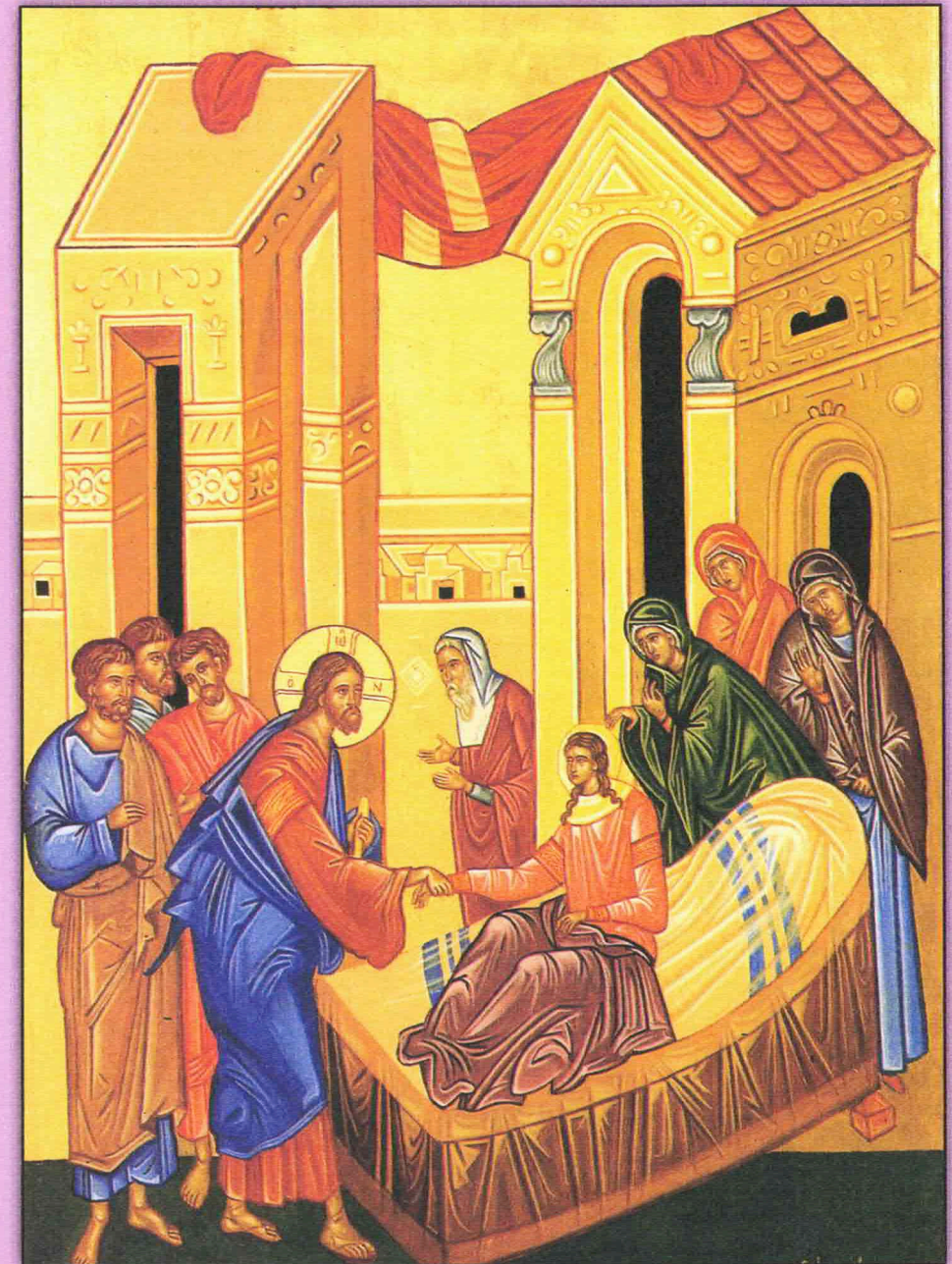


Twelve Years

When the woman with a hemorrhage learned that the Lord said to the leader of the synagogue, "Believe, and your daughter will live," she thought to herself that he who could bring back the soul of a little girl of twelve into her body would also be able to take away an illness of twelve years and expel it from the body. When she heard him say, "Believe firmly and your daughter will live," this woman reflected, "I can give the faith he requires as the price." The healing came forth from his mouth, and he negotiated as its price the faith expressed by the woman's mouth. He gave clear healing and demanded a clear price. The healing that came out from his lips could be heard publicly, and he required from the lips a faith openly professed. Although the woman professed before

everyone, they did not believe her, especially since her pains were hidden. When the Lord opened the eyes of the blind man, they called him a madman, and when he restored Lazarus to life, certain people, even among those who had seen for themselves, did not believe. This is why he restored the little girl of twelve years to life. He who was able to put the continued vitality of twelve years in the body back into its place was also able to arrest and banish from its place a flow of blood that continued for twelve years. He who was able to alleviate one illness was also able to banish another. He who was able to vivify all the dead members of this little girl was also able to heal the woman's womb.

St. Ephrem the Syrian



Icon of Raising the Daughter of Jairus



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Divine Liturgy Schedule: Saturday November 15th, and 29th; December 13th, 20th, and 27th; at 4:00pm

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
22 nd Sunday After Pentecost and Archangel Michael and All Angels 11.9.2025	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For Living and Deceased Veterans
23 rd Sunday After Pentecost 11.16.2025	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the Repose of the Souls of: +Sophia and +Anton Loncaric From: Anna Esquela
Entrance of the Theotokos Thursday, 11.20.2025	6:00pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy Anointing/Mirovanije	For the Repose of the Soul of: +Caroline Belensky From: Sharon and Dennis Kotula

22nd Sunday After Pentecost, and Archangel Michael and All Angels

Today's Propers are a handout located 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, Greg Rudy, Charlie Toth, Larissa Toth, Tony Kotlar, Jr., Clyde Wood, Mary Hrinda, Michael Demyan, Michael Skovran, Mary Ann Ondrish, Betty Charlock, Elizabeth Hresko, John Hanyok, Ann Marie Elwell, James DeWolfe, Clara Valeika, Joe Belensky, Kay Dinko, Doris Ruszin, Veronica Ruszin, Anna Martin, Joseph Repasi, Mary Jo Kelly Wilhelm, Howard Guba, Melanie Copper, Julie Wiegand, Natalie, Edin, +Walter Lourdes Najera Herder, Mark and Betsey Herder, 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. An offertory 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).

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION: Fr. Vasyl will be celebrating a Veterans Day Commemoration today for living and deceased Veterans during Divine Liturgy. There will also be a social after Liturgy in our social hall. **We would like to thank the GCU for providing refreshments on the occasion of our celebration for Veterans Day.** Thank you to all Veterans for your service to our country! A special insert is included in this bulletin.

EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF): Students in ECF will be making an ornament in our social hall after our Veterans Day celebration for our upcoming St. Nicholas festivities on December 6th. Parents, your assistance is needed today with helping your child, as needed, and cleaning up afterwards. Classes will follow in the rectory basement. Thank you for your help!

ADULT ENRICHMENT MINISTRY: Please join us after our Veterans Day celebration today in our social hall. Nancy Bobby will be discussing: **"Introduction to Iconography."** An updated flyer is posted on the bulletin board, in the Narthex, listing future dates/topics for this ministry. Everyone is welcome to attend!

PATRONAGE CHURCH COMMUNICATION: Parishioners are encouraged to stay informed by regularly checking the bulletin and website for updates on upcoming parish events and important announcements. Your active participation and attention help foster a stronger community, and ensures everyone is aware of changes and opportunities within our parish. Also, if you are not on our email list, please send us a note, and we will add you!

SUBMITTING A LITURGY INTENTION: This is a beautiful part of our Byzantine Catholic tradition to have the Divine Liturgy celebrated for the repose of the soul of a departed loved one, or for the health and personal intentions of an individual. If you would like to request a specific date, please do so as soon as possible, as the dates assigned are on a first come, first serve basis, and are reserved upon receipt of the offering. The stipend for the Divine Liturgy Intention is a suggested donation of at least \$20. However, please know that if you are unable to pay the stipend, your Liturgy request will be honored. 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.

2026 LITURGICAL CALENDARS: We received our new 2026 Liturgical calendars. The calendars are located on the bookrack in the Narthex. Due to a limited supply, please take only 1 calendar per family. Thank you!

CHURCH HOLIDAY DECORATING: Save the date – **Sunday, November 30th**, after Divine Liturgy, we will be decorating our church and social hall before the Feast of St. Nicholas. Please plan on joining us. We are in need of many volunteers.

GIFT FROM ST. NICHOLAS: At the entrance to our social hall, and on the shelf in the Narthex, are envelopes labeled, **“Gift from St. Nicholas.”** If you would like to make a donation for the seminarians in Uzhhorod, Ukraine, please use this envelope, if possible, and **return it to our church no later than Sunday, November 30th.** We will accept cash or a check made payable to: Patronage Church. Please note on the memo of your check that it is for: Gift from St. Nicholas. You can place your donation in the offertory basket or it can be mailed to our church. Any questions, please contact Fr. Vasyl. Thank you for supporting our seminarians!

ECF ST. NICHOLAS ANNUAL SERVICE PROJECT: St. Nicholas spoke that: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” As we continue this annual St. Nicholas service project tradition, we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys and books for the Marine Corps Reserve “Toys for Tots” organization for disadvantaged children. A box is currently located in the cry room that you can place your donation in. **The last day to make a donation is Saturday, December 6th,** so that they can be delivered in time for the holidays. If you have any questions, please contact Greg Calvitt (gregcalvitt@gmail.com). Thank you for supporting this service project.

NATIVITY FAST RETREAT/ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION: Everyone is encouraged to join us at our church on **Saturday, December 6th,** for a day of festivities beginning with our Nativity Fast Retreat from 10:00am – 4:00pm. Lunch will be provided, and donations will be accepted to help offset the cost of this retreat. Please RSVP to Nancy Bobby (nbobby0116@gmail.com) if you plan on attending no later than Tuesday, November 25th. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex with more information. Fr. Vasyl will then be celebrating Divine Liturgy starting at 4:00pm, followed by a St. Nicholas performance from our ECF students, a visit from St. Nicholas, himself, and a pot-luck dinner in our social hall. Please RSVP to Mary Demyan (mdemya1@verizon.net) no later than Sunday, November 30th, and let her know how many people from your family will be attending the pot-luck dinner, and what dish you will be bringing. We want to ensure we have enough seating and food for everyone. **Please note that there are no scheduled services on Sunday, December 7th.** Any questions, please send our church an email.

2025 “OUR DAILY BREAD” CASSEROLE DONATIONS: Thank you to everyone who donated casseroles and toiletry items for “Our Daily Bread,” and to Greg Calvitt for organizing this collection. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

BISHOP’S APPEAL 2025 (EPARCHY OF PASSAIC): Thank you to those who have already made a donation in support of our Eparchy! So far, parishioners have donated \$1,425.00 towards our parish goal of \$9,800.00. Donations can be made by mailing a check payable to: Eparchy of Passaic, 445 Lackawanna Avenue, Woodland Park, NJ 07424-2969. You can also pledge online at: www.eparchyofpassaic.com, then click on “Giving.” Pledges and payments for this year’s appeal will be accepted through June 30, 2026. Any contributions received after December 31, 2025, must be attributed to the 2026 tax year. There are a few pamphlets available on the shelf in the Narthex if you did not receive a form in the mail. Please help us reach our parish’s goal.

PATRONAGE CHURCH SLAVIC FOOD FESTIVAL/BAKED GOODS: Our upcoming festival is scheduled for **Saturday, November 22nd,** from 10:00am – 2:00pm. **The deadline for food orders is Monday, November 17th.** We also have a few more days of preparation to get ready for this event, and are in need of many volunteers. Please contact Mary Demyan (mdemya1@verizon.net) if you are able to assist. Your homemade baked goods are also needed to help fill our bake table. Also, to help offset the cost of purchasing supplies for our festival, we are asking for monetary donations. If you would like to donate by check, please make it payable to: Patronage Church, and make a note in the memo that it is for our festival.

Kolachi Making: Wednesday, **November 19th,** at 9:00am (lunch will be provided)
Festival Set-up: Friday, **November 21st,** at 9:00am
Festival: Saturday, **November 22nd** - we will need kitchen help and clean-up assistance after the festival ends

ICONOGRAPHY CLASS: Beginner students 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 in our Iconography Class on **February 27th, 28th, and March 1, 2026,** at Patronage Church, or would like more information, please contact Kevin Ross (keviross@gmail.com), as soon as possible. There are only 4 more slots available for this class, so please respond quickly. The total cost for this Iconography class is \$250, with \$50 due immediately to hold your registration, and \$200 due on the date of the first class.

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.”**

“WHAT GOD IS NOT” PODCAST SERIES - SECRETS OF THE LITURGY

REVEALED: Fr. Michael O’Loughlin, from the Eparchy of Parma, offers a behind-the-scenes look at the Divine Liturgy, focusing on prayers that are typically inaudible to the congregation. He explains the intention and theology behind these prayers, including moments when the celebrant asks his fellow priests to pray for him, highlighting the humility and communal nature of priestly service. This episode provides a deeper appreciation for the hidden spiritual richness of the Liturgy, and invites listeners to reflect on the sacred dialogue between clergy and God that underpins the public worship experience. Here are the links:

Part 1: <https://whatgodisnot.com/blogs/episodes/secrets-of-the-liturgy-revealed>

Part 2: <https://whatgodisnot.com/blogs/episodes/secrets-part-ii>

GREEK CATHOLIC UNION (GCU) – ST. NICHOLAS 2025

VIRTUALTHON: The GCU Board of Directors has once again instituted the St. Nicholas Virtualthon – a GCU community outreach event to benefit the Ss. Cyril & Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA. This is a matching funds event with the GCU Board pledging to match up to \$5,000 in total donations. If you would like to donate to this effort, please visit the GCU’s website: www.gcuusa.com if you would like to pay by credit card. If you prefer to pay by check, please make payable and mail to: St. Nicholas Virtualthon, 5400 Tuscarawas Road, Beaver, PA 15009. Donations will be accepted through Saturday, December 6, 2025, 11:45pm. The GCU thanks you for supporting this event.

GCU - 2025-2026 SCHOLARSHIP: The GCU is now accepting applications for the GCU Scholarship Awards. All applications must be completed online, and applicants must be a GCU member as of December 31, 2024, with a permanent life insurance certificate or annuity with a balance of \$2,000 or more, to be considered for the award. For complete information on scholarships available, requirements and to apply for the award, please visit www.gcuusa.com, and click on “Scholarships-Learn More” link. Applications for the 2025-26 scholarship will be available through December 31, 2025.

ST. NICHOLAS MINISTRY – PATRONAGE GREETERS: A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the Narthex if you would like to volunteer to be a parish greeter welcoming new faces to our church community. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

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 in the cry room. *Many thanks to those who donate their cartridges!*

Children’s Corner

Choose one of the words below to complete the Lord’s Prayer:

day forgive lead earth bread heaven
deliver those name kingdom those
trespasses done Father temptation

Our _____, who art in _____,
hallowed by thy _____; thy
_____ come; thy will be
_____ on _____ as it is in
_____. Give us this _____ our
daily _____; and _____ us
our _____ as we forgive
_____ who trespass against us; and
_____ us not into _____, but
_____ us from evil.

Reflection from Mount St. Macrina, Uniontown, PA

By: Sister Barbara Jean Mihalchick, OSBM,
Sisters of St. Basil the Great

“I Will Tear Down My Barn”

Glory to Jesus Christ!

It's mid-November, therefore, we in the Byzantine Church begin our preparation for the Christmas holiday; for the great birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It is a time for deeper reflection about the truths of the Faith and how they matter to our lives.

The Church presents us with another parable of Jesus and, sorry, it's a parable about a fool; a rich fool.

Jesus says, “There was this rich man who produced a bountiful harvest. ‘What shall I do? I have so much. This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barn and build larger ones.’”

And he makes this grand plan. And the Lord says: “Oh, you fool. This very night, your life will be demanded of you.” What a plan. What a fool.

From this, the church over the centuries has gained many reflections, much wisdom. One of them came from our own St. Basil the Great. He wrote a whole major essay called, “I Will Tear Down My Barn;” because it was the plan of the fool.

From that particular essay, this famous quote has gone around the world for centuries. Jesus was calling us to wisdom in our use of things and St.

Basil builds on that as he writes this: “The bread which you do not use is the bread of the hungry; the garment hanging in your wardrobe is the garment of him who is naked; the shoes that you do not wear are the shoes of one who is barefoot; the money you keep locked away is the money of the poor; the acts of charity you do not perform are so many injustices you commit.”

The church has always taught about our sins of omission and Basil turns that into “commission.”

In this time in which we live and in this consumer society that is our way and endemic to all of us, we begin this season with a thought and a prayer for perspective; the perspective of God's wisdom, God's ways. The perspective of the Gospel. Come to the Lord; ask, and you shall receive. God bless you.

THE NATIVITY FAST: The Nativity Fast will **begin on Saturday, November 15th, and end on Wednesday, December 24th**. This period is a time for Byzantine Catholics to prepare spiritually through fasting, prayer, almsgiving, and the birth of Christ.



**The Nativity Fast
November 15 - December 24**

“THE CALL OF THE DISCIPLES” PILGRIM VOCATION ICON PROGRAM: Week #6 – Every family is encouraged to sign-up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. By welcoming the icon into your home for one week, you become part of a powerful movement of prayer and discernment. Be a source of inspiration and grace in our parish community. Remember to bring the icon and prayer booklet to church the following week, and place it on the Tetrapod for the next family on the list. Any questions, please contact Fr. Vasyl.

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, 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).

IN HONOR OF THE FOLLOWING LIVING VETERANS - MAY GOD GRANT THEM MANY BLESSED YEARS!

- ❖ **Nicholas Kotula**, U.S. Marine Corps; and **Jonathan Mariotti**, U.S. Air Force; From: The Kotula Family
- ❖ **Zachary Roberts**, U.S. Army; **Sarah Jane Roberts**, U.S. Army; **Caleb Roberts**, U.S. Army; **Gramm Roberts**, U.S. Air Force; and **Matthew Roberts**, U.S. Air Force; From: The Roberts Family
- ❖ **Clyde Wood, Jr.**, U.S. Air Force; **Joseph Wood**, U.S. Army; and **Louis Damiano**, U.S. Navy; From: Clyde and Kelley Wood & Family
- ❖ **Daniel Swegon**, U.S. Army; **Joseph Kuchta, Jr.**, U.S. Army; **Patrick Elwell**, U.S. Army; and **Michael Elwell**, U.S. Coast Guard; From: Ann Marie Elwell
- ❖ **Deacon Anthony Kotlar, Sr.**, U.S. Army; and **Nicholas Paul Kotlar**, U.S. Army; From: Deacon Anthony & Theresa Kotlar
- ❖ **Mark A. Mihalko**, U.S. Navy; From: Dana Tomcanin
- ❖ **William Hansen**, U.S. Army; **+William Hansen**, U.S. Air Force; and **Bryan Hansen**, U.S. Army; From: Bryan Hansen
- ❖ **Mary Beth Bartko**, U.S. Air Force; From: Mary Beth Bartko
- ❖ **David Todd**, U.S. Army; From: Chris Todd
- ❖ **Michael B. Bluey**, U.S. Navy; From: Carol and Tim Herder
- ❖ **Lynn Aylesworth**, U.S. Army; From: Dan and Nancy Bobby
- ❖ **Ronald Lewis**, U.S. Navy; **Laura Ligit**, U.S. Army; **Richard Dyer**, U.S. Army; **Watts Family**, U.S. Navy; **Bill Downs**, U.S. Army; **Robert Slusser**, U.S. Air Force; **Jack Lambert**, U.S. Marine Corps; **John Wilkose**, U.S. Air Force; and **Jay Stellwagen**, U.S. Army; From: Greg Hrinda

- ❖ **Theodore Guba**, U.S. Coast Guard; and **Howard Guba**, U.S. Army; From: Richard Guba

Mnohaja l'ita!

IN HONOR OF THE FOLLOWING DECEASED VETERANS - MAY GOD GRANT THEM BLESSED REPOSE AND ETERNAL MEMORY!

- ❖ **+William Rudy**, U.S. Army; **+Philip Kotula**, U.S. Army; **+George Kostak**, U.S. Army; and **+Walter Rodgers**, U.S. Army; From: The Kotula Family
- ❖ **+James Roberts**, U.S. Army; and **+Joseph Lee**, U.S. Army; From: The Roberts Family
- ❖ **+Clyde Wood, Sr.**, U.S. Army; and **+Bart Stolte**, U.S. Navy; From: Clyde and Kelley Wood & Family
- ❖ **+Benjamin Breeze**, U.S. Air Force; **+Robert Peles**, U.S. Army; **+Vasil Peles**, U.S. Army; **+David Peles**, U.S. Army; and **+Jame Peles**, U.S. Army; From: Kathleen Breeze & Barbara Breeze
- ❖ **+Robert Elwell, Sr.**, U.S. Army; **+John Rudy**, U.S. Army; **+Michael Rudy**, U.S. Navy; **+Joseph Kuchta**, Merchant Marine; **+Jackie Kuchta**, U.S. Army; **+John Kuchta**, U.S. Army; **+Joseph Carinci**, U.S. Army; From: Ann Marie Elwell
- ❖ **+Walter Bodaj**, U.S. Army; From: Deacon Anthony & Theresa Kotlar
- ❖ **+Daniel Mihalko**, U.S. Army; **+Emil Tomcanin**, U.S. Army; and **+Donald Dowling**, U.S. Air Force; From: Dana Tomcanin
- ❖ **+Richard Johnson**; U.S. Army; and **+Aleksandr Barinov**, U.S. Army; From: Bryan Hansen

Veterans Day Commemoration Sunday, November 9, 2025

- ❖ **+Bennett Todd**, U.S. Army; and **+Dennis Shadle**, U.S. Marine Corps; From: Chris Todd
- ❖ **+Michael Bluey**, U.S. Army Air Corp.; **+Donald Herder**, U.S. Navy; **+Godfrey Herder, Jr.**, U.S. Air Force; From: Carol and Tim Herder
- ❖ **+Michael Konik**, U.S. Air Force; **+Michael Bobby**, U.S. Army; **+Michael Kinick**, U.S. Air Force; and **+Joseph Kinick**, U.S. Air Force; From: Dan and Nancy Bobby
- ❖ **+Richard Imber**, U.S. Navy; **+Earl Pierce**, U.S. Navy; **+Andrew Sasala**, U.S. Navy; **+John Stasenko**, U.S. Navy; **John Stasenko, III**, U.S. Air Force; **+John Slusser**, U.S. Army; **+William Lambert**, U.S. Army; and **+Thomas Downs**, U.S. Army; From: Greg Hrinda
- ❖ **+Lisa Marie Helms Guba**, U.S. Air Force; and **+Dean Helms**, U.S. Army; From: Richard Guba
- ❖ **+Paul Kimmelshue, Sr.**, U.S. Army; **Paul Kimmelshue, Jr.**, U.S. Army Air Corps; and **+George Kimmelshue**, U.S. Navy; From: Sean Metcalf
- ❖ **+Karl R. Karlson**, U.S. Army; and **+George Shanta**, U.S. Navy; From: The Karlson Family
- ❖ **+Paul Yackanicz**, U.S. Air Force; and **+John Hissick**, U.S. Army; From: Regina Yackanicz

Vičnaja Pamjat'



**PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**

Mark Your Calendars!
Adult Enrichment
is Returning to
Patronage This Fall



Please join us this fall as we continue exploring aspects of our faith and worship on Sunday mornings after the 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

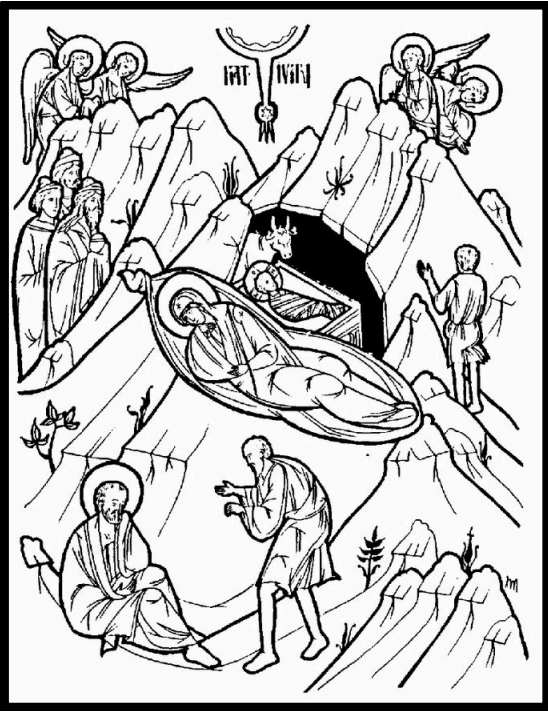
Adult enrichment sessions are open to all adults and no prior experience or background is needed! Come to one session or come to them all – we look forward to spending time together learning more about the rich and beautiful traditions and practice of our Byzantine church.

⚡*REVISED* Schedule. Dates and topics currently planned are:

- **November 9:** Nancy Bobby will present an *Introduction to Iconography*
- **November 16:** Deacon Tony will continue his discussion on the *Divine Liturgy*
- **December 14:** Deacon Tony will continue his discussion on the *Divine Liturgy*

⚡Winter/Spring schedule to be announced.

Schedule & Topics subject to change. Check the bulletin for latest info!



Christ is Born!

Please Join Us

for a

Nativity Fast Retreat

Patronage of the Mother of God
Byzantine Catholic Church

1265 Linden Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21227

Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

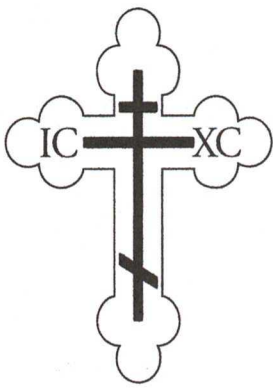
Fr. Jerome Wolbert, OFM, will help us prepare to celebrate the Birth of Our Lord, exploring Scripture, hymns and carols, and the prayers of the Byzantine Catholic Church.

Fr. Jerome grew up in St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church now in Flushing, Michigan, and has served Byzantine parishes in Pennsylvania. He currently lives at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC.

At the conclusion of the retreat, **Divine Liturgy for the Feast of St. Nicholas** will be celebrated, followed by our annual **St. Nicholas celebration and pot-luck dinner.**

While families of all ages are warmly invited to Divine Liturgy and our St. Nicholas celebration, we respectfully suggest that the retreat is most appropriate for high-school age and up.

To help with our planning, **please RSVP to nbobby0116@gmail.com no later than November 25, 2025.** Free-will donations will be gratefully accepted to help cover the cost of the retreat.



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Church: 1265 Linden Avenue. Baltimore, MD 21227

Very Reverend Vasyl Symyon, Administrator

Intention request for a Divine Liturgy at:

PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Please fill out this form and mail it to Patronage Church, or place it in the offertory basket.

This is to request the celebration of a Divine Liturgy for:

(print name of the person enrolled and note
for either health of or for the deceased)

(specific date, if applicable)

Suggested donation of at least \$20.00 per Liturgy Intention: _____
(make check payable to: Very Reverend Vasyl Symyon)

Name of person requesting the Intention:

Address of person requesting the Intention:

Email address and/or phone number of person requesting the Intention:
