



PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH - BALTIMORE

1260 Stevens Avenue, Arbutus, MD 21227-2644

www.patronagechurch.com / Facebook: Patronagechurch
patronage.church@gmail.com

Office: (410) 247-4936

Administrator: Very Rev. Vasyl Symyon Phone: 412-713-4520
 Email: vasyl.symyon@gmail.com Cantor: Michael Kulka
 Rev. Deacon Anthony Kotlar, Sr. Cantor: Joseph Kotlar, Sr.
 Email: Kotlar@alum.mit.edu Cantor: Anne Marie Kotlar
 Office Assistant: Sharon Kotula; Email: d.kotula@comcast.net

Patronage Church at Hagerstown:

St. Augustine Catholic Church: 32 E. Potomac St., Williamsport, MD 21795

Contact: Adam and Lauren Myers: (301) 791-0930/axxearp@yahoo.com

Divine Liturgy Schedule: Saturday, January 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st, at 4:00pm

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday After Christmas – David, Joseph, and James 12.28.2025	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the Repose of the Soul of: +Caroline Belensky From: Michael and Elaine Kulka
Circumcision of Our Lord Basil the Great – Archbishop Wednesday, 12.31.2025	9:00am	Divine Liturgy Anointing/Mirovanije	For the Health and Salvation of Parishioners
Sunday Before Theophany Great Blessing of the Water 1.4.2026	8:45am	Divine Liturgy Anointing/Mirovanije	For the Healing and Recovery of: Family Members & Friends of Patronage Church From: Maria Esquela

Sunday After Christmas – David, Joseph, and James

Today's Propers can be found as a handout 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.

Christ is Born! Glorify Him! Christos Razdajetsja! Slavite Jeho!

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., 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.

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).

END OF THE YEAR 2025 PARISH SOCIAL: We want to thank God for all of his blessings this past year. After Divine Liturgy this morning, please join us for a thank you social sponsored by the GCU. We are truly thankful for the GCU's continued support of our church.

HAPPY NEW YEAR: May God grant His protection, grace, and blessings in the New Year to all of us.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Next Sunday, January 4, 2026, Fr. Vasyl will have the Great Blessing of the Water. Holy water bottles will be available for purchase, or you can bring one from home.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: Thank you to the youth of our parish who participated in our annual Christmas Eve Nativity program.

EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF): Parents, please note that we will be resuming our ECF class schedule beginning Sunday, January 4th, followed by classes on January 18th.

2026 PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE: Please join us at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., on January 22nd and 23rd, 2026. Bishop Kurt will celebrate the Byzantine Catholic Compline on January 22nd, at the Crypt Church, after the Holy Hour for Life. Bishop Kurt will also celebrate the Divine Liturgy for Life in the Byzantine Chapel on January 23rd, at 9:15am. More information to follow.

“THE CALL OF THE DISCIPLES” PILGRIM VOCATION ICON PROGRAM: Week #13 – 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.

THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD ANNUAL PARISH POT-LUCK LUNCHEON:

Please join us for some parish fellowship in our social hall on **Sunday, January 11th**, following our 9:00am Divine Liturgy, for our annual Theophany pot-luck luncheon. To ensure we have enough seating and food for everyone, please contact Mary Demyan (mdemya1@verizon.net) no later than **Sunday, January 4th**, and let her know how many people from your family will be attending, and what dish you will be providing. Thank you for your help!

EASTERN CATHOLIC LIFE (ECL): We are currently updating our 2026 parish subscription list for the ECL. If you would like to either newly subscribe or renew your subscription to the ECL, please send the church an email, and let us know by **Sunday, January 4th**, so that we can send our list to the Eparchy of Passaic. The cost is \$20/year, and checks should be made payable to: Patronage Church (please mark on the memo of your check that this is for the ECL). Cash will also be accepted. Those that receive church envelopes, can find a pink ECL envelope in the packet you received in the mail.

CHURCH ENVELOPES 2026: If you do not have church envelopes, and would like to receive them, please send the church an email, and let us know. Envelopes are mailed out bi-monthly. If you are now using Tithe.ly to make donations to our church and no longer need envelopes, please let us know, as well. Thank you for your assistance!

PARISH CENSUS 2026: In order to maintain and keep current our church records and contact information, we are asking each household to complete a parish census. A copy is included with this bulletin. **Please return your completed census no later than January 18th**, and either place it in the offertory basket, or mail it to our church. Thank you for your help!

2025 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Those that have donated to our church this year will be receiving a financial statement by the end of January. Any questions, please see Dennis Kotula.

ICONOGRAPHY CLASS: There are only 2 slots left for our Iconography Class scheduled for **February 27th, 28th, and March 1, 2026**, at Patronage Church. If you are interested in participating, please contact Kevin Ross (keviross@gmail.com), as soon as possible. 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.

FREEZER SALE: Help us clear our church freezer. Items for sale are: a variety of Pirohi at \$7/bag; smoked and fresh Kolbassi at \$6/bag, cheesecake (only 1 left) for \$15; and nut, poppy, and apricot Kolachi at \$16/each. Please see Mary Demyan after Liturgy if you are interested in purchasing any. Quantities are limited!

Children's Corner

THE NATIVITY ICON

Write the appropriate number in each line.



Name



- Cave
- Christ
- Theotokos
- Shepherd
- Animals
- Baby Jesus taking a bath
- Three Magi
- Angels
- Angel
- Joseph
- The star

Icon by Athanasios Clark; lumclarkicons.com - used with permission from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America Department of Religious Education.

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).

CONFIDENTIAL

PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

1260 Stevens Avenue, Baltimore (Arbutus), Maryland 21227

Parish Census: 2026

please print legibly

FAMILY LAST NAME: _____ Married: ___ Single: ___ Widowed: ___ Separated: ___ Divorced: ___

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

HUSBAND'S or SINGLE MALE'S GIVEN NAME: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____ Occupation: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Church of Baptism/Chrismation: _____ City: _____ State: _____

STATUS: ***Eastern Rite Tradition***

_____ Byzantine Ruthenian

(please check _____ Byzantine Ukrainian

One) _____ Byzantine Melkite

_____ Other Eastern Catholic

 Please specify: _____

_____ Eastern Orthodox

 Please specify: _____

Western Rite Tradition:

_____ Roman Catholic

_____ Protestant

 Please specify: _____

_____ Other

 Please specify: _____

Transfer of Rite Date: _____

Transfer of Rite Church: _____

WIFE'S or SINGLE FEMALE'S GIVEN NAME: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____ Occupation: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Church of Baptism/Chrismation: _____ City: _____ State: _____

STATUS: ***Eastern Rite Tradition***

_____ Byzantine Ruthenian

(please check _____ Byzantine Ukrainian

One) _____ Byzantine Melkite

_____ Other Eastern Catholic

 Please specify: _____

_____ Eastern Orthodox

 Please specify: _____

Western Rite Tradition:

_____ Roman Catholic

_____ Protestant

 Please specify: _____

_____ Other

 Please specify: _____

Transfer of Rite Date: _____

Transfer of Rite Church: _____

MARRIAGE: Date: _____ Church Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____

If widowed, give date of death of spouse: _____

If separated, give date of separation: _____

If divorced, give date of divorce: _____ Previously Married to: _____

CONFIDENTIAL

CHILDREN LIVING AT HOME (please attach another sheet of paper, with the following information, if you need to add additional names):

(1) NAME: _____ Date of Birth: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Church/Date of Baptism: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Chrismation: _____ Date of First Communion: _____ Year in School: _____

(2) NAME: _____ Date of Birth: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Church/Date of Baptism: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Chrismation: _____ Date of First Communion: _____ Year in School: _____

(3) NAME: _____ Date of Birth: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Church/Date of Baptism: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Chrismation: _____ Date of First Communion: _____ Year in School: _____

(4) NAME: _____ Date of Birth: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Church/Date of Baptism: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Chrismation: _____ Date of First Communion: _____ Year in School: _____

CHILDREN NOT LIVING AT HOME (please attach another sheet of paper, with the following information, if you need to add additional names):

(1) NAME: _____ Date of Birth: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Church/Date of Baptism: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Marriage Date: _____ Name of Spouse: _____ Location: _____

(2) NAME: _____ Date of Birth: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Church/Date of Baptism: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Marriage Date: _____ Name of Spouse: _____ Location: _____

(3) NAME: _____ Date of Birth: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Church/Date of Baptism: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Marriage Date: _____ Name of Spouse: _____ Location: _____

DEMOGRAPHICS:

Do you want to receive the Eastern Catholic Life (ECL) \$20/year (Y or N): _____ Do you want to receive Offertory Envelopes (Y or N): _____

Do you use Tithe.ly (Y or N): _____ Do you prefer to donate by Check/Cash Donation (Y or N): _____

Current involvement of Patronage Church organizations (list): _____

Areas of interest for involvement at Patronage Church: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____