

There is Life in the Church because in the Church is the Spirit

My brothers and sisters, if you want the Holy Spirit to dwell in you, listen carefully. Our spirit, by means of which each individual lives, is called the soul. And look what the soul does in the body. It gives life to all the limbs. It sees with the eyes, hears with the ears, smells with the nose, speaks with the tongue, works with the hands, walks with the feet. It is present at one and the same time in all the limbs to make them live. It gives life to all the limbs and to each limb its function. It is not the eye that hears, not the ear that sees, not the eye or the ear that speaks. Yet they are nonetheless alive. The ear is alive, the tongue is alive. Their functions are different, the life is the same.

The Church of God is like that. By means of some believers she performs miracles, by means

of others she teaches the truth; by means of some she keeps virginity, by means of others she respects marital fidelity. The tasks are different, the life is the same. What the soul is to the body of a human being, the Holy Spirit is to the Body of Christ, the Church. The Holy Spirit does for the whole Church what the soul does for the body of the individual. Look then and see what you ought to fear and what you ought to avoid. If the body suffers an amputation (for example of a finger or a hand or a foot) does the soul go with the limb that has been cut off? While it was in the body, that limb was alive; when it is cut off it loses its life. It is like that with Christians. They are alive only while they are in the Body. If they are cut off from the Body, the Holy Spirit is no longer with them.

St. Augustine of Hippo

SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



Icon of Pentecost



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Divine Liturgy Schedule: Every Saturday at 4:00pm

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
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
2 nd Sunday After Pentecost 6.22.2025	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For: Living and Deceased Parishioners of Our Church

Pentecost Sunday

Today's Propers can be found on page 203 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 – 6.1.2025	Hagerstown Mission – 5.31.2025
Offertory:	\$1,985.00	\$377.00
Tithe.ly:	\$ 175.50	\$ 50.00
Ascension:	\$ 80.00	
Saints Peter and Paul:	\$ 10.00	
Freezer Sales:	\$ 86.00	

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).*

MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE AND SOLEMN EUCHARIST: We offer prayers and blessings for **Calvin Arthur Ross** and **Nicholas James Bautista Roberts** in receiving the Mystery of Repentance and Solemn Eucharist today, and wish them continued growth in their spiritual journey. May God grant Calvin, Nicholas, and their families, many blessed years! *Mnohaja l'ita!*

DONATION OF PLASCHANICJA AND 2 CANDLE STANDS: These items were recently gifted to our church in blessed memory of +William and +Martha Rudy from donations made by family and friends. May their memory be eternal! *Vičnaja Pamjat'!*

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 basket. When we light a candle in church, it helps us to remember that Jesus is the “light of the world.” We light candles for the health of someone, for the repose of the departed, or for a special intention. The lighting of the candle should always be accompanied by words of prayer. For the living, we ask for God’s mercy and protection, while for the deceased, we ask for God’s compassion and eternal salvation.

FATHER’S DAY INTENTION/BRUNCH: 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. Today is the deadline to submit names. Everyone is also invited to attend a brunch in our social hall immediately after Liturgy. Please RSVP to Theresa Kotlar (trassek@comcast.net) no later than **Thursday, June 12th**, and let her know how many people from your family will be attending, and what dish you will be providing. If you are unsure of what to bring, Theresa can let you know what is needed.

Reflection from Mount St. Macrina, Uniontown, PA
By: Sister Barbara Jean Mihalchick, OSBM,
Sisters of St. Basil the Great

“Seek the Gifts of the Holy Spirit”

Glory to Jesus Christ!

The favorite stories that I prefer and enjoy the most are those stories I would call stories of “enlightening moments.” Someone comes to a realization that makes a big difference in his or her life.

Perhaps you’ve heard the story from me about the woman I met in prison who, when she was sentenced to 30 years punishment, she went to her Bible, she fell on her knees before God, and opened the book to the 23rd Psalm. She understood a whole new vision of life.

She gave her life to the Lord and was quite changed. I met her five years later and she was the spiritual force among the women in that prison.

Talking about the last of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit – the Gift of Understanding, that’s an enlightenment about spiritual truths that matter so much in our lives. It could be a big, life-changing thing or it can just be coming to an understanding, for instance, about why Sacraments are important in my life, or perhaps why I want to commit myself to reading Scripture every day.

This is the Gift of Understanding. It helps to enliven all the others; all the elements of one’s spiritual life.

So, as I conclude these reflections of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, I remind us to pray for them, to seek them, because this is what a strong Christian needs and these are Gifts God’s so willing to give.

The Holy Spirit active in our lives is reflected in these kinds of things: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Reverence of God.

Let us seek then actively and give greater praise in our lives in the Lord.

Glory to Jesus Christ!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: We are in need of someone to sweep out all of the leaves and debris in the stairwell on the side of our church opposite of Highview Avenue. The rubber mats can be stacked next to the stairwell. Please let Dennis Kotula (dennis.kotula@gmail.com) know if you are able to volunteer. Many thanks!

PATRONAGE FLASH FREEZER SALE: We have items for sale with limited quantities: *cheesecakes - \$15/each; fresh kolbasi - \$7/each; and specialty pirohi - \$7.50/bag*. 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.

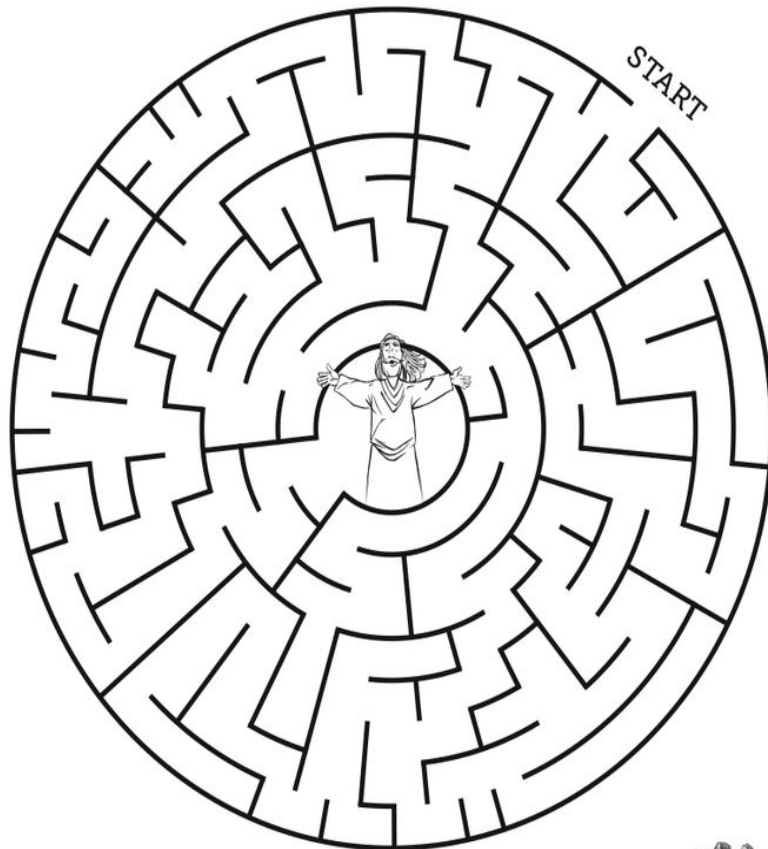
EPARCHY OF PASSAIC 2024 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL: Donations are being accepted through Sunday, June 15, 2025. Our goal for Patronage Church is \$9,800. If we exceed our goal, our church will receive 40% refund of the total received. You can donate online at www.eparchyofpassaic.com, or mail a check payable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

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).

Children's Corner

JESUS TEACHES HOW TO PRAY

Follow the path to Jesus.



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2025 BYZANTINE ASSEMBLY

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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 Easter Catholics – register now & take part!

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!

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 Divine Liturgy/picnic. 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 **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 items that the church will provide for the picnic. Any questions, please contact Sharon Kotula. Hope to see you at the picnic!

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)***