

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Holy Angels

“Do not be surprised that you fall every day, do not give up, but stand your ground courageously. And assuredly, the angel who guards you will honor your patience. While a wound is still fresh and warm, it is easy to heal; but old, neglected and festering ones are hard to cure, and require for their care much treatment, cutting, plastering and cauterization. Many from long neglect become incurable, but with God all things are possible.” (*St. John Climacus, The Ladder of Divine Ascent*)

“The angel who is always near us is by nothing so distressed and made indignant as when, without being constrained by some necessity, we deprive ourselves of the ministration of the Holy Mysteries and of reception of Holy Communion, which grants remission of sins. For at that hour the priest offers up the sacrifice of the Body of Him Who gives us life, and the Holy Spirit descends and consecrates the Body and

Blood and grants remission to creation. The Cherubim, the Seraphim, and the angels stand with great awe, fear, and joy. They rejoice over the Holy Mysteries while experiencing inexpressible astonishment. The angel who is always by us is consoled, because he also partakes in that dread spectacle and is not deprived of that perfect intercourse.” *St. Isaac the Syrian*

“When you close the doors to your dwelling and are alone you should know that there is present with you the angel whom God has appointed for each man. ... This angel, who is sleepless and cannot be deceived, is always present with you; he sees all things and is not hindered by darkness. You should know, too, that with him is God, who is in every place; for there is no place and nothing material in which God is not, since He is greater than all things and holds all men in His hand.”

St. Anthony the Great



Icon of Saint Michael and all the Angels -- November 8th



PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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Divine Liturgy Schedule: Saturday November 8th, 15th, and 29th; December 13th, 20th, and 27th, all at 4:00pm

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
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
22 nd Sunday After Pentecost and Archangel Michael and All Angels 11.9.2025	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the Repose of the Souls of: +Sophia and +Anton Loncaric From: Anna Esquela

21st Sunday After Pentecost

Today's Propers are on page 141, Tone 4, in the teal Divine Liturgy book.

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).

EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF): Students in ECF will be making ornaments in the social hall after Divine Liturgy today for our upcoming St. Nicholas Celebration on December 6th. Parents, your assistance is needed today with helping your child, as needed, and cleaning up afterwards. Thank you for your help!

2026 LITURGICAL CALENDARS: We received our new 2026 Liturgical calendars. The calendars are located on the bookrack in the Narthex. Due to a limited supply, please take only 1 calendar per family. Thank you!

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

“THE CALL OF THE DISCIPLES” PILGRIM VOCATION ICON PROGRAM: Week #5 – A sign-up sheet is available 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.

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!

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. 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!

NATIVITY FAST RETREAT/ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION: Please join us at our church on **Saturday, December 6th**, for a day of festivities beginning with our Nativity Fast Retreat from 10:00am – 4:00pm. Please RSVP to Nancy Bobby (nbobby0116@gmail.com) if you plan to attend this retreat no later than Tuesday, November 25th. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex with more information. This retreat is appropriate for high school age and up. Fr. Vasyl will then be celebrating Divine Liturgy starting at 4:00pm, followed by a performance from our ECF students, a visit from St. Nicholas, and a pot-luck dinner in our social hall. Please RSVP to Mary Demyan (mdemya1@verizon.net) no later than Sunday, November 30th, and let her know how many people from your family will be attending the pot-luck dinner, and what dish you will be bringing. We want to ensure we have enough seating and food for everyone. **Please note that there are no scheduled services on Sunday, December 7th**. Any questions, please send our church an email.

“GIFT FROM ST. NICHOLAS:” At the entrance to our social hall, and on the shelf in the Narthex, are envelopes labeled, **“Gift from St. Nicholas.”** If you would like to make a donation for the seminarians in Uzhhorod, Ukraine, please use this envelope (include your name and envelope number), if possible, and **return it to our church no later than Sunday, November 30th**. We will accept cash or check made payable to: Patronage Church. Please note on the memo of your check that it is for: “Gift from St. Nicholas.” You can place your donation in the offertory basket, or it can be mailed to our church. Your donation will be included in your yearly contribution letter distributed at the end of January, 2026. Any questions, please contact Fr. Vasyl.

CHURCH HOLIDAY DECORATING: Save the date – **Sunday, November 30th**, after Divine Liturgy, we will be decorating our church and social hall before the Feast of St. Nicholas. Please plan on joining us. We are in need of many volunteers.

ECF ST. NICHOLAS ANNUAL SERVICE PROJECT: This year, we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys and books for the Marine Corps Reserve “Toys for Tots” organization for disadvantaged children. A box is currently located in the cry room that you can place your donation in. **The last day to make a donation is Saturday, December 6th**. If you have any questions, please contact Greg Calvitt (gregcalvitt@gmail.com). Thank you for supporting this service project.

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).

PATRONAGE CHURCH SLAVIC FOOD FESTIVAL/BAKED GOODS/ DONATIONS NEEDED: Our upcoming festival is scheduled for **Saturday, November 22nd**, from 10:00am – 2:00pm. **The deadline for pre-orders is Monday, November 17th**. Forms can be found either on our website, or on the counter in the social hall kitchen. We are in need of homemade baked goods for our bake table, bags of shelled walnuts, cases of water, mini sodas, and monetary donations to help offset the expenses of our festival. If you would like to donate by check, please make it payable to: Patronage Church, and make a note in the memo that it is for our festival. You can place your donation in the offertory basket or mail it to our church. Your donation will be included in your yearly contribution letter distributed at the end of January, 2026. We also have a few more days of preparation to get ready for the festival, and are in need of many volunteers. Please contact Mary Demyan (mdemya1@verizon.net) if you are able to assist. Below are dates that volunteers are needed:

Kolachi Making: Wednesday, **November 19th**, at 9:00am (lunch will be provided)
Festival Set-up: Friday, **November 21st**, at 9:00am
Festival: Saturday, **November 22nd**, we will need kitchen help and clean-up assistance after the festival ends

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

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!

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.

Children's Corner

Bible Scavenger Hunt

Use your Bible to hunt down the answers to the questions below:

1. How many Psalms are there? _____
2. How many books are in the Old Testament? _____
3. What are the names of the four gospels?

4. In Revelation 16, how many bowls are mentioned?

5. James 2:22 says: _____
6. Genesis 1:27 says, "So God created man in his own _____, in the image of _____ he created him; _____, and _____ he created them."
7. Number these books of the Old Testament in order by writing 1-3 in front of each.
_____ Jeremiah _____ Job _____ Isaiah
8. There are _____ books of Corinthians.
9. There are _____ books of Timothy.
10. There are _____ books of Letters of John.
11. What is the name of the first book of the Bible?

12. What is the name of the last book of the Bible?

13. How many pages are in the Old Testament in your Bible? _____
14. What does Proverbs 1:7 say? _____
15. Number these books in the New Testament in order by writing 1-3 in front of each.
_____ Jude _____ Romans _____ Titus

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 Vasyl Symyon, and return this form to our church no later than today, Sunday, November 2nd.

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

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).

Mark Your Calendars!
Adult Enrichment
is Returning to
Patronage This Fall



Please join us this fall as we continue exploring aspects of our faith and worship on Sunday mornings after the 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

Adult enrichment sessions are open to all adults and no prior experience or background is needed! Come to one session or come to them all – we look forward to spending time together learning more about the rich and beautiful traditions and practice of our Byzantine church.

⚡*REVISED* Schedule. Dates and topics currently planned are:

- **November 9:** Nancy Bobby will present an *Introduction to Iconography*
- **November 16:** Deacon Tony will continue his discussion on the *Divine Liturgy*
- **December 14:** Deacon Tony will continue his discussion on the *Divine Liturgy*

⚡Winter/Spring schedule to be announced.

Schedule & Topics subject to change. Check the bulletin for latest info!



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.