

They Saw Because They Believed

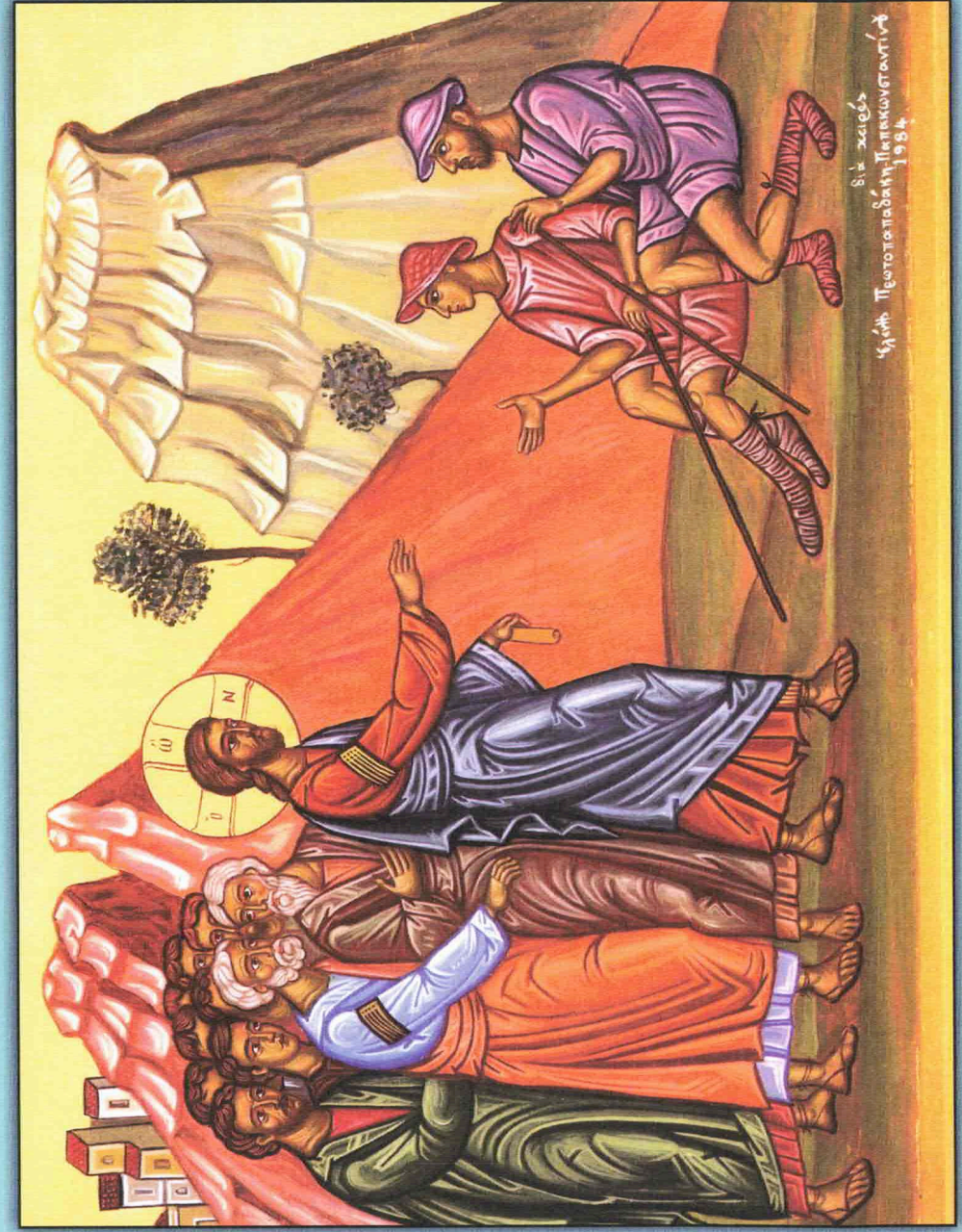
At that point, two blind men follow the Lord as He was passing by. But if they could not see, how could the blind men know of the Lord's departure as well as His name? Moreover, they called him "Son of David" and asked to be made well. In the two blind men, the entire earlier pre-figuration is complete.

To these unknowing persons the law gave evidence as to the one from whom they sought a cure. It indicated to them that their Savior in the flesh was of the line of David. It also introduced light to the minds of those who were blind from past sins. They could not see Christ but were told about Him.

The Lord showed them that faith should not be expected as a result of health but health should be expected because of faith. The blind men saw because they believed; they did not believe because they saw. From this we understand that what is requested must be predicated on faith and that faith must not be exercised because of what has been obtained. If they should believe, He offers them sight. And He charges the believers to be silent, for it was exclusively the task of the Apostles to preach.

St. Hilary of Poitiers

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Healing Two Blind Men



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Divine Liturgy Schedule: Saturday, August 9th, at 4:00pm; and August 23rd, at 4:00pm

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
7 th Sunday After Pentecost 7.27.2025	9:00am	Typika Service	For: Health and Salvation of Parishioners
8 th Sunday After Pentecost 8.3.2025	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For: +Philip and +Esther Kotula From: Dennis and Sharon Kotula, their Children and Grandchildren
Transfiguration of Our Lord Tuesday, 8.6.2025	6:00pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy Blessing of Fruit	For: Health and Salvation of Parishioners

7th Sunday After Pentecost

Today's Propers can be found on page 152, Tone 6, 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. **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. 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 after services today for some light refreshments, and parish fellowship.

PATRONAGE PARISHIONER UPDATE: Michael Skovran relocated to Pennsylvania this past week. His new address is: The Residence at Fitz Farm, c/o Michael Skovran, 2200 Springwood Road, Apt. 340, York, PA 17403.

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).

ECF TEACHERS NEEDED: ECF begins Catechetical Sunday, with the blessing of teachers and students, on **September 21st**. Kevin Ross will be our ECF coordinator this year, and we are in need of a few more teachers for our program. Teachers/Substitutes are required to complete the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic Safe Environment on-line program, and is valid for 5 years after completion. If you are interested in teaching, or have any questions, please contact Kevin (keviross@gmail.com). The 2025-2026 ECF registration form is included in this bulletin, and completed forms should be either placed in the offertory basket, or mailed to the rectory by Sunday, September 7th, so that we can order materials in time for this year's program, if needed. Also, if you borrowed any ECF books/materials from this past school year, can you kindly bring them to church and give them to Kevin, so that they could be used, again. Thank you for your help!

**“With us, everything should be secondary compared to our concern with children
and their upbringing in the instruction and teaching of the Lord.”** - Saint John Chrysostom

ADULT ENRICHMENT MINISTRY: Our next session will take place on **September 28th**, following Divine Liturgy in our social hall. The topic will be, “Divine Liturgy follow up - Part One.” Hope you can join us!

ST. NICHOLAS MINISTRY:

1. **Patronage Greeters:** 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 on the bulletin board, in the Narthex, if you would like to volunteer.
2. **Patronage Church Indoor Treasure Sale:** If you are cleaning out your house or garage, and would like to donate some items to our Treasure Sale, we would be happy to take them off of your hands. Our sale will take place on **Saturday, September 20th**, from 8:00am-1:00pm, in our social hall. Volunteers are needed to help set up a few days before, and work the day of our Treasure Sale. More details to follow. Proceeds will benefit church/rectory improvements. Any questions, please contact Sharon Kotula (d.kotula@comcast.net), or Mary Demyan (mdemya1@verizon.net).

Acceptable items for our Treasure Sale: gently used or new toys/games, sports equipment, knick knacks, linens, purses, dishes, silverware, bakeware, miscellaneous kitchen items, serving pieces, tools, garden items, small countertop appliances, clocks, storage containers, indoor/outdoor seasonal decorations, storage containers, jeans, t-shirts, jewelry, baskets, lamps, candles, framed pictures, new craft items/supplies, children's clothing, baby essentials, and small furniture. All items must be in clean/workable/usable condition.

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 Theresa Kotlar or Mary Demyan after Liturgy. Cash or check (payable to: Patronage Church) will be accepted. Quantities are limited!

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.

MID-ATLANTIC STATES SYNCELLATE 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**, at Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church in Annandale, VA. A banquet will follow in Epiphany's Parish Center. More information to follow.

DECREE ON THE MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE: Bishop Kurt Burnette issued a Decree, dated May 1, 2025, "Cell phones and other electronic devices that contain microphones must be left outside the confessional or be powered off. It is not enough to have it silenced." A sign stating this rule is posted in the priest's sacristy where the Mystery is celebrated.

GCU MEMBERS: Are you a GCU member? If so, please email the church and let us know. We would like to make sure we have every member on our church's list. Your attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated! Any questions, please contact Dennis Kotula (dennis.kotula@gmail.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!**

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." (Heb. 13:8)



You Are Who You Are For A Reason

You are who you are for a reason.

You're part of an intricate plan.

You're a precious and perfect unique design,
Called "God's special woman or man"

You look like you look for a reason.

Our God made no mistake.

He knit you together within the womb,
You're just what He wanted to make!

The parents you had were the ones He chose,

And no matter how you may feel,

They were custom-designed with God's plan in mind,
And they bear the Master's seal.

No, that trauma you faced was not easy;

And God wept that it hurt you so.

But it was allowed to shape your heart
So that into His likeness you'd grow.

You are who you are for a reason.

You've been formed by the Master's rod.

You are who you are, Beloved,

Because there is a GOD.

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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.

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).

PATRONAGE CHURCH
ANNUAL
CRAB FEAST

Price:

\$40

\$20 teens (13-17)

\$10 non-crab eaters

Free for kids 12
and under



Saturday, September 13, 2025
4:00pm Divine Liturgy
Crab Feast Afterwards

All you can eat Maryland steamed crabs!!

(soda, beer, & wine included)

Please bring a side dish or dessert

Payment due Sept. 7th to Dennis Kotula. Make checks payable to Patronage Byzantine Catholic Church. You may also place in offertory basket or mail to the rectory.

PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF) PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN REGISTRATION
2025-2026

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

TODDLER/PRE-K THRU 12TH GRADE

Parent's Name(s): _____ **Email Address:** _____

Home Address: _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Home Telephone # _____ **Mother's Cell #** _____ **Father's Cell #** _____

Parents, would you like to be an ECF teacher or substitute (please check one)? Yes ___ or No ___ Teacher or Substitute (please circle)
Teachers/Substitutes are required to complete the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic Safe Environment on-line program, which is valid for 5 years after completion.

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Student's Full Name	Date of Birth	Grade	Name/County of School Attending
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Allergies or Other Information: _____

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Student's Full Name	Date/Place of Baptism	Date/Place of Chrismation	Date/Place of Eucharist
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Emergency Contact (Name/Phone #): _____

Please return this registration form to Patronage Church by September 7th.