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

**DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**AUGUST 12-19, 2018**

**Sunday, August 12 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**EPISTLE 1COR 15:1-11; GOSPEL: MT.19:16-26 TONE 3**

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

**Sunday, August 19 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**EPISTLE 1COR 16:13-24; GOSPEL: MT.21:33-42 TONE 4**

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

**12th Sunday after Pentecost**



Today's Gospel reading challenges us all so sharply. It begins with words that may be interpreted in more than one way: "Good Lord - what shall I do to have eternal life?" And the Lord answers, "Why do you call Me 'good'? Good is only God". He does not say, "You are wrong". He does not deny His right to be called good as God is good; and thereby, to those who have ears to hear, those who have a heart capable of perceiving the surpassing goodness of the Lord Jesus, surpassing all human goodness, all human beauty and truth - it is a testimony: Yes, you are speaking to your God, and it is your God that is to answer your question. Then Christ gives us two indications. The one is:

if you wish to have eternal life, keep the Commandments. The Commandments of God are not only rules of behavior (although, of course they are such), but as one of the Psalms puts it, should be in our inmost hearts. It should be from the depths of our heart that we accomplish the Commandments: not because we are commanded from outside, but because they have reached us with the ring of truth; not because God has spoken, but because with all our being we have answered "Amen!" This is true, this is life, and this is the way into eternal life. When we hear Christ mentioning these Commandments - where are we? Who of us can say that he or she was faithful to every word of this short list that indicates that without which we cannot live? Where do we stand? Then Our Lord says to us quite clearly: "If you want perfection - give all you possess." It is not only material things which we can give: every one of us has treasures hoarded in his mind and heart, in his soul, things which are more important to him than anything material, that is his wealth. Each of us should turn inward and ask himself, "Which is my peculiar treasure? What are those things which I will not give away even for life eternal, for God?" Sometimes we go home like the young man, perhaps saddened, that neither are we keeping the Commandments, nor are we able to give away our most precious treasure: but remember - we will not go condemned, we will have been faced with an ultimate choice, and as long as we can struggle on earth - there is time. But let us not be enticed by the length of time: time flies, time goes - let it not be too late, let us turn to life, let us become all we are capable of being.

• **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](mailto:mscafona@yahoo.com) no later than Wednesdays by 5:00PM

### Announcements

• **FEAST OF THE DORMITION** This Wednesday, August 15th, we will celebrate the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God. To prayerfully commemorate this Major Feast we will have the service next Sunday, August 19th. Following the Divine Liturgy we will have the Blessing of Flowers and Herbs which is prescribed for this festal commemoration.

• **HOLY TRINITY UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION** – August 26th Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church, 16631 New Hampshire ave, silver Spring, MD 20905 is holding their annual Ukrainian Festival from 1:30PM – 6:00 PM. They will be holding a bake sale and be selling traditional Ukrainian foods. For more info, please contact Dora Horbachewsky @ 716-903-5485



### PRIORITIES

One day the son of a famous architect asked his father: "Dad, how does one find the proper priorities? And the man took his son into his office and from among the large rolls of paper, pulled out one and laid it out on a table. The paper showed a pencil drawing of a plan for a building. "Look"

he said. "The human life is like a building which we build ourselves. What is the most important in this structure and what makes it the strongest?" "Well", thought the boy, "I am sure that it must first have a solid foundation, for it holds the entire building." "Correct, the foundation plays an important role for it is that on which the building is built. If the foundation is not strong or if it doesn't exist very soon you will see cracks in the building and it doesn't have much chance of surviving. The entire building stands on a solid base and in our case the base and foundation is God. So in the first place one must have God. Then we have the first floor and that is you, yourself, your psychological and physical health. You have to find time for yourself. You must read, you must find small joys, you must eat right and do exercises. Make sure that your bricks are of good quality for then you are assured of a solid base that will be able to hold other floors. If you skimp on bricks or use bricks that are damaged or of poor quality, consequently the first floor will not be durable or lasting and with time it will collapse. In your case, if something happens to you, your whole family will suffer and will be worried about you. The second floor is your family, where everyone cares for each other and where love reigns." "And work comes last?" asked the son? "Yes, the roof is work. You see, the covering can always be fixed or changed for something better. And you don't have to be upset if the winds tear it down or if it gets battered by hail. If it happens, it happens but the building will not be damaged."

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