

Authority of the Council - Authority of the Church

The authority of the Councils is based also on their ecclesiological grounding. A council is not an independent, autonomous body, additional, coming from outside, acting unilaterally. It is not the product of accidental circumstances in history and imposed afterwards. It is closely, or rather organically, related with the very essence of the Church. This body of Christ is a living organism, destined to grow, to face difficulties during this process, to be implanted in other regions of the world needing inculturalization and a certain adaptation.

Such embodiment and multifaceted ministry creates problems, tensions, even divisions and in spite of the good will of the local

bishop and pastors, the convocation of as a major assembly is considered as a natural instrument, salutary and indispensable.

The official voice of the catholicity and the koinonia of all the other sister churches, in harmony and guided by the Spirit, would only provide the new assessments, possible remedies and solutions. The functioning of such a council was such that the opinions and requests at issue found expression from the very womb of the Church. Once the decision was made, the people had a part in receiving it and publicizing it (Acts 15:22) as is seen in the first assembly of Jerusalem.

Metropolitan Emilianos

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS



Icon of the Holy Fathers



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Divine Liturgy Schedule: Saturday - July 12th at 4:00pm, and July 26th at 4:00pm

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils 7.13.2025	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	Health and Blessings For: Michael Skovran From: The Parishioners of Patronage Church
6 th Sunday After Pentecost Elijah – Great Prophet 7.20.2025	9:00am	Divine Liturgy Blessing of Vehicles	For: Health and Salvation of Parishioners

Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils

Today's Propers can be found on page 141, Tone 4, then page 341 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, Clyde Wood, Nicholas Kotula, 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!*

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!

STEWARDSHIP

Patronage Church – 7.6.2025

Offertory:	\$1,387.68
Tithe.ly:	\$ 275.50
Saints Peter and Paul:	\$ 110.00
Byzantine Catholic Missions:	\$ 10.00
Candles:	\$ 7.00
Freezer Sales:	\$ 29.00

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).*

OTPUST – 91ST ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP: Save the date – this yearly Pilgrimage (Otpust) at Mount Saint Macrina, in Uniontown, PA, will take place Labor Day weekend. It is home to the monastery of the Byzantine Catholic Order of Sisters of St. Basil. The Pilgrimage is a source of ongoing renewal and provides for the diverse spiritual needs of the many pilgrims who frequent this major unifying event in the life of the Byzantine Catholic Church. Its participants include clergy and faithful from across the country. The Pilgrimage offers the celebration of Divine Liturgy; opportunities for the Mystery of Reconciliation; Anointing of the Sick; Adult Enrichment Programs; activities for children, teens, young adults; and pastoral counseling. This event is the oldest and largest Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Pilgrimage in the United States. The Sisters welcome all people of faith to share in this special ministry and in its many blessings. More information to follow in an upcoming bulletin.

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

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

Children's Corner

Find the hidden words below in this word search puzzle:

God Loves

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strength	refuge	worshiped	victorious	healer
compassionate	protective	powerful	holy	righteous
perfect	jesus	loving	caring	patient
forever	promises	faithful	trinity	holy spirit
son	christ	won the battle	overcomer	worthy of praise
grace	savior	lord	father	king
forgiver	creator	almighty	everlasting	

ST. NICHOLAS MINISTRY: We are looking for greeters to welcome new faces to our church. If you would like to volunteer, or have any questions, please contact Carol Herder (carolherder@msn.com), or Dan Bobby (dnmbobby@aol.com). You can also write your name on the sign-up sheet, located on the bulletin board in the Narthex, if you would like to volunteer, and either Carol or Dan will contact you.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY: Please mark your calendar. Fr. Vasyl will be blessing our students and teachers on **Sunday, September 21st**, for Catechetical Sunday. Information on registration for our 2025-2026 school year, 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.

LITURGY INTENTIONS: Dates are currently available if you would like to have a Liturgy intention. 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.

2025 EPARCHY OF PASSAIC YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS DATES: The following camps are currently accepting registration applications:

1. **Altar Server Congress:** July 20-24, 2025 – open to Altar Servers ages 6-17
2. **Camp Saint Nicholas:** August 11-15, 2024 – open to pre-teen boys and girls ages 6-12

Camps are 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 "Youth Summer Camps." **Please let Fr. Vasyl know if your child would like to attend any of these 2 camps.**

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).

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

“Do you know who your patron saint is?”

Glory to Jesus Christ!

My friends, do you know who your patron saint is? Do you know what your patron saint is famous for? Most of us have baptismal names that are attached to a saint who has lived in the past and has become, in a sense, “famous” in the Catholic Church, meaning they are honored for their virtues, honored for the message that his or her life gives to us, gives to the spirituality of Christianity.

Our saints are meant to be our helpers. Yes, we can turn to them for two things that come to mind. One of them, of course, is for them to pray for us. “Saint Bernadette, pray for us.” “Holy St. Martyr George, pray for us.” These are frequent prayers in the Catholic tradition.

Secondly, they also offer us an example. They “model” for us ways to be faithful in walking the path of life in Christ.

That’s what we’re to be about; that’s what we’re baptized into – the life of Christ – and the journey of making that more and more visible, useful, modeling it in this world. Yes, we too are meant to become models, “saints,” if you will. And that’s what grace is about in our lives.

That’s what the intercession and example of the saints also help us with.

So, when was the last time you called upon your patron saint? When was the last time you read his or her story and tried to get a good example from this person’s virtuous life?

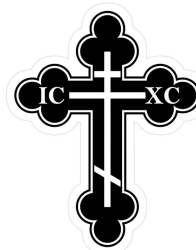
Many of them, like my patron saints Barbara and Thecla, were both early Christian martyrs. The message to me is: Be faithful to the end as all the martyrs were!

Saint Peter, ever the “questioner” of Jesus, even came out and said, “So, what do we get for it?” In today’s terms, that’s what it would sound like. “What do we get if we give our lives to You and for You?”

This is the 19th Chapter of Matthew:

“Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, ‘We have given up everything and followed you. What will there be for us?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Amen, I say to you that you who have followed me, in this new age, when the Son of Man is seated on his throne of glory, will yourselves sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands for the sake of my name will receive a hundred times more, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last and the last will be first.’”

Jesus’ words. Jesus’ promise. Jesus’ invitation. God bless you.



GCU MEMBERS: Are you a GCU member? If so, please email the church and let us know. We would like to update our list of members. A member is someone who holds a GCU life insurance policy or annuity. Dennis Kotula is the GCU Byzantine Parish Coordinator for Patronage Church, and because our church has a representative, the GCU funds some of our socials and activities each year. Dennis submits reports to the GCU on the socials and activities it helps to support, which is then written up in the GCU Magazine. The GCU wants to know how many members are at the events they help support, so please let us know. Any questions, please contact Dennis (dennis.kotula@gmail.com).

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, please contact Nancy Bobby (dnmbobby@aol.com). Hope you can join us!

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).