

What Have We Left Behind?

Most successful people would probably tell you that what separates great people from ordinary people is that great people are willing to risk making decisions, whether right or wrong, and then acting on those decisions. Great people are people who have made great choices, often very risky choices, but in the long run their choices have usually been right. Biblical history is peopled with folks who were confronted by decisions they had to make.

Just imagine the decision required of those fishermen on the shores of Lake Galilee. Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John were fishermen, true, but they were businessmen. Perhaps even prosperous businessmen. Fish was a staple in the diet, and fishermen could often make a very good living. The brothers Peter and Andrew were

probably business partners with the brothers James and John and most likely had a good business going. So when Jesus said to the two sets of brothers, "Follow me," He was not calling them to leave a sport, or a hobby; he was asking them to leave their careers, their livelihoods, and their families! They had everything to lose.

What have we left behind to follow Him? Unless there's some pain, some discomfort, some sacrifice, then most probably we haven't left anything. Perhaps we're still fumbling about in our boats, tossing our nets over the side, and business goes on as usual.

Yet, if we do that, the Great Fisherman might leave us and move on to someone else, and the choice might go by forever.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Call of the First Apostles



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Divine Liturgy Schedule: Every Saturday at 4:00pm

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
2 nd Sunday After Pentecost 6.22.2025	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For: Living and Deceased Parishioners of Our Church
Birth of John the Baptist Tuesday, 6.24.2025	6:00pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy	For: Living and Deceased Parishioners of Our Church
3 rd Sunday After Pentecost Saints Peter and Paul 6.29.2026	11:00am	Divine Liturgy at Holy Trinity Cemetery Pavilion (Cathedral Gardens)	For: +William and +Martha Rudy From: Sharon and Dennis Kotula, their Children and Grandchildren

2nd Sunday After Pentecost

Today's Propers can be found on page 125, Tone 1 in the teal Divine Liturgy book.

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 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, 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. *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 – 6.15.2025	Hagerstown Mission – 6.15.2025
Offertory:	\$1,591.00	
Tithe.ly:	\$ 175.50	\$ 50.00
Candle Stands:	\$ 5.00	
Picnic Donation:	\$ 100.00	

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 immediately after Divine Liturgy for some light refreshments, and parish fellowship. All are welcome!

PATRONAGE CHURCH'S 2ND ANNUAL PICNIC: Everyone is invited to join us at Holy Trinity Cemetery (Cathedral Gardens) pavilion, 6480 Elibank Drive in Elkridge (only a few miles from our church), next **Sunday, June 29th**. We will begin with **Divine Liturgy at 11:00am**, followed by our picnic with lots of food, games for children and adults, crafts for children, and lots of parish fellowship. 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 next **Sunday, June 22nd**. If you are unsure of what to bring, Mary can let you know what food is needed. Volunteers are needed to organize some games. If you would like to help out, please contact Sharon Kotula (d.kotula@comcast.net). 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 items that the church will provide for the picnic. **A final planning meeting for our picnic will take place immediately after Divine Liturgy today.** If you are attending the picnic, please join us!

PATRONAGE CHURCH'S DOME ON OUR CHURCH: Our church’s dome was cleaned and re-painted a metallic gold on Friday, June 13th. We were fortunate that the painter was also able to re-attach 2 pieces of siding that had come off the tower during a wind storm.

LITURGY INTENTIONS: We are currently accepting Liturgy Intentions. 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.

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.” Chaperones are currently needed for all camps, except the Altar Server Congress, where chaperone space is limited. All chaperones must be Safe Environment certified with the Eparchy prior to the start of the camp. ***Please let Fr. Vasyi 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

PATRONAGE CHURCH’S ANNUAL CRAB FEAST: Mark your calendar – Saturday, **September 13th**, beginning at 4:00pm with Divine Liturgy, followed by the Crab Feast in our social hall. Dann Karlson will, again, be organizing this event. More info to follow.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY: Please mark your calendar. Fr. Vasyi will be blessing our students and teachers on **Sunday, September 21st**, for Catechetical Sunday. Registration for our 2025-2026 school year will begin in July. More information will follow in an upcoming bulletin.

EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF) PROGRAM: If you borrowed any ECF books/materials from this past school year, can you kindly bring them to church and give them to Kevin Ross, so that they could be used, again. Thank you for your help!

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.

MID-ATLANTIC STATES SYNCCELLATE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Save the date - this event honors married couples beginning with their fifth anniversary and every fifth-year anniversary thereafter, e.g., 5th, 10th, 15th, etc., and will be held on **Saturday, October 11, 2025, beginning at 4:00pm**. A banquet will follow in Epiphany’s Parish Center. More information to follow.

ADULT ENRICHMENT MINISTRY: Our next session is in the planning phase, and will resume in **September**. More information will be posted in an upcoming bulletin. Any questions, see Nancy Bobby. Hope you can join us!

CANDLE STANDS ON THE SIDES OF OUR ICONOSTASIS: If you would like to light a candle, they are available on the table in the back of our church, and the candle can be lit at the stand. The cost is \$1.00/candle, and you can place your donation in the marked red basket.

2025 GCU BYZANTINE FAMILY DAY AT KENNYWOOD PARK: Join the GCU as they celebrate Byzantine Family Day at Kennywood Amusement Park, 4800 Kennywood Blvd., West Mifflin, PA 15122, on **Thursday, July 24, 2025**, from 11:00am to 9:00pm. Discounted tickets are available for GCU members and their family. For more information, and to order tickets online, visit www.gcuusa.com, click on “Events,” then the icon for this event - deadline to order tickets is Thursday, July 10th. Any questions, please contact the GCU Fraternal Communications Department at 1-800-722-4428, X3810, or email cchamberlain@GCUusa.com. If you have never attended this event, and are considering going, you won’t be disappointed! There are hotels close by if you plan on spending the night.

PATRONAGE FLASH FREEZER SALE: Help us clear out our freezer - we have **cheesecakes** - \$15/each; and **specialty pirohi** - \$7.00/dozen. If you would like to purchase any of these items, please see Mary Demyan after Liturgy. Cash or check (payable to: Patronage Church) will be accepted. Quantities are limited!

OUR DAILY BREAD CASSEROLE COLLECTION: Our next casserole 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).

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!**

CHURCH HUMOR: A boy asked his father, “Dad, what is the size of God?” Then the father looked up at the sky and saw a plane and asked his son, “What is the size of this plane?” The boy replied, “It is very small. I can hardly see it.” Then, the father took him to the airport and as they approached a plane, he asked, “Now, my son, how big is this plane?” The boy replied, “Wow dad, it’s huge!” Then the father told him, “God’s size depends on how close or how far you are to Him. The closer you are to Him, the greater He will be in your life!”
- Author Unknown

Children's Corner

Books of the Bible

Next to each book, write Old or New Testament to show where to find that book in the Bible:

_____ Luke	_____ Genesis
_____ Deuteronomy	_____ 1 Peter
_____ Acts	_____ 2 Kings
_____ Nahum	_____ James
_____ Judges	_____ Exodus
_____ 3 John	_____ Psalms
_____ 1 Chronicles	_____ Hebrews
_____ 1 Timothy	_____ Jeremiah
_____ Romans	_____ Esther
_____ Judith	_____ Jude
_____ Titus	_____ Malachi
_____ 1 Samuel	_____ Baruch

Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma Hosts 4th Metropolitan Assembly



2025 BYZANTINE ASSEMBLY

Come let us worship, and bow before Christ

JULY | 16-20 | 2025
IN WHITING, INDIANA

Join us as we will delve into the rich experiences and insights of our bishops. This year's highlights include:

- Metropolitan William: Discover his journey growing up Byzantine Catholic in Northern Minnesota.
- Bishop Kurt: Share experiences from a mission parish and lessons from the missionary parish experience.
- Bishop Robert: Roundtable with young adults on their experiences as Byzantine Catholics in a post-Christian world and their hopes for the Metropolia.
- Bishop Artur: Learn about his experiences during Soviet persecutions and applicable lessons today.

www.byzantineassembly.org/registration

A pivotal moment for Eastern Catholics – please register by July 1st!

This bi-annual gathering serves as a cornerstone for unity, reflection, and spiritual renewal, bringing together clergy and laity from across the Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh. Please explore the website and be sure to plan your trip! We look forward to worshipping and learning with you. See you in July!

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION: We are currently updating our church email, phone, and mailing lists. If you have not already completed a census form, and would like to be included on these lists, forms are located on the bookrack in the Narthex. If you have any new contact changes, please also submit a new census form with the that info. Completed forms can be placed in the offertory basket or mailed to our church. Thank you for your help!

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).

