

Knowledge of the True God Nurtures Us to Eternal Life

Are we saying that knowledge is eternal life? Are we saying that to know the one true and living God will suffice to give us complete security for the future without need of anything else? Then how is “faith apart from works dead?” When we speak of faith, we mean the true knowledge of God and nothing else, since knowledge comes by faith. The prophet Isaiah tells us this: “If you do not believe, neither shall you understand.” But he is not talking about a knowledge that consists in barren speculations, which is entirely worthless. For one of the holy disciples said, “You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe and shudder.” What then shall we say to this? How is it that Christ speaks the truth when He says that eternal life is the knowledge of God the Father, the one true God, and with Him of the Son? I think, indeed, we must answer that the saying of the Savior is completely true. For this knowledge is life, laboring as it were in birth of the whole meaning of the mystery and

granting to us participation in the mystery of the Eucharist, whereby we are joined to the living and life-giving Word. And for this reason, I think, Paul says that the Gentiles are made fellow members of the body and fellow partakers of Christ, inasmuch as they partake in His Blessed Body and Blood. And our members may in this sense be conceived of as being members of Christ. This knowledge, then, which also brings to us the Eucharist by the Spirit, is life. For it dwells in our hearts, reshaping those who receive it into son-ship with Him and molding them into incorruption and piety toward God through life, according to the Gospel. Our Lord Jesus Christ, then, knowing that the knowledge of the one true God brings to us and promotes our union with the blessings of which we have spoken, says that it is eternal life. It is the mother and nurse of eternal life, being in its power and nature pregnant with those things that cause life and lead to life.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST COUNCIL



Icon of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea



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Divine Liturgy Schedule: Every Saturday at 4:00pm

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday of the Fathers of the 1 st Ecumenical Council 6.1.2025	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For: +Bonnie Bezila From: Sr. Laura Bezila, MPF
Friday 6.6.2025	6:00pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy 5 th All Souls - Panachida	Reading of the Hramoty List
Pentecost Sunday 6.8.2025	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For: Living and Deceased Parishioners of Our Church
Sunday of All Saints 6.15.2025	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	Special Intention For: Living and +Deceased Fathers

Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

Today's Propers can be found on page 196 in the teal Liturgy book.

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

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na viki! 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, 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, our first responders, and all military service men and women throughout the world.

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 – 5.25.2025	Hagerstown Mission – 5.24.2025
Offertory:	\$651.25	\$225.00
Tithe.ly:	\$175.50	
Ascension:	\$100.00	
Religious Articles:	\$ 20.00	
Freezer Sales:	\$ 30.00	

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).*

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT: Congratulations to **Joey Kotlar** who graduated from Havre de Grace High School on Friday, May 30th. Thank you Joey for all of your years of service as an altar server, and we wish you the best in your future endeavors. God grant Joey many blessed years! **Mnohaja l'ita!**

5th “ALL SOULS” SATURDAY: Our 5th “All Souls” service, with the reading of the Hramoty, will be held on **Friday, June 6th, at 6:00pm**. Everyone is encouraged to attend “All Souls” services, for by your presence and personal prayers, it strengthens the bond with your departed loved ones, and indeed keeps their memory eternal. Please join us!

FATHER’S DAY INTENTION: On **Sunday, June 15th**, Fr. Vasyl will be celebrating Divine Liturgy with a special Intention for Living and Deceased fathers. If you would like to submit any names, forms are available on our website, or on the shelf in the Narthex. The deadline for submitting names is Sunday, June 8th.

FATHER’S DAY BRUNCH: On **Sunday, June 15th**, please join us for a brunch in our social hall after our 9:00am Divine Liturgy in honor of all the fathers in our parish. We are in need of volunteers, and if you are interested in helping, please contact Theresa Kotlar (treassek@comcast.net). We are having a quick meeting after Liturgy today, and are looking for ideas/suggestions. If you are also planning on attending our brunch, please contact Theresa, and let her know how many people from your family will be attending, and what dish you will be bringing. Theresa is working on the menu for this event. Hope you can join us for this celebration! All are welcome!

OUR DAILY BREAD CASSEROLE COLLECTION: Many thanks to those who donated a casserole for today's collection. Our next collection will be **Sunday, August 10th**. Aluminum pans are available in the social hall on the kitchen counter to use for this project. Any questions, please contact Greg Calvitt (gregcalvitt@gmail.com) or Mike Skovran (michaelskovran@aol.com).

Children's Corner

God Loves

EPARCHY OF PASSAIC 2024 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: Donations are being accepted through June 15, 2025. Our goal for Patronage Church is \$9,800. If we exceed our goal, our church will receive 40% refund of the total received. You can donate online at www.eparchyofpassaic.com, or mail a check payable to: Eparchy of Passaic. The address is: 445 Lackawanna Avenue, Woodland Park, NJ 07424.

2025 EPARCHY OF PASSAIC YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS DATES: Our Eparchy is currently accepting registration applications for its summer camps located at the Carpathian Village in Cresco, Pennsylvania. Registration and other information is available by visiting www.eparchyofpassaic.com, and clicking on "Youth and Young Adult Ministries," then "Summer Camps" or "Altar Server Congress." **Please let Fr. Vasy! know if your child would like to attend any of these camps.**

1. **Camp Theodore Tyros:** July 6-10, 2025 – open to teen co-ed ages 13-17
2. **Camp Theotokos:** July 13-17, 2025 – open to girls ages 6-17
3. **Altar Server Congress:** July 20-24, 2025 – open to Altar Servers ages 6-17
4. **Camp Saint Nicholas:** August 11-15, 2024 – open to pre-teen boys and girls ages 6-12

GCU ART & PHOTO CONTEST: The theme for 2025 is "Hometown Pride." One entry per member. All contestants must be a GCU member for one year. Membership and age is determined as of March 31, 2025. **Deadline for submission is Monday, June 2, 2025.** Contact Chris Chamberlain at 724-495-3400, X3810, or events@GCUusa.com, for more information.

1. ***If you are 12 or younger, enter your artwork!*** "Submission must be original on paper or on art board – "maximum size is 12" X 18." Include a short description along with your name, age, address, phone number, and email on the back of your submission. Age divisions are: age 6 & under, age 7-9, and age 10-12. Entries should be mailed to GCU Art Contest, 5400 Tuscarawas Road, Beaver, PA 15009.
2. ***If you're age 13 and older, enter your photo!*** Send photo to events@GCUusa.com. Please include a short description, name, age, address, phone number, and email with your submission. Photos that include identifiable people require a model release which you will find a link below. Age division are: 13-21, and age 22 and older.

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Byzantine Catholic
Eparchy of Parma
Hosts 4th Metropolitan Assembly

We have a new Pope!

AND THE VATICAN WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Caring for the Eastern Catholic Churches was actually one of the TOP QUESTIONS raised by bishops worldwide during the Vatican Synod on Synodality.

Seize this historic and unprecedented opportunity to bear witness and make your voice heard before the representatives of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV himself!

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FOR MORE INFORMATION &
SIGN UP NOW!



The election of Pope Leo XIV presents a rare and historic opportunity for Eastern Catholics to make their voices heard. During the Vatican Synod on Synodality, bishops from around the world raised concerns about the care and future of Eastern Catholic Churches—making this Assembly a crucial platform for dialogue with representatives of the new Holy Father.

As a former member of the Dicastery for Eastern Catholic Churches, Pope Leo XIV has firsthand knowledge of the challenges and mission of the Byzantine Catholic Church. His leadership signals a new era of

visibility, engagement, and collaboration for Eastern Catholics worldwide.

Building on the momentum of the Pope's recent address to Eastern Catholics and Jubilee Pilgrimage in Rome, the faithful are strongly encouraged to attend and actively participate in this year's Assembly. The keynote speaker, Archbishop Michel Jalakh, current Secretary of the Dicastery for Eastern Catholic Churches, will offer invaluable insights.

Please note: Today is the last day, June 1st, to receive early bird discounted registration rates! Visit

www.byzantineassembly.org to register, view the Assembly schedule, and for more information. If you have never attended a Byzantine Assembly, you won't be disappointed.

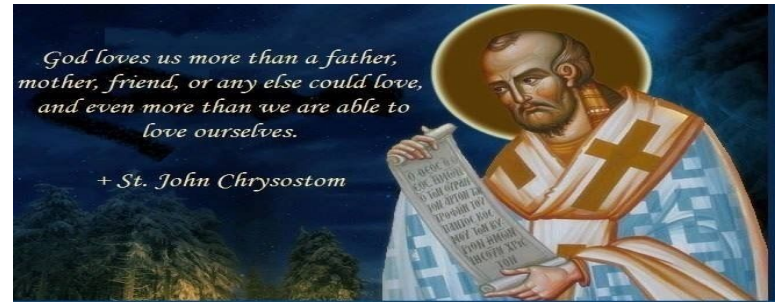
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PATRONAGE CHURCH'S 2ND ANNUAL PICNIC: Everyone is invited to join us at Holy Trinity (Cathedral Gardens) pavilion in Elkridge (only a few miles from our church) on **Sunday, June 29th**, for our church picnic. We will begin with **Divine Liturgy at 11:00am**, followed by lots of food, games for children and adults, crafts for children, and lots of parish fellowship. Mary Demyan is organizing the menu for our picnic. Please contact Mary (mdemya1@verizon.net), and let her know how many people from your family will be attending, and what dish you will be providing no later than **Sunday, June 22nd**. If you are unsure of what to bring, Mary can let you know what is needed. We are also looking for volunteers to organize some games, so if you would like to help out, please send the church an email. This year we are adding a "Baba's Auction" at our picnic," and we are asking each family to donate an item or 2. Be creative - it could be a gift card, child's toy, plant or gardening item, religious, handmade or household item to name a few, or anything else you can think of – you decide. Proceeds from this "Auction" will be used to offset the cost for the rental of the pavilion, and the food/drink/paper product items that the church will provide for the picnic. Any questions, please contact Sharon Kotula. Hope to see you at the picnic!

IN BLESSED REPOSE: Please remember in your prayers, +Bonnie Bezila, who fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, May 20th. +Bonnie, and her husband, +Joe, were former parishioners of our church for many years. The family requests that you keep +Bonnie in your prayers, and may her memory be eternal. **Vičnaja Pamjat'!**

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.

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 registration 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 collection basket in the back of our Temple. 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)***



Father's Day Commemoration

All fathers, living and deceased, will be
remembered at the Divine Liturgy on
Sunday, June 15, 2025

Living Fathers:

Deceased Fathers:

Your Name:

Donation \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Very Rev. Vasyl Symyon

Kindly return your Intention form by: Sunday, June 8th.