



**Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
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(St. Mary's)**

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**Sunday Divine Liturgies: 8:30 a.m.**

**Holy Days as scheduled in the Bulletin**

**DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**JULY 25, 2021**

**Saturday, July 25, 2021 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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

from Martha & John Stine

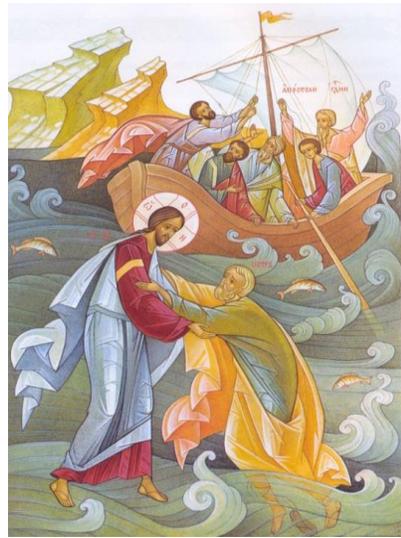
**Sunday, August 01, 2021 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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

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## **9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**



We are all probably familiar with the story of Noah from the Old Testament. We recall how God spoke to him alone of the coming Flood, because of his righteousness. We recall how Noah built a huge ship, the Ark, how God commanded him to put animals and in living things inside it, so that they would not perish, and how alone among mankind he and his family did not drown, but lived, making him our common forefather. And we recall too how when the waters subsided, the Ark was left high and dry somewhere on Mt Ararat. There are some people who are much taken with the literal facts of this story. Thus, over the years several expeditions have been sent out to Mt Ararat in order to find the Ark or fragments of it. Others have searched the depths of the Black Sea, hoping to find the remains of some city or civilisation from before the age of Noah. Yet others, archaeologists, have delved into the layers of earth in the Middle East, looking for evidence of the Flood in a great level of silt. Although these investigations have a certain

human interest, as Orthodox Christians, what interests us more than all this is the spiritual meaning of the story of the Flood.

First of all, we note that because Noah was pure in heart God spoke to his heart, he and his family were saved. Secondly, we see that the Flood is a sign of baptism, our cleansing and salvation from the corruption of the earth.

Thirdly, we understand that the Ark Itself is a symbol of the Church, the Ark of Salvation, in Which we can weather the floods of the passions of this world, riding out the storms of this world. Christ can walk on the waters because He made the waters, He is the Creating Hand of God the Father; By Him 'all things were made'. And as soon as He enters the boat, the wind calms. The flimsy craft of human undertakings, 'tossed with waves', becomes with Christ the unsinkable Ark of Salvation, the Church of Which Christ is the Head. And with Christ we all, like Peter, are saved and confess Him: 'Of a truth Thou art the Son of God'. Today, Christ speaks to the heart of each one of us: 'O Thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?'

*Source: [orthodoxengland.org.uk](http://orthodoxengland.org.uk)*

**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST THE DORMITION OF SAINT ANNA, MOTHER OF THE MOST HOLY GOD-BEARER (THEOTOKOS)**

**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):** O Godly-minded Anna, you bore in you womb the pure Mother of God, who gave birth to Life. Rejoicing, therefore, in glory you have passed today to a heavenly inheritance, where those who exult have their dwelling. There you intercede for the forgiveness of sins of those who love you, O ever-blessed one.

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

**Kontakion (2):** We feast the memory of the forebears of Christ as with faith we beseech them to help us and rescue from every affliction those who cry out: Our God is with us, the God whose will it was to glorify them.

**Now and for ever and ever: Amen. Kontakion (8):** When You rose from the tomb, You also raised the dead and resurrected Adam. Eve exults in Your resurrection, and the ends of the world celebrate Your rising from the dead, O Most Merciful One.

**Prokimenon (8):** Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

**Verse:** In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel.

**Prokimenon (4):** God is wondrous in His saints; the God of Israel.

**Verse:** In His churches bless you God the Lord, from the fountains of Israel. **Epistle: Reading of the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.** (1Cor 3,9-17)

**Brethren:** We are God's co-workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it. But each one must be careful how he builds upon it, for no one can lay a foundation other than the one that is there, namely, Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw, the work of each will come to light, for the Day will disclose it. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire [itself] will test the quality of each one's work. If the work stands that someone built upon the foundation, that person will receive a wage. But if someone's work is burned up, that one will suffer loss; the person will be saved, but only as through fire. Do

you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy.

**Alleluia Verses:** Verse (8): Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse (8): Let us come before His countenance with praise and acclaim Him with psalms. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse: The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; He is their protector in time of trouble. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse: The Lord will help them and rescue them; He will deliver them from sinner and save them, for they hoped in him. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Gospel:** (Mt 14,22-34) At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once he [Jesus] spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how [strong] the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God." After making the crossing, they came to land at Gennesaret. **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**

**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!

**Support your Church** Summer time is here and with it the idea of taking a vacation...even from church! However, church services continue, bills pile up and offerings drop due to the lack of people coming to church. Don't forget your financial obligations to the church during the summer months. Make your offerings before you leave on vacation! You may send your donations to PO Box 2735, Manassas VA 20108

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**YOUR OFFERINGS Collection:**

**Sunday, July 18, 2021 - Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!**