



**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

MAY 30, 2021

Saturday, May 30, 2021 1st Sunday after Pentecost – All Saints

08:30AM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular

For the recovery of the victims of COVID-19 form Ann Woroniak

Sunday, June 06, 2021 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

08:30AM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular

For +Michael Bergkamp form Ann Woroniak

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1st Sunday after Pentecost - All Saints

On the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the memory of

all Saints. Who were the Saints?

– They were true Christians.

Jesus Christ was incarnate and the Holy Spirit descended, so as to renew human nature, so as to make men angel-like due to their

spiritual perfection. The Saints proved that this Divine Plan was not in vain. The Saints are witnesses before the world of the spiritual heights, to which man can be raised through faith in Christ and life in the Church. The Saints proved that life in the Church indeed leads to salvation, to holiness, to God.

This is not a coincidence that the Sunday of All Saints follows Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is symbolized by water in the Scripture; while earth symbolizes the human nature, made of earth. The Holy Spirit as heavenly rain



poured on earth, and it produced its first fruits – the Saints. In the Kontakion of the feast, we sing “The universe offers Thee the God-bearing Martyrs as the first-fruits of creation, O Lord, and Creator”. The saints were men similar to us; like all of us they experienced interior struggle of flesh and spirit, they went through temptations and even falls. They always acknowledged that they reached their spiritual heights not through their own effort but by God’s grace.

The Saints expose our laziness because we have received the same grace of the Holy Spirit as they, but because of our slothfulness it remains idle in us. The Saints received from God many talents of Grace and multiplied it manyfold. As for us, we dug our only talent into the earth, i.e. concentrated all our attention and energy on earthly activities, which will not follow us to the future life. What do people strive for: wealth, success, wellbeing – all these have importance only in this life. And what matters in the future life is different: enduring of afflictions, bearing one’s cross, humility, chastity of the spirit and body, selfless labor for God and neighbors. Not all can be such spiritual giants as the Saints, but all are called to follow them on the way of Christian life, which leads to holiness.

Christianity is not a theory or philosophy, but the new life in Christ. That’s why it is vital that there might be a living example of this new life. When the Apostles preached the Good Tidings, they didn’t teach only with their words but offered themselves as a living example. *“Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ”* (1 Cor. 11) – St Paul writes to Corinthians.

St Seraphim of Sarov said to one of his disciples: “Acquire the spirit of peace and thousands will be saved around you”.

Holiness has never ceased on earth even till recent times. But are there saints in our time? – God knows this. In any case, the light of holiness in the world has greatly diminished and the spiritual darkness increased, which is one of the signs of the last times. In the epistle which was read today St Paul exhorts us:

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin... and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to the Author and Finisher of our faith, Jesus.” (Hebr. 12) Source: austroca.org

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(Sunday Of All Saints)

Troparion and Kontakion:

Troparion (8): You came down from on high, O Merciful One, and accepted three days of burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory be to You. **Troparion (4):** Your Church throughout the world, O Lord, is clothed with the blood of Your martyrs as with fine linens and purple robes; and so the Church cries out to You, O Christ our God: Send down Your goodness upon Your people; grant peace to Your Church and great mercy to our souls.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Now and for ever and ever: Amen. **Kontakion (8):** To You, O Lord, Author of all creation; the universe offers the God-bearing martyrs as the first-fruit of nature. Through their prayers and the intercession of the Mother of God preserve Your Church, Your dwelling place, in perfect peace. O most merciful One.

Prokimenon (8): Make vows to the Lord, your God, and fulfill them.

Verse: God is made known in Judah; in Israel His name is great.
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Prokimenon (4): God is wondrous in His saints, the God of Israel.
Verse: In the churches bless God, the Lord from the well-spring of Israel.

Epistle: **Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews** (Heb 11,33-40;12,1-2) Brethren: All saints, who by faith conquered kingdoms, did what was righteous, obtained the promises; they closed the mouths of lions, put out raging fires, escaped the devouring sword; out of weakness they were made powerful, became strong in battle, and turned back foreign invaders. Women received back their dead through resurrection. Some were tortured and would not accept deliverance, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others endured mockery, scourging, even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, sawed in two, put to death at sword's point; they went about in skins of sheep or goats, needy, afflicted, tormented. The world was not worthy of them. They wandered about in deserts and on mountains, in caves and in

crevices in the earth. Yet all these, though approved because of the faith, did not receive what had been promised. God had foreseen something better for us, so that without us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.

Alleluia Verses: Verse: The Just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse: Many are the trials of the just man, but from them all the Lord will rescue him. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel: (Mt 10,32-33,37-38;19,27-30) The Lord said to his disciples: “Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge [him] before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.” Then Peter said to him in reply, “We have given up everything and followed you. What will there be for us?” Jesus said to them, “Amen, I say to you that you who have followed me, in the new age, when the Son of Man is seated on his throne of glory, will yourselves sit on the twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands for the sake of my name will receive a hundred times more, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Communion Verse: Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the highest. Exult, you just, in the Lord: praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Parishioners and Friends! We welcome you to our Sunday Liturgy with the indoor service. Please keep in mind that social distancing applies and wearing a mask during the celebration of the Liturgy is mandatory to help stop the spread of coronavirus.



A Father's Day card featuring a bouquet of orange lilies and red roses. The word "Special" is written in a large, cursive font across the flowers. In the top left corner, it says "FATHER'S DAY".

Father's Day Remembrances! – You can recognize your living or deceased father by having him remembered at the Divine Liturgy on Father's Day, June 20, 2021. You may commemorate your dad or any important father figures in your life such as your godfather, uncle, grandfather, brother or a special friend.

Please use the envelope for this purpose clearly write the names you wish to be remembered and drop it, along with your offering, to the collection basket. We will pray together for them. The names of fathers and donors will be listed in the church bulletin.

Support your Church In addition to caring for your neighbor and taking care of yourself, one of the most practical ways to help the Church is to continue to do what you have always done: support our parish with your financial resources. Please, continue to contribute to your parish, even during the period you are unable to attend the Liturgy, with your gifts of alms during this Great Fast. Parishioners' weekly contributions are the main source of financial support for our parish, and while some expenses may be a little lower during this time, parishes have many fixed costs that need to be attended to. You may send your donations to PO Box 2735, Manassas VA 20108

YOUR OFFERINGS Collection:
Sunday, May 23, 2021 - **Sincere thanks to all for your**
kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!

67th Holy Dormition (Assumption) Pilgrimage

August 14-15, 2021

Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate
St. Mary's Villa / Sloatsburg, New York

Theme: "Mary, Mother of the Savior & Joseph, Righteous Spouse, sustain us in God's Providence"

Saturday, August 14th

- 12:00 pm Food Available
1:00 pm Akathist to the Mother of God - Rev. Edward Cimbala, St. Mary's Byz.-New York, NY
Blessing of Holy Water
Cantors: Kathy Zavada, Jacki Basalla, from OLPH Byzantine - Virginia Beach, VA
2:00 pm Presentation - Rev. Joseph Bertha, St. Mary's Byzantine-Jersey City, NJ
2:45 pm Presentation - Sr. Kathleen, SSMI
3:30 pm Blessing of the Sick - *bottom of Grotto under tent*
Blessing of Religious Articles - *front of St. Joseph's Home*
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy - Rev. Joseph Bertha
Cantors: Kathy Zavada and Jacki Basalla
7:30 pm Panakheda - *Blessed Mother's Circle in front of St. Mary's Villa*
8:00 pm Moleben to the Mother of God with candlelight procession - *Grotto*
Most Rev. Kurt Burnette - Bishop of Byz. Passaic Eparchy - main celebrant / homilist

Sunday, August 15th

Confessions will be available throughout the day beginning at 8:00 am

- 8:30 - 9:30 am Materi Molitvy / Mothers in Prayer - Rosary / Singing
10:30 am **Pontifical Divine Liturgy** with procession to the *Grotto* - blessing of flowers
Most Rev. Borys Gudziak - Metropolitan Archbishop
Most Rev. Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, Bishop of the Eparchy of Stamford
Most Rev. Bohdan Danylo - Bishop of the Eparchy of Parma
Most Rev. Andriy Rabiy - Auxiliary Bishop of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia
Most Rev. Basil Losten, Bishop Emeritus of the Eparchy of Stamford - **homilist**
Choir: St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral, Stamford, CT
1:30 pm Blessing of the Sick - *Grotto steps*
Blessing of Religious Articles - *front of St. Joseph's Home*
2:00 pm Presentation - Rev. Bohdan Tymchyshyn, Rector of St. Basil Seminary
2:30 pm Stations of the Cross - Basilian Fathers
3:30 pm Moleben to the Mother of God - *Grotto altar* - Bishop Bohdan Danylo, homilist
Blessing of cars and buses

Display - Bishop Basil Losten's 50th Episcopal Consecration

Rev. Taras Chaperin - Pilgrimage Spiritual Moderator

Notice to All Pilgrims

NY State Guidelines on the pandemic will be followed.

All Liturgical Services and Food Services will be outside.