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

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

JULY 01-08, 2018

Sunday July 01 6th Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE ROM.12:6-14; GOSPEL: MT.9:1-8 TONE 5

8:00 a.m. – Confession 8:30 a.m. – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular for God's Blessings & good health for Dorothy Troy from daughter Helen Troy

Sunday, July 08 7th Sunday after Pentecost

EPISTLE ROM.15:1-7; GOSPEL: MT.9:27-35 TONE 6

8:00 a.m. – Confession 8:30 a.m. – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular for Good health for Diane Spanton from Ann Woroniak

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6th Sunday after Pentecost

Today's Gospel tells us about forgiveness of sins and healing. The Lord tells us that we are subjected to diseases and other disasters in our earthly life for our sins. A sin is a reason of bodily and mental diseases of a person. Bodily and mental diseases are natural result of sins. What is a sin? "A sin, says the Apostle John the Theologian, – is any lawlessness. A sin is violation of life laws, personal and public life. As violation of lawfulness in the organism, any sin sow dissension into spiritual and physical nature of a person and society. Being, in essence, violation of laws in nature, a sin affects both soul and a body. Today's Gospel testifies to it with evident clearness".



Does a body live separately from spirit – soul of a person? No, they are inseparable. Penetrating inside a person, a sin matures in the soul and makes her sick. It leads to a disorder in the body. Which of us, having committed this or that sin, didn't take to heart the state of darkness, mental depression? We notice that this state always accompany those who sin. This state, darkness and depression, testifies to disorder in us, to the violation of the Creator laws which are the basis of nature life; bonds connecting us with God as a source of life are broken, the door to heart through which Christ Himself comes

into, in light and joy, as if is closed.

Therefore, long before the beginning of the fast during which people usually go to confession, it is so important to purify yourself of sins at once, to reconcile to God, thus restoring the inner harmony having been lost by us. Only after that you can use medicine, if there is a serious wound on your body or you are sick. Thus, if diseases are often the result of a sin, then the healing frequently depends not only on doctors and medicine but on the faith of the sick, his repentance, his decision to improve his life. It concerns not only personal diseases but diseases of families and whole societies.

The faith opens your heart for taking in God's power, the repentance makes a person capable to take in this power. Then our diseases will be cured by the healing arm of God about Whom the prophet Isaih said, "He took our diseases on Himself and carried them".

By Rev. George Sergeev

• **BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY** St Mary's Parish provides for the spiritual needs of Eastern Christians in the Manassas area. All are welcome to worship with us without regard to ethnic heritage or ecclesial ascription. As members of the same parish, not only do we worship God together, but we strive to help one another in other ways, both spiritually and practically. Please practice stewardship by giving of your Time, Talent, and Treasure. Your voluntary service and financial support are essential!

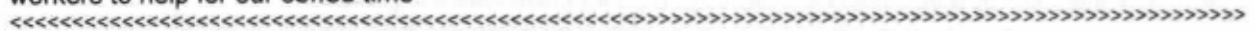
• **Worship:** The Divine Liturgy is celebrated every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in English/Ukrainian. Fulfills Sunday obligation of all. • **Confessions:** The Holy Mystery of Reconciliation is available before the Divine Liturgy at 8:00 a.m. in the Confession Room.

• **Emergencies:** In the event of an emergency or death, when a priest is needed, please ask the hospital to contact the local Catholic priest responsible for the hospital or call Fr. Alexander at 301-421-1739

• **Bulletin Information:** In order to add items to the bulletin, please send the info with details to Mark Scafona: mscafona@yahoo.com no later than Wednesdays by 5:00PM

Announcements

• **CAKE & COFFEE** - The people of our parish family are always welcomed to have cake and cup of coffee, after second Divine Liturgy. It is a good opportunity to get together and socialize with our fellow parishioners. Please come and enjoy it. As always we thank our volunteers for their time and labor to help us enjoy a good atmosphere after the church's services. We also invite new volunteers, bakers, and good workers to help for our coffee time



What is the Significance of the Liturgical Colors?



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Anyone who has at least once attended a Divine Service of the Eastern Church, has most likely noticed the beauty and festivity of the vestments. The diversity of colors is an inalienable part of the Liturgical - Church symbolism, a way of affecting those praying. Bright and radiant vestments convey the joy and exultation of God's beauty and greatness, while dark vestments instill within us a sense of repented to return to God. Since ancient times, the Liturgical books have offered flexibility in Liturgical color, only specifying whether the vestments worn for a particular feast or season should be light or dark. This has led to various local practices over the years. In the contemporary practice common to many parishes, there are six basic color groups.

1. White is used for Pascha and Transfiguration. In some jurisdictions it is also used for the Nativity, Theophany and Ascension.
2. Gold is used on the Nativity of Our Lord and when no other color is called for as it conveys the riches and glory of God's kingdom.
3. Dark Red or Purple is used for the Great Fast – Lent.
4. Green is used for Pentecost and monastic saints. In some jurisdictions it is also used on Palm Sunday.
5. Blue is used for the Feasts of the Mother of God.
6. Red is used for the Feast of the Holy Cross, Beheading of St. John the Baptist, martyr saints and during the Nativity Fast (Philip's Fast).

The color of the Feast is worn from the Vigil the night before the Feast Day until the leavetaking of the Feast, the final day of the festal season. The length of these post-feasts vary, and are given in the Liturgical calendar and rubrics.



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