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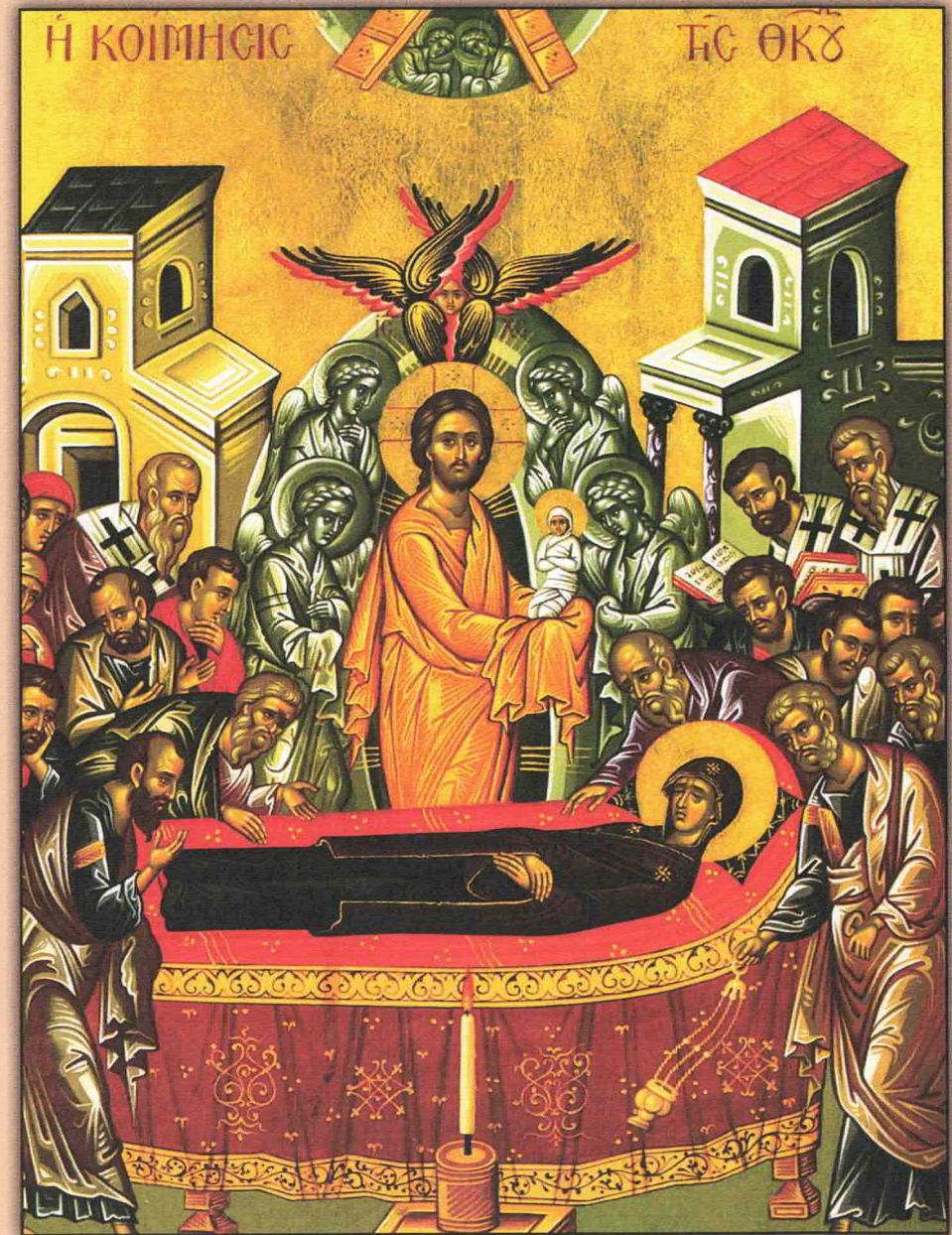
As Christ, its giver, is called by many and diverse names, so also is His gift. Because of the great joy we experience either in regard to it ... or because of its many forms of benefit, we have many names for it as well. We call it gift, grace, baptism, illumination, anointing, robe of incorruption, washing of rebirth, seal, everything honorable. It is gift because it is conferred on those who bring nothing of their own; grace since it is given even to the guilty; baptism because sin is buried in the water; anointing for it is priestly and royal as are those who are anointed; illumination because it radiates light; robe since it covers our shame; bath because it washes; and seal as it is our safe-

guard and sign of God's Lordship. In this the heavens rejoice together, this the angels glorify because it is like their great radiance. This is an image of the blessedness to come. We desire to sing forth its praises, but we are unable to do so worthily.

Since we are twofold, I mean body and soul, and our nature is visible yet also invisible, the purification is also twofold, through water and Spirit. The one is received in a way that can be seen and is bodily, as the other joins with it spiritually and in a way that cannot be seen. And the one is symbolic while the other is true and purifies the depths.

St. Gregory the Theologian

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Dormition of the Theotokos -- August 15th



PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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Divine Liturgy Schedule: Saturday, August 23rd, at 4:00pm

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
9 th Sunday After Pentecost 8.10.2025	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the Repose of the Souls of: +Basil and +Mary Kalandros From: Melania Sanderson
Dormition of the Theotokos Thursday, 8.14.2025	6:00pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy Blessing of Herbs and Flowers Anointing/Mirovanije	For: Health and Salvation of Parishioners
10 th Sunday After Pentecost 8.17.2025	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the Repose of the Soul of: +Paul Yackanicz From: Regina Yackanicz

9th Sunday After Pentecost

Today's Propers are a handout, and can be found on the shelf in the Narthex.

HOLY MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE: Confession is available beginning an hour before Divine Liturgy, and ending 15 minutes before the start of services.

HOLY COMMUNION AND VISITATION OF THE SICK: Holy Communion can be brought to parishioners who are ill, in the hospital, or at home. If you would like to receive Communion, or a visit by either Fr. Vasyl or Deacon Tony, you can send the church an email, and let us know, or contact either one personally.

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na v'iki! Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: The people of Ukraine, that peace may be soon be restored to their land, our parishioners, the founders of our parish, our benefactors, those who are sick, and those who cannot make it to church. Also, Fr. Vasyl Symyon, Tony Kotlar, Jr., Clyde Wood, Nicholas Kotula, Tommy Kotula, Mary Hrinda, Michael Demyan, Michael Skovran, Georgianna Kostak, Sandra Suseck, Mary Ann Ondrish, Betty Charlock, Elizabeth Hresko, John Hanyok, Ann Marie Elwell, James DeWolfe, Clara Valeika, Caroline and Joe Belensky, Kay Dinko, Doris Ruszin, Veronica Ruszin, Anna Martin, Joseph Repasi, Mary Jo Kelly Wilhelm, Howard Guba, Melanie Copper, Julie Wiegand, our first responders, and all military service men and women throughout the world. **Please help us keep our prayer list up to date. Let us know if we need to remove or add a name by sending an email to our church. Thank you for your help!**

*May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies,
grant them peace and good health for many blessed years!*

STEWARDSHIP: You honor God and our Church by continuing to tithe each week. A collection basket is on the table in the back of our Temple for your weekly donation. You may also mail your donation to our church, or donate using Tithe.ly online at: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733>. The link is also on the first page of our website.

"Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth" (Dt. 8:18).

PATRONAGE SOCIAL: Please join us in our social hall after Divine Liturgy today for some light refreshments, and parish fellowship.

DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS - BLESSING OF HERBS & FLOWERS: *This is a holyday of obligation, and Fr. Vasyl will be blessing herbs and flowers during Divine Liturgy on Thursday evening, August 14th, at 6:00pm.* This feast reveals to us that the Apostles, with the exception of St. Thomas, were transported mystically to Jerusalem in order to be with Mary, the Theotokos, and to be present at her burial in a small tomb in Gethsemane. When the Apostle Thomas arrived the next day, the Apostles opened the tomb so that he could pay her reverence. The opened tomb revealed the body of the Virgin was missing, and filled with herbs and flowers interpreted as the sweet fragrance of Paradise. The faithful see this as a certain sign of Mary's purity and holiness. In remembrance of this event, the priest blesses herbs and flowers, which are then kept in our homes. The blessing recalls for us the numerous cures and healings given to us by an extraordinary grace bestowed by the Mother of God. When you come to Liturgy, you can place your flowers on the table in front of the first pew. Please join us!

MID-ATLANTIC STATES SYNCCELLATE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION UPDATE: The wedding anniversary celebration for married couples observing their five-year anniversary, i.e., 5th, 10th, 15th, etc., will be held on **Saturday, October 11, 2025**, at Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church in Annandale, VA. A banquet will follow in Epiphany's Parish Center. If you are celebrating one of these five-year anniversaries, and would like to receive an invitation for this event, please send an email to our church confirming your address, phone number, and marriage date no later than today, Sunday, August 10th.

PATRONAGE CHURCH CRAB FEAST: Please join us for our annual Crab Feast on **Saturday, September 13th**, beginning with Divine Liturgy at 4:00pm. A flyer with more information can be found on the shelf, and on the bulletin board, in the Narthex, or on our website. **Payment is due no later than Sunday 7th.** Please join us!

OUR DAILY BREAD CASSEROLE COLLECTION: Thank you to those who made a casserole towards today's collection. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

ALTAR SERVER CANDLESTICKS NEEDED: We are blessed to have so many altar servers, and are looking to purchase additional candlesticks. If you would like to make a donation towards the purchase of these candlesticks, or if you have any questions, please contact Fr. Vasyl. Your check can be made payable to: Patronage Church. Cash will also be accepted. Your generous donation will be included in a yearly tax letter distributed at the end of January, 2026. We appreciate any donation you can contribute towards the purchase of these candlesticks.

ECF TEACHERS NEEDED: ECF begins Catechetical Sunday, with the blessing of teachers and students, on **September 21st**. Kevin Ross will be our ECF coordinator this year, and we are in need of a few more teachers for our program. If you are interested in teaching, or have any questions, please contact Kevin (keviross@gmail.com). The 2025-2026 ECF registration form is included in this bulletin, and completed forms should be either placed in the offertory basket, or mailed to the rectory by **Sunday, September 7th**, so that we can make sure we have all of the materials for this year's program. Also, if you borrowed any ECF books/materials from this past school year, can you kindly bring them to church and give them to Kevin, so that they could be used, again. Thank you for your help!

DECREE ON THE HOLY MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE: Bishop Kurt Burnette issued a Decree, dated May 1, 2025, regarding cell phones and electronic devices in locations where the Holy Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession) is held. The Bishop's order: "All cell phones, both belonging to the priest or to a penitent must be left outside the confessional or be powered off. It is not enough to have it silenced. The same care should be exercised around other electronic devices that respond to audio commands or contain microphones such as smart speakers and other devices. Speakers that respond to verbal commands should never be near the confessional. A sign stating this rule will be prominently posted where the Mystery is celebrated with regularity."

OTPUST – 91ST ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP: Save the date – this yearly Pilgrimage (Otpust) at Mount Saint Macrina, in Uniontown, PA, will take place **Labor Day weekend, August 30th, and 31st**. It is home to the monastery of the Byzantine Catholic Order of Sisters of St. Basil. The Pilgrimage is a source of ongoing renewal and provides for the diverse spiritual needs of the many pilgrims who frequent this major unifying event in the life of the Byzantine Catholic Church. Its participants include clergy and faithful from across the country. The Pilgrimage offers the celebration of Divine Liturgy; opportunities for the Mystery of Reconciliation; Anointing of the Sick; Adult Enrichment Programs; activities for children, teens, young adults; and pastoral counseling. This event is the oldest and largest Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Pilgrimage in the United States. The Sisters welcome all people of faith to share in this special ministry and in its many blessings. **You can find an itinerary of the Otpust posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex, and also on our website.**

ST. NICHOLAS MINISTRY:

1. **Patronage Greeters:** We are looking for greeters to welcome new faces to our church. If you would like to volunteer, or have any questions, please contact Carol Herder (carolherder@msn.com), or Dan Bobby (dnmbobby@aol.com). You can also write your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, in the Narthex, if you would like to volunteer.
2. **Patronage Church Indoor Treasure Sale:** If you are cleaning out your house or garage, and would like to donate some items to our Treasure Sale, we would be happy to take them off of your hands. Our sale will take place on **Saturday, September 20th**, from 8:00am-1:00pm, in our social hall. Volunteers are needed to help set up a few days before, and work the day of our Treasure Sale. You can bring your donation when you come to Liturgy, and leave it behind the partition in the social hall. Proceeds will benefit church/rectory improvements. Any questions, please contact Sharon Kotula (kotulasharon@gmail.com), or Mary Demyan (mdemya1@verizon.net).

Acceptable items for our Treasure Sale: gently used or new toys/games, sports equipment, knickknacks, linens, purses, dishes, silverware, bakeware, miscellaneous kitchen items, serving pieces, tools, garden items, small countertop appliances, clocks, storage containers, indoor/outdoor seasonal decorations, storage containers, jeans, t-shirts, jewelry, baskets, lamps, candles, framed pictures, new craft items/supplies, children's clothing, baby essentials, and small furniture. All items must be in clean/workable/usable condition.

MAINTENANCE MINISTRY MEETING: Our next Zoom meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 13th, at 7:00pm**, to discuss preparations for the upcoming Liturgical year. If you haven't received an invitation for this meeting, but are interested in joining, please email Kevin Ross at keviross@gmail.com. Everyone is welcome!

ADULT ENRICHMENT MINISTRY: Our next session will take place on **Sunday, September 28th**, following Divine Liturgy in our social hall. The topic will be: "Divine Liturgy follow up – Part One." Hope you can join us! If you have any questions, please see Nancy Bobby.

LITURGY INTENTIONS: Dates are currently available if you would like to have a Liturgy intention. Forms are available either on our website, or on the bookrack in the Narthex. Completed forms can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to our church. Checks should be made payable to: Very Rev. Vasyl Symyon. Cash will also be accepted.

BETHANY MINISTRY: Please join us after Divine Liturgy today, **Sunday, August 10th**, to discuss forming a Bethany Ministry using guidance from St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church in Upper St. Clair, PA. The following was extracted from their Facebook page:

"Our mission is to reach out in friendship to those in our parish family who are sick, homebound, recovering from surgery, going through a difficult time, or grieving the loss of a loved one.

We pray for the needs of each and also reach out in person to extend caring and concern with cards, phone calls, visits, holiday gifts, and short-term practical assistance. These simple works are so appreciated...it really doesn't take much to make a person feel that they're cared about, valued, and haven't been forgotten.

We'll begin our discussion with a 12-minute video St. Gregory's produced in February 2020, based on the first 19 years of their ministry. We'll then discuss how we might establish a similar ministry at Patronage. We look forward to a lively discussion. Please contact Tim Herder (timothyherder@gmail.com), if you would like [additional information](#).

ICONOGRAPHY CLASS: Our church is once again, offering an Iconography Class on **February 27th, 28th, and March 1, 2026**. The last icon class at Patronage Church was three days long, but a fourth day, March 2nd, will be available this session, if needed. Beginners will create an Icon of the Theotokos, while more advanced students may choose to work on an Icon of Christ. If you are interested in participating, please contact Kevin Ross at keviross@gmail.com, as soon as possible. Priority will be given to Patronage parishioners, after which registration will be open to members of other parishes.

PATRONAGE FLASH FREEZER SALE: Help us clear out our freezer - we have **cheesecakes** - \$15/each; **specialty pirohi** - \$7.00/dozen, and **kolachi (nut and poppyseed)** - \$15/each. If you would like to purchase any of these items, please see Theresa Kotlar or Mary Demyan

HOLUPKI MAKING WORK DAYS FOR OUR FESTIVAL: We will be making Holupki on **Friday, October 10th, and Saturday, October 11th**, beginning at 9:00am, for our upcoming [Slavic Food Festival](#) scheduled for **November 22nd**. Please contact Mary Demyan for more details, or if you are able to volunteer.

PRINTER CARTRIDGES: We continue to collect used printer cartridges to recycle, and earn rewards to help pay for new cartridges we use to print our weekly bulletins and Liturgical information. You can place your cartridges in the labeled box on the floor in the cry room. **Many thanks to those who donate their cartridges!**

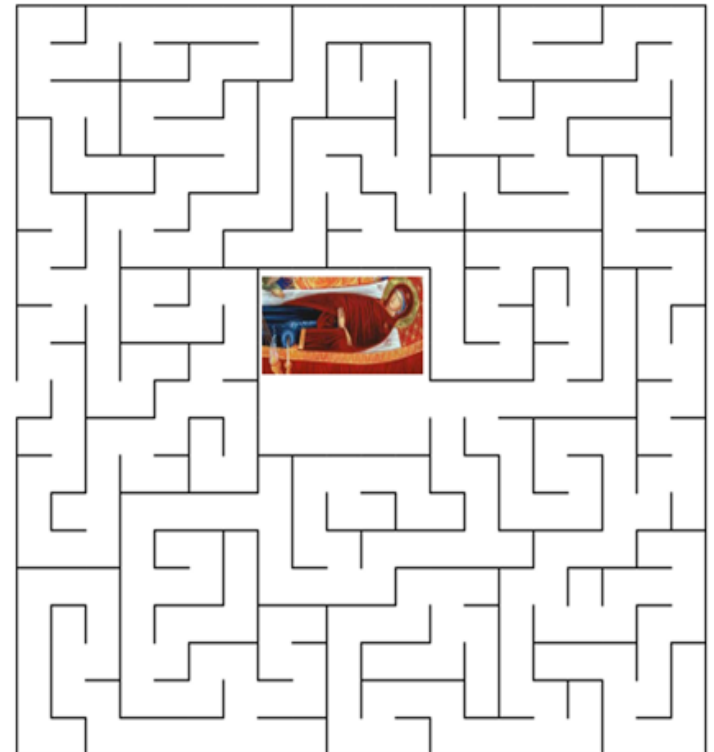
Children's Corner

The ***Dormition of the Theotokos*** is one of the 12 Great Feasts in our church. Say a special prayer this week for members of your family who have passed away. Bring flowers and herbs to be blessed at Liturgy on Thursday evening, then display them in your home at either your icon corner, or in front of an Icon of the Theotokos.

Complete this puzzle:

St. Thomas arrived late.

Help him find the Tomb of the Theotokos:



GCU MEMBERS: *Are you a GCU member?* If so, please email the church and let us know. We would like to make sure we have every member on our church's list. Your attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated! Any questions, please contact Dennis Kotula (dennis.kotula@gmail.com).

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: We welcome all new visitors, to our parish family, and are happy you are joining us to share in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and hope you will become an active part of our parish community. We receive the Body and Blood of Christ in our mouth by spoon; please DO NOT stick out your tongue. All Catholics may receive the Eucharist if you are in good-standing and prepared. If you would like to be added to our parish email list, send us an email at patronage.church@gmail.com. ***If you want to make us your home church, parish, registration is the OFFICIAL way to join our church.*** Simply complete a census form that is located on the bookrack in the Narthex, or on our website, and either mail it to the church, or place it in the offertory basket in the back of our Temple. On-line donation information can be found under "Stewardship" in this bulletin.

"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7).

PATRONAGE CHURCH
ANNUAL
CRAB FEAST

Price:

\$40

\$20 teens (13-17)

\$10 non-crab eaters

Free for kids 12
and under



Saturday, September 13, 2025
4:00pm Divine Liturgy
Crab Feast Afterwards

All you can eat Maryland steamed crabs!!

(soda, beer, & wine included)

Please bring a side dish or dessert

Payment due Sept. 7th to Dennis Kotula. Make checks payable to Patronage Byzantine Catholic Church. You may also place in offertory basket or mail to the rectory.

**91st Annual Pilgrimage in Honor of
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
500 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401**

August 30 & 31, and September 1, 2025

Friday, August 29

6:30 p.m. **COMPLINE** and
BLESSING OF WATER at the Lourdes Shrine

Saturday, August 30

8:30 a.m. – 12 noon **MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION** (Confessions)
Location to be determined.

OPENING OF PILGRIMAGE

9:30 a.m. **THIRD HOUR** at the Shrine Altar

10:00 a.m. Procession with icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help to the Shrine Altar
and **DIVINE LITURGY**

Welcome: Sister Susan Sisko, OSBM

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. **MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION** (Confessions)
Location to be determined.

1:00 p.m. **MOLEBEN to Theotokos**
Shrine Altar

2:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE at the Children's Tent

ORIENTATION for TEENS at the Prayer Garden

MYSTERY OF ANOINTING at the Shrine Altar

YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE (Lourdes Tent)

3:00 p.m. **TEEN PILGRIMAGE** at the Prayer Garden

4:00 p.m. **VESPERS** with **DIVINE LITURGY** at the Shrine Altar

7:30 p.m. Procession to Cemetery for Parastas

Teen Social after Parastas

Sunday, August 31

7:30 a.m. **MATINS** at the Shrine Altar

8:00 a.m. – 12 noon **MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION**
(Confessions)

Location to be determined.

9:00 a.m. **DIVINE LITURGY** – Slavonic Shrine Altar

11:00 a.m. **DIVINE LITURGY** – Vocations Shrine Altar

12:00 – 5:00 p.m. **MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION** (Confessions)
Location to be determined.

1:00 p.m. **CHILDREN'S PROCESSION** with Special Blessing for Youth & Young Adults from Lourdes Grotto to the Shrine Altar

2:00 p.m.

ENRICHMENT SESSION – Trinity Center

BEREAVEMENT SESSION – Mausoleum

CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE at the Children's Tent

TEEN PILGRIMAGE at the Prayer Garden

YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE at the Lourdes Tent

2:00 p.m. **MYSTERY OF ANOINTING** at Shrine Altar

3:45 p.m. Procession to the Shrine Altar

4:00 p.m. **DIVINE LITURGY** at the Shrine Altar

Words of Gratitude: Sister Susan Sisko, O.S.B.M.

7:30 p.m. **CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION**
(Beginning and ending at the Shrine Altar)

CLOSING OF THE PILGRIMAGE

Following the Candlelight Procession:

TEEN SOCIAL Prayer Garden Area

YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL Lourdes Tent

Monday, September 1

9:30 a.m. **DIVINE LITURGY** at the Shrine Altar

PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF) PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN REGISTRATION
2025-2026

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

TODDLER/PRE-K THRU 12TH GRADE

Parent's Name(s): _____ Email Address: _____

Home Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone # _____ Mother's Cell # _____ Father's Cell # _____

Parents, would you like to be an ECF teacher or substitute (please check one)? Yes ___ or No ___ Teacher or Substitute (please circle)
Teachers/Substitutes are required to complete the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic Safe Environment on-line program, which is valid for 5 years after completion.

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Emergency Contact (Name/Phone #): _____

Please return this registration form to Patronage Church by September 7th.