessions – on Wednesday, October 9 and on Saturday-Sunday, December 7-8, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, PA. We invite all the clergy, two representatives from each parish, superiors and one representative of religious orders in our Archeparchy to attend the first session of the archeparchial sobor at the hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday, October 9. This session will be followed by sobors of each deanery in October-November, 2019. Time and place will be designated by our deans. I would like to ask our parishioners to attend these sobors. Please, contact Father Alexander no later than September 28, 2019.

• **88th Annual Pilgrimage to the Mother of God** "The Unity of the Trinity: That all may be one through intercession of the Mother of God" Come pray with us Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great 710 Fox Chase Road Jenkintown, PA 19046 Sunday, October 6, 2019 Our day begins with Divine Liturgy at 11 a.m. and ends with Moleben at 4 p.m. FOOD WILL BE SERVED FROM 1 TO 3:45 PM

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The Tate Family

In every parish – catholic, orthodox or protestant, there is a Tate family. No doubt you have met some of them even at our parish. There is old man Dictate who wants to run everything, while uncle Rotate tries to change everything. Their sister Agitate stirs up plenty of trouble, with the help of her husband, Irritate. Whenever new projects are suggested, Hesitate and his wife Vegetate want to wait until next year. Then there is aunt Imitate, who wants our church to be like all the others.

Devastate provides the voice of gloom, while Potentate wants to be a big-shot. But not all members of the family are bad. Brother Facilitate is quite helpful in church matters. And delightful member of the family is Felicitate. Cousins Cogitate and Meditate always think things over, and lend a helpful steadying hand. And, of course, there is the black sheep of the family, Amputate, who has completely cut himself off from the Church.

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Let us pray for the sick, for the outcasts of society, for the poor, for refugees, for soldiers, for the hungry, for those who are incarcerated and for all who are suffering in any way Let us pray for those who need our prayers and for those who do not expect it from us. Please remember to pray for vocations to the Holy Priesthood and religious life.!

YOUR OFFERINGS: Collection: – 09/15- Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!