

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saints Cosmas and Damian -- November 1st

No Medical Fees!

Saints Cosmas and Damian are the principal and best known of those saints venerated in the East as the “moneyless ones,” or “unmercenary ones,” because they practiced their profession as physicians without fees from their patients.

According to tradition, Cosmas and Damian were twin brothers, born in Arabia of a saintly mother Theodota. The brothers studied the sciences in Syria and became eminent for their skill in medicine. Being charitable Christians, they practiced medicine with great application and success, but never took any payment for their services. They observed the Lord’s command, “Without cost you have received, without cost you are to give” (Mt. 10:8).

At Aegeae in Cilicia, where they lived, they enjoyed the highest esteem of the people. When the persecution under Diocletian broke out, their very prominence rendered them marked objects of persecution. Being apprehended by order of Lysias, governor of Cilicia, they underwent various torments and were beheaded about the year 283. The three brothers of Cosmas and Damian, Anthimus, Leontius and Euprepiu, are said to have suffered with them.

Among the distinguished people who attributed recovery from serious illness to Saints Cosmas and Damian was the Emperor Justinian I who built two churches in Constantinople in honor of the martyrs. Their basilica in Rome with its lovely mosaics was dedicated in the year 530.



PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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Divine Liturgy Schedule: Every Saturday at 4:00pm

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
20 th Sunday After Pentecost 10.26.2025	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the Repose of the Soul of: +Laurie Frey From: Jerry and Marilyn Colley
+Blessed Theodore Romza – Martyr Thursday, 10.30.2025	6:00pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy	For the Health and Salvation of Parishioners
21 st Sunday After Pentecost 11.2.2025	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the Repose of the Souls of: +Margaret and +Michael Loncaric From: Anna Esquela

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Today's Propers are a handout located 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.

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na v'iki! 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, Greg Rudy, Charlie Toth, Larissa Toth, Tony Kotlar, Jr., Clyde Wood, 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, and +Walter Lourdes Najera 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. 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).

IN BLESSED REPOSE: Last Sunday, October 19th, **+Caroline Belensky** fell asleep in the Lord. Her funeral was held at Patronage Church on Friday, October 24th. The Patronage family extends our condolences to the Belensky family. May God grant His departed servant, +Caroline, a peaceful repose. *Vičnaja jej pamjat’*. Eternal Memory.

EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF): Students in ECF will be having their fall party after Divine Liturgy today in our social hall. Thank you to everyone who assisted in planning this party for ECF.

ADULT ENRICHMENT MINISTRY: The next session will be on **November 9th**, after Divine Liturgy. Nancy Bobby will be discussing - **“Introduction to Iconography.”** A flyer is posted on the bulletin board, in the Narthex, listing future dates/topics for this ministry. Everyone is welcome to attend, so please join us!

“THE CALL OF THE DISCIPLES” PILGRIM VOCATION ICON PROGRAM: Week #4 - By welcoming the icon into your home for one week, you become part of a powerful movement of prayer and discernment. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the Narthex. 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.

PATRONAGE CHURCH COMMUNICATION: Parishioners are encouraged to stay informed by regularly checking the bulletin and website for updates on upcoming parish events and important announcements. Your active participation and attention help foster a stronger community, and ensures everyone is aware of changes and opportunities within our parish. Also, if you are not on our email list, please send us a note, and we will add you!

RESPECT LIFE MONTH: LIFE - OUR SIGN OF HOPE: During the month of October, join us in honoring Respect Life Month with the theme, “Life: Our Sign of Hope.” Inspired by the Jubilee Year of Hope, we’re called to celebrate the dignity of every human life and take action through prayer, reflection, and faithful witness.

“BELOVED” – AN ONLINE BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUNG WOMEN: Join this Bible study based on the Walking with Purpose Young Adult Series for ages 18-35. This zoom event begins **Monday, November 10th, at 7pm**, for six weeks. Connect with other women seeking clarity, faith, and community. Together, you will explore God’s love and what it means to be His beloved daughters. Participants will need to purchase their own study book, “Beloved” – Opening Your Heart Young Adult Series – Part 1, which is available at www.walkingwithpurpose.com. For more information, and to register (no later than November 5th), please visit www.archpitt.org.

BISHOP’S APPEAL 2025: There are a few pamphlets available on the shelf in the Narthex if you did not receive a form in the mail for the Bishop’s Appeal. Checks must be made payable to: *Eparchy of Passaic*, and mailed to: 445 Lackawanna Avenue, Woodland Park, NJ 07424-2969. You can also pledge online at: www.eparchyofpassaic.com, then click on “Giving.” Pledges and payments for this year’s appeal will be accepted through June 30, 2026. Any contributions received after December 31, 2025, must be attributed to the 2026 tax year. Help us reach our parish’s goal of \$9,800.00. Thank you for supporting the Eparchy of Passaic!

GREEK CATHOLIC UNION (GCU) – ST. NICHOLAS 2025

VIRTUALTHON: The GCU Board of Directors has once again instituted the St. Nicholas Virtualthon – a GCU community outreach event to benefit the Ss. Cyril & Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA. This is a matching funds event with the GCU Board pledging to match up to \$5,000 in total donations. If you would like to donate to this effort, please visit the GCU’s website: www.gcuusa.com if you would like to pay by credit card. If you prefer to pay by check, please make payable and mail to: St. Nicholas Virtualthon, 5400 Tuscarawas Road, Beaver, PA 15009. Donations will be accepted through Saturday, December 6, 2025, 11:45pm. The GCU thanks you for supporting this event.

2025 “OUR DAILY BREAD” CASSEROLE DONATIONS: Our next casserole collection will be **Sunday, November 9th**. Aluminum pans are available on the kitchen counter in our social hall to use to make a casserole. We will also be collecting by November 9th, hygiene products such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, shampoo, sunscreen, skin wipes, alcohol free mouthwash, and other personal sanitary products. A labeled plastic bin will be available in our cry room for these items. If you have any questions, please contact Greg Calvitt (gregcalvitt@gmail.com).

ST. NICHOLAS MINISTRY – PATRONAGE GREETERS: Volunteers are needed to be a parish greeter welcoming new faces to our church community. A new sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Herder (carolherder@msn.com), or Dan Bobby (dnmbobby@aol.com). Thank you for supporting this ministry!

SISTERS OF THE ORDER OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT: A Service Project at Mt. Macrina, Uniontown, PA, for young adults ages 18-39 will take place on Saturday, **November 1st**, from 10:00am – 4:00pm. Come and join them in service and prayer. For more information and to register, visit www.archpitt.org.

“WHAT GOD IS NOT” PODCAST SERIES - SECRETS OF THE LITURGY REVEALED: Fr. Michael O’Loughlin, from the Eparchy of Parma, offers a behind-the-scenes look at the Divine Liturgy, focusing on prayers that are typically inaudible to the congregation. He explains the intention and theology behind these prayers, including moments when the celebrant asks his fellow priests to pray for him, highlighting the humility and communal nature of priestly service. This episode provides a deeper appreciation for the hidden spiritual richness of the Liturgy, and invites listeners to reflect on the sacred dialogue between clergy and God that underpins the public worship experience. Here are the links:

Part 1: <https://whatgodisnot.com/blogs/episodes/secrets-of-the-liturgy-revealed>

Part 2: <https://whatgodisnot.com/blogs/episodes/secrets-part-ii>

ICONOGRAPHY CLASS: If you are interested in participating in our Iconography Class on **February 27th, 28th, and March 1, 2026**, at Patronage Church, please contact Kevin Ross (keviross@gmail.com), as soon as possible. There is limited space available, and spots are quickly filling up. Priority will be given to Patronage parishioners, after which registration will be open to members of other parishes. Beginner students will create an Icon of the Theotokos, while more advanced students may choose to work on an Icon of Christ.

GCU - 2025-2026 SCHOLARSHIP: The GCU is now accepting applications for the GCU Scholarship Awards. All applications must be completed online, and applicants must be a GCU member as of December 31, 2024, with a permanent life insurance certificate or annuity with a balance of \$2,000 or more, to be considered for the award. For complete information on scholarships available, requirements and to apply for the award, please visit www.gcuusa.com, and click on “Scholarships-Learn More” link. Applications for the 2025-26 scholarship will be available through December 31, 2025.

LITURGY INTENTIONS: If you would like to request 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. Vasyi Symyon.** Cash will also be accepted.

Children's Corner

Patronage Church - Veterans Day Commemoration

All Living and Deceased Military Veterans will be

remembered at Divine Liturgy on

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Living Veterans/Branch of Military: (please print clearly)

Deceased Veterans/Branch of Military: (please print clearly)

Your Name: _____

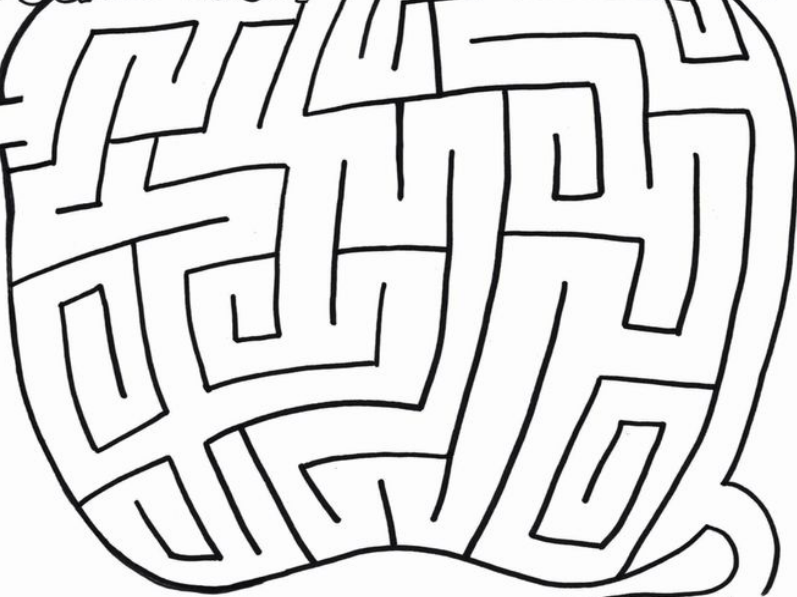
Donation: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Very Reverend Vasyly Symyon, and return this form to our church no later than Sunday, November 2nd.

For accurate record keeping, all requests must be made using one of the commemoration forms. Thank you for your assistance!

Give thanks
to the Lord
for He is Good.
Psalm 118:1

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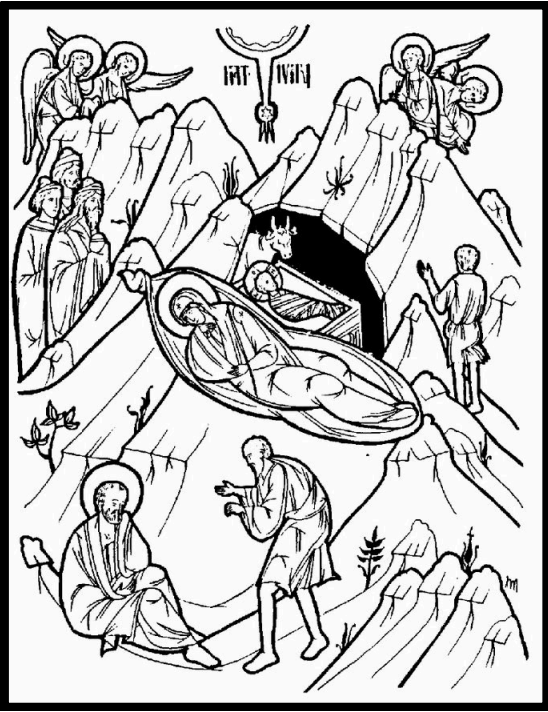
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"The primary goal in the education of children is to teach, and to give the example of a virtuous life." - St. John Chrysostom

DECREE ON THE HOLY MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE: Bishop Kurt Burnette issued a Decree, dated May 1, 2025, regarding cell phones and electronic devices in locations where the Holy Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession) is held. The Bishop's order: *"All cell phones, both belonging to the priest or to a penitent must be left outside the confessional or be powered off. It is not enough to have it silenced. The same care should be exercised around other electronic devices that respond to audio commands or contain microphones such as smart speakers and other devices. Speakers that respond to verbal commands should never be near the confessional. A sign stating this rule will be prominently posted where the Mystery is celebrated with regularity."*

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).



Christ is Born!

Please Join Us

for a

Nativity Fast Retreat

Patronage of the Mother of God
Byzantine Catholic Church

1265 Linden Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21227

Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fr. Jerome Wolbert, OFM, will help us prepare to celebrate the Birth of Our Lord, exploring Scripture, hymns and carols, and the prayers of the Byzantine Catholic Church.

Fr. Jerome grew up in St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church now in Flushing, Michigan, and has served Byzantine parishes in Pennsylvania. He currently lives at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, DC.

At the conclusion of the retreat, **Divine Liturgy for the Feast of St. Nicholas** will be celebrated, followed by our annual **St. Nicholas celebration and pot-luck dinner**.

While families of all ages are warmly invited to Divine Liturgy and our St. Nicholas celebration, we respectfully suggest that the retreat is most appropriate for high-school age and up.

To help with our planning, **please RSVP to nbobby0116@gmail.com no later than November 25, 2025**. Free-will donations will be gratefully accepted to help cover the cost of the retreat.