

### *Condemn Ourselves for Our Sins, and to Forgive Others*

Two things therefore does He here require, both to condemn ourselves for our sins, and to forgive others; and the former for the sake of the latter, that this may become more easy (for he who considers his own sins is more indulgent to his fellow-servant); and not merely to forgive with the lips, but from the heart.

Let us not then thrust the sword into ourselves by being revengeful. For what grief has he who has grieved you inflicted upon you, like you will work unto yourself by keeping your anger in mind, and drawing upon yourself the sentence from God to condemn you? For if indeed you are watchful, and keepest yourself under control, the evil will come round upon his head, and it will be he that will suffer harm; but if you should continue indignant, and displeased, then yourself will undergo the harm not from him, but from yourself.

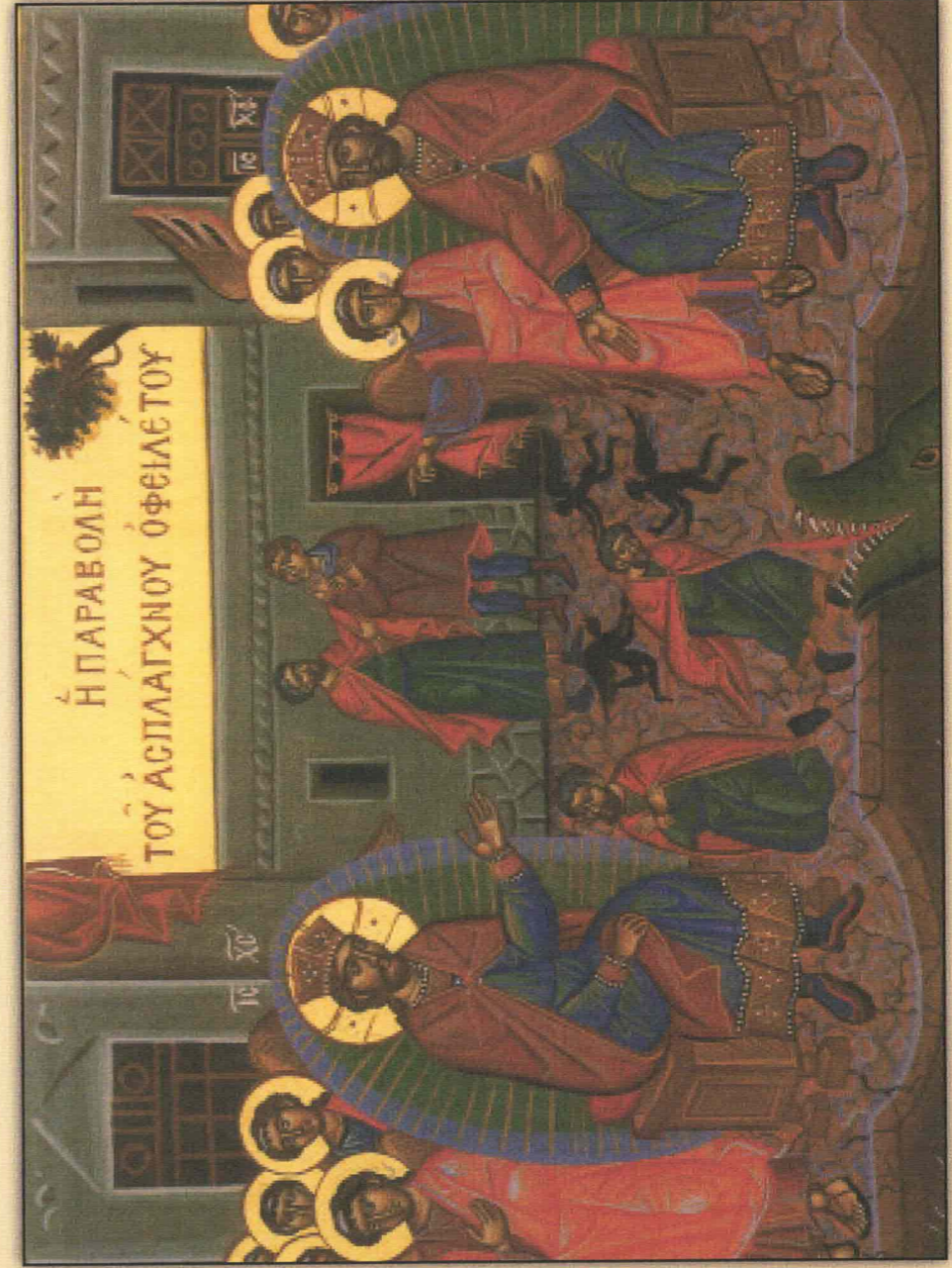
For if we be willing, no one shall be able to injure us, but even our enemies shall advantage us in the

greatest degree. And why do I speak of men? For what can be more wicked than the devil; yet nevertheless, even hence have we a great opportunity of approving ourselves; and Job shows it. But if the devil has become a cause of crowns, why are you afraid of a man as an enemy?

See then how much you gain, bearing meekly the spiteful acts of your enemies. First and greatest, deliverance from sins; secondly, fortitude and patience; thirdly, mildness and benevolence; for he that knows not how to be angry with them that grieve him, much more will he be ready to serve them that love him. Fourthly, to be free from anger continually, to which nothing can be equal. For of him that is free from anger, it is quite clear that he is delivered also from the despondency hence arising, and will not spend his life on vain labors and sorrows.

*St. John Chrysostom*

### ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of the Unmerciful Servant (Matthew 18:23-25)*



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Divine Liturgy Schedule: Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00pm

### PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost 8.24.2025	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the Repose of the Souls of: +Robert G. Stephens and +Gloria H. Obermiller From: Maria Esquela
Beheading of John the Baptist Thursday, 8.28.2025	6:00pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy	For: Health and Salvation of Parishioners
12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost 8.31.2025	9:00am	Typika	For: Health and Salvation of Parishioners

### 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Today's Propers are on page 130, Tone 2, in the teal Divine Liturgy book.

**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, Charlie Toth, Larissa Toth, Tony Kotlar, Jr., Clyde Wood, 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

	Patronage Church – 8.17.2025	Hagerstown Mission – 8.16.2025
Offertory:	\$1,350.00	\$540.00
Tithe.ly:	\$ 175.50	
Dormition of the Theotokos:	\$ 320.00	\$ 30.00
Candles:	\$ 15.00	

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. Thank you to everyone who supports our weekly socials. A basket is on the table with the refreshments for your donation.

**ALTAR SERVER CANDLESTICKS:** Thank you to those who made a donation towards the purchase of additional candlesticks for our altar servers. May the merciful Lord bless you and your families.

**TABERNACLE DONATION:** A new Tabernacle has been donated to our church in memory of +William and +Martha Rudy, from Sharon and Dennis Kotula, their children, Natasha, Alexandra, and Nicholas, and grandchildren. In blessed repose, grant O Lord, eternal rest to the souls of your departed servants, and may their memory be eternal. **VICNAJA PAMJAT'!**

**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](mailto: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 CRAB FEAST:** Please join us for our annual Crab Feast on **Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**, beginning with Divine Liturgy at 4:00pm. A flyer with more information is included in the insert of this bulletin, or on our website. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert. **Payment is due no later than Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>.** Any questions, please contact Dann Karlson ([ds.karlson@gmail.com](mailto:ds.karlson@gmail.com)).

**ADULT ENRICHMENT MINISTRY:** Our next session will take place on **Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOLUPKI MAKING:** Please join us in making Holupki on **Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:00am**, for our upcoming Slavic Food Festival scheduled on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. No experience necessary. We will teach you! Please contact Mary Demyan ([mdemya1@verizon.net](mailto:mdemya1@verizon.net)), if you are able to volunteer.

**ICONOGRAPHY CLASS:** Our church is, once again, offering an Iconography Class on **February 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and March 1, 2026**. The last icon class at Patronage Church was three days long, but a fourth day, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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](mailto: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:** We are currently selling **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 Mary Demyan after Liturgy. Please help us clear out our freezer!

**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.

**GCU: 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. The GCU would like for us to let them know how many members are present when they sponsor a social/event. Your attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated! Any questions, please contact Dennis Kotula ([dennis.kotula@gmail.com](mailto:dennis.kotula@gmail.com)).

## ST. NICHOLAS MINISTRY:

- 1. Patronage Greeters:** We are still 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](mailto:carolherder@msn.com)), or Dan Bobby ([dnmbobby@aol.com](mailto: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. Thank you to those who have already signed up to volunteer!
- 2. Patronage Church Indoor Treasure/Bake Sale:** Thank you to those who have donated items for our Treasure Sale, thus far. If anyone has items they would still like to donate (see list below), you can bring them when you come to Liturgy, and place them behind the partition in the social hall. We are also in need of volunteers on the day of our sale, **Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00am – 1:00pm**, and a few days before the sale to set up (dates/time to be determined). We will have a bake table set up at our Treasure Sale, and would love to sell your pre-packaged baked goods. If you can donate any baked goods, or can volunteer, please contact either Sharon Kotula ([kotulasharon@gmail.com](mailto:kotulasharon@gmail.com)), or Mary Demyan ([mdemya1@verizon.net](mailto:mdemya1@verizon.net)). Proceeds from our Treasure Sale will benefit church/rectory improvements. Thank you for your support!

**Acceptable items for our Treasure Sale:** Gently used or new toys/games, puzzles, 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.

**BETHANY MINISTRY:** If you would like to get involved in this ministry, please contact either Tim ([timothyherder@gmail.com](mailto:timothyherder@gmail.com)), or Kelley ([m\\_k\\_wood@yahoo.com](mailto:m_k_wood@yahoo.com)). More information will be forthcoming regarding this ministry.

**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."

**ECF - CATECHETICAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>:** The theme for this year is, “Jesus Christ Our Hope.”

*“Lord our God, sanctify those who love the beauty of your house, glorify them in return by your divine power, and do not forsake us who HOPE in you.”* (Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom)

Thank you to those who attended our zoom meeting this past Wednesday. We discussed ideas for our program beginning in September through December. Please also note the following:

1. Fr. Vasyl will be blessing teachers and students, during Divine Liturgy on Catechetical Sunday, beginning with Divine Liturgy at 11:00am.
2. Parents, please register your children for ECF as soon as possible, so that we can order the necessary books/ materials needed for this year. The 2025-2026 registration forms are available on the shelf in the Narthex, and on our website. Completed ECF forms can be placed in the offertory basket, or mailed directly to the rectory no later than Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.
3. We are looking for volunteers to teach and/or substitute, so that we can better tailor the curriculum for the children in ECF.
4. If you happen to have any textbooks from this past school year, kindly bring them to church, and give them to Kevin Ross, so that they could be used, again.

If you are interested in teaching or substituting, or have any questions, please contact Kevin ([keviross@gmail.com](mailto:keviross@gmail.com)). Thank you for your help!

## Children's Corner

### **Bible Riddles – Who am I?**

Answer the questions using one of the following words:

Elijah Adam Jonah Matthew Mary Jesus Moses Peter  
Samaritan Woman Lazarus Judas Eve Daniel Zechariah  
James David John Noah

1. I was swallowed by a great fish. Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_
2. I built an ark before the flood came. Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_
3. I defeated Goliath. Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_
4. I received the Ten Commandments. Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_
5. I was born in a manger. Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_
6. I denied Jesus three times. Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_
7. I was the first man created by God. Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_
8. I was the mother of Jesus. Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_
9. I was taken up to heaven in a chariot of fire. Who am I?  
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10. I wrote many letters in the New Testament. Who am I?  
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11. I baptized Jesus in the Jordan river. Who am I?  
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12. I betrayed Jesus? Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_
13. I was tricked by a snake into eating the forbidden fruit. Who am I?  
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14. I was raised from the dead. Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_
15. I am one of the twelve disciples. Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_
16. I was thrown into a lion's den, but came out unharmed? Who am I?  
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17. I gave Jesus water at the well. Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_
18. I was John the Baptist's father. Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_



**PATRONAGE CHURCH  
ANNUAL  
CRAB FEAST**

**Price:**  
**\$40**  
\$20 teens (13-17)  
\$10 non-crab eaters  
Free for kids 12 and under

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

**All you can eat Maryland steamed crabs!!**  
(Drinks and alcohol included. Please bring a side dish or dessert)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_ x \$40 = \$\_\_\_\_      Number of Teens \_\_\_\_ x \$20 = \$\_\_\_\_  
Non-crab eaters \_\_\_\_ x \$10 = \$\_\_\_\_      Number of Kids \_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$\_\_\_\_      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  
AUGUST 30 & 31 | UNIONTOWN, PA**

**Friday, August 29**

- 6:30PM - COMPLINE and BLESSING OF WATER at Lourdes Shrine

**Saturday, August 30**

- 8:30AM-12PM - MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions) Location to be determined.
- 9:30AM - OPENING OF PILGRIMAGE, THIRD HOUR at Shrine Altar
- 10AM - Procession and DIVINE LITURGY at Shrine Altar | Welcome: Sister Susan Sisko, OSBM
- 1-5PM - MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions) Location to be determined.
- 1PM - MOLEBEN to Theotokos at Shrine Altar
- 2PM - CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE at Children's Tent | ORIENTATION for TEENS at Prayer Garden | MYSTERY OF ANOINTING at Shrine Altar | YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE (Lourdes Tent)
- 3PM - TEEN PILGRIMAGE at Prayer Garden
- 4PM - VESPERS with DIVINE LITURGY at Shrine Altar
- 7:30PM - Procession to Cemetery for Parastas with Teen Social After Parastas

**Sunday, August 31**

- 7:30AM - MATINS at Shrine Altar
- 8AM-12PM - MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions) Location to be determined.
- 9AM - DIVINE LITURGY at Slavonic Shrine Altar
- 11AM - DIVINE LITURGY at Vocations Shrine Altar
- 12-5PM - MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions) Location to be determined.
- 1PM - CHILDREN'S PROCESSION with Special Blessing for Youth & Young Adults from Lourdes Grotto to the Shrine Altar
- 2PM - ENRICHMENT SESSION - Trinity Center | BEREAVEMENT SESSION - Mausoleum | CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE at Children's Tent | TEEN PILGRIMAGE at Prayer Garden | YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE at Lourdes Tent | MYSTERY OF ANOINTING at Shrine Altar
- 3:45PM - Procession to Shrine Altar
- 4PM - DIVINE LITURGY Shrine Altar | Words of Gratitude: Sister Susan Sisko, O.S.B.M.
- 7:30PM - 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**

- 9:30AM - DIVINE LITURGY at the Shrine Altar

For more information, visit Sisters of St. Basil at  
<https://sistersofstbasil.org/>

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**EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF) PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN REGISTRATION**  
**2025-2026**

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 21, 2025**

**TODDLER/PRE-K THRU 12<sup>TH</sup> 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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<b>Student's Full Name</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Name/County of School Attending</b>
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**Allergies or Other Information:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Emergency Contact (Name/Phone #): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this registration form to Patronage Church by September 7<sup>th</sup>.**