



**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

August 01, 2021

Saturday, August 01, 2021 10th Sunday after Pentecost

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

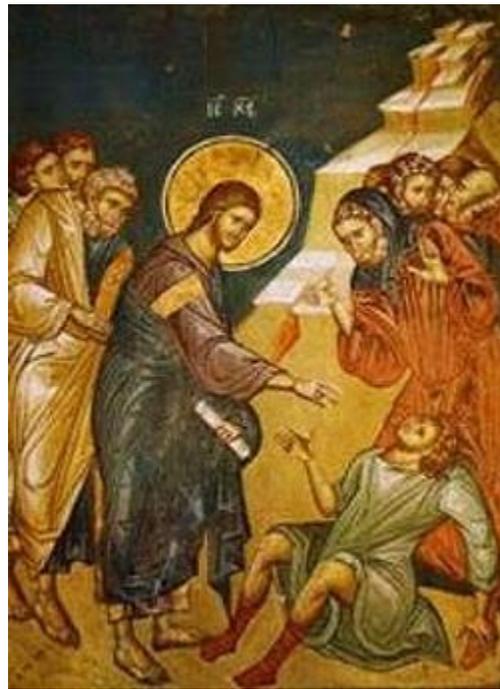
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Pentecost



In today's Gospel reading we have heard that God, our Lord, designates the strength of our faith as the main weapon that is able to bring the victory over evil. Our faith is not like a lifeless stone, not a precious diamond, which, though beautiful and very expensive, is still dead and insensible... Christ teaches us that our faith must be similar to a grain: though it is primarily tiny, it is alive. And, as this minute grain will eventually grow and become a big

beautiful tree, our faith must also always grow and develop, and never freeze or stop in one place. Christ tells us that if even we have had faith of the size of a mustard seed, the mountains would have retreated in front of us, and we would have been able to move them from place to place...

The Lord tells His disciples about a prayer and fasting as about the most powerful means to strengthen our faith. What hidden

meaning is there in the words of God that by our faith we would be able to move mountains from one place to another? Why do we need to do this? Will it help to save our souls?

Let us consider for a moment that Jesus was talking not about the physical mountains of earth and stones, but about those mountains, which rise in our hearts, the mountains of sins, accumulated during our lives? These are the very mountains that separate us from God... Them we should move away and (or, even better) make them topple into the deep sea... Only with the help of God's grace that we receive at every Church service, we are able to break down these cold and dark, lifeless rocky mountains of sin and pride.

The apostles proved to be able to overthrow these mountains of their personal sins, and then to turn the whole existing at that time human world over. Under the influence of their preaching about Jesus Christ and after their personal example demonstrating the strength of their faith (which they were ready to confess in spite of multiple and various prosecutions to the very death), many peoples were set in motion, declined the previous false beliefs and become Christians. As a result, the entire ancient world was changed and a new Christian civilization, to which we all belong, was built! The devil wants to destroy this new world of God-believers that our Heavenly Father created. We can preserve it only by prayers and fasting. Our faith must constantly increase. If our faith does not grow, it will decline and eventually die. The true fast – is not when one gives up eating meat, but when one denies oneself, gives up one's sins. Real prayer – is such state of mind, when the soul every minute is turned towards God, as a radio set is tuned to the radio station. Only in this way we will be stronger than the devil, than atheism, than any other false aggressive religion!

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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Procession of the Holy Relics of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross of the Lord.

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!

Troparion (1): Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance. Grant victory to Your faithful people against enemies, and protect Your community by Your cross.

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

Kontakion (4): By Your own choice, O Christ our God, You were lifted on the cross. Grant Your mercies to Your new community that bears Your name. By Your power gladden the faithful people and grant them victory against enemies. May they have the help of Your instrument of peace, the invincible sign of victory.

Now and for ever and ever: Amen. 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.

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. **Prokimenon (3):** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit has rejoices in God, my Savior. **Verse:** Because He has regarded the humility of His handmaid; for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

Epistle: Reading of the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1Cor 4,9-16) Brethren: God has exhibited us apostles as the last of all, like people sentenced to death, since we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and human beings alike. We are fools on Christ's account, but you are wise in

Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clad and roughly treated; we wander about homeless; and we toil, working with our own hands. When ridiculed, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we respond gently. We have become like the world's rubbish, the scum of all, to this very moment. I am writing you this not to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children. Even if you should have countless guides to Christ, yet you do not have many fathers, for I became your father in Christ Jesus through his gospel. Therefore, I urge you, be imitators of me.

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. Verse: Hear, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse: The rich among the people shall entreat your countenance. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel: (Mt 17,14-22) At that time, a man approached Jesus, knelt down before him, and said, "Lord, have pity on my son, for he is a lunatic and suffers severely; often he falls into fire, and often into water. I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him." Jesus said in reply, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long will I be with you? How long will I endure you? Bring him here to me." Jesus rebuked him and the demon came out of him, and from that hour the boy was cured. Then the disciples approached Jesus in private and said, "Why could we not drive it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. Amen, I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day."

Communion Verse: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. I will take the chalice of salvation; and I will call upon the name of the Lord. 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.

!!! Fr. Alexander will be on vacation starting on Monday, August 2nd through, Monday August 09. Next Sunday, August 8th Fr. Ostap Mykytchyn from Philadelphia will substitute for him. Please express your welcome and hospitality for a visiting priest. In the event there is an emergency need for a priest, please contact Helen Troy. Thanks.

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 25, 2021 - Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!