

Pray for Your Enemies

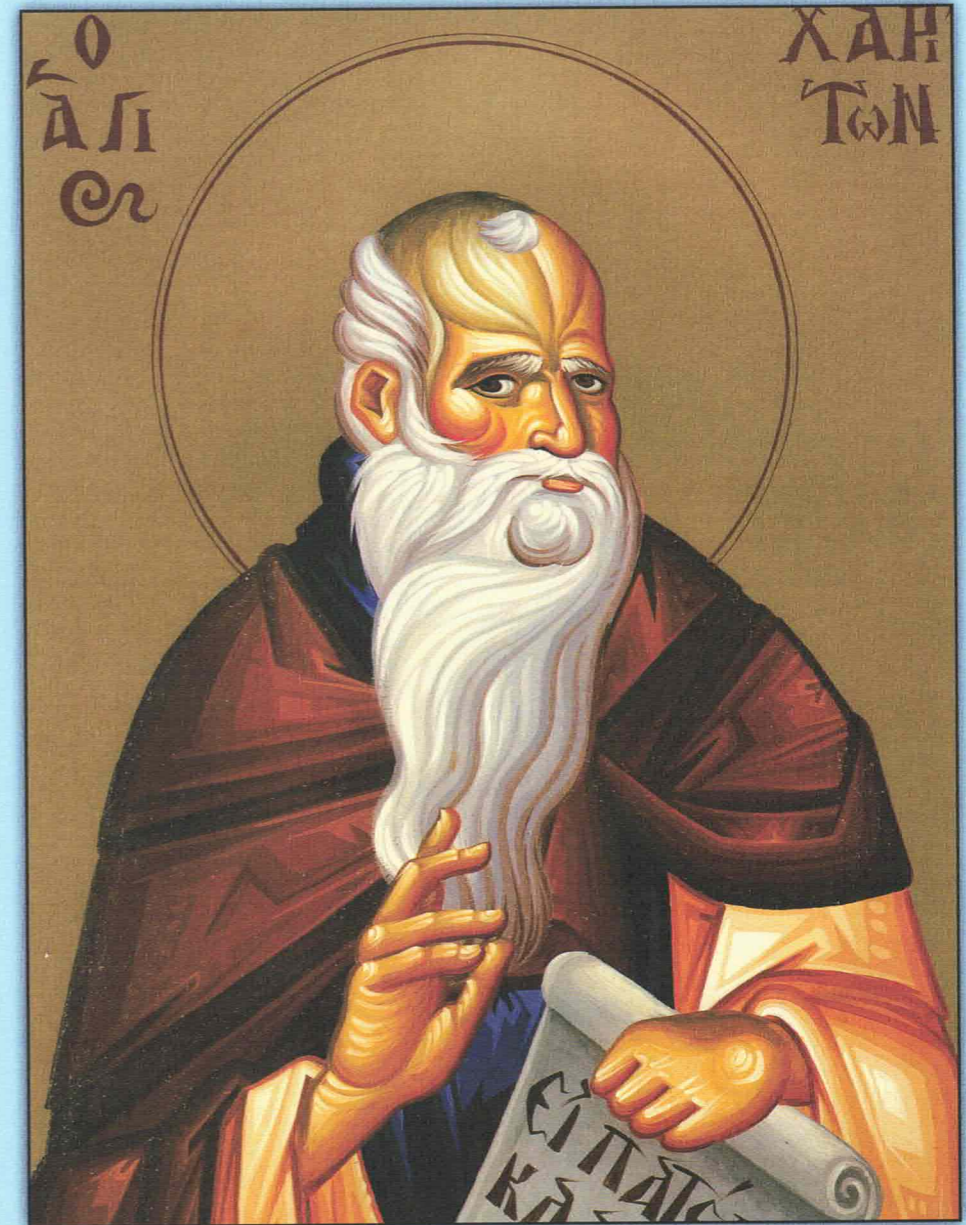
God's goodness is shown to His enemies by His works. You should at least show your goodness towards them by your words: Pray for your enemies and in this way, at least, you will be like your Father in heaven who "is good to the ungrateful and the wicked" (Luke 6:35). How many times we have preached about this! And we will not stop preaching, no matter how annoyed you get. For we will never cease discoursing on these things until your conduct is agreeable to them.

Imitate God! If He wills that all people be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, there is reason why one should pray for all. If He wills all to be saved, you should want it too. And if you want it, then pray for it; for wishes lead always to prayers. Observe how from ev-

ery quarter He urges this upon the soul, to pray for the heathen, showing how great advantages come from this. . . . And what is more, it is pleasing to God to do this, for in doing it we become Godlike since we will the very same things that God wills. This is enough to shame a dumb beast! Fear not therefore to pray for the unbelievers, for God Himself wills it. But fear only to pray against anyone; for this God forbids. And if you pray for the heathen, you ought, of course, to pray for the heretics also. For we are to pray for all people, and not to persecute. For we are of one human nature with all, and God commands and accepts good will and affection towards all.

St. John Chrysostom

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Our Venerable Father and Confessor Chariton -- September 28th



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Divine Liturgy Schedule: Every Saturday at 4:00pm

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
16 th Sunday After Pentecost 9.28.2025	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For: Health and Salvation of Parishioners
Protection of the Theotokos Tuesday, 9.30.2025	6:00pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy Anointing/Mirovanije	For: Health and Salvation of Parishioners
17 th Sunday After Pentecost 10.5.2025	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For: Health and Salvation of Parishioners

16th Sunday After Pentecost

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, 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, Caroline and 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).

ADULT ENRICHMENT MINISTRY: Please join us after Divine Liturgy today in our social hall. Deacon Tony will start our fall session with a presentation on Iconography and Scripture, especially how these relate to our Divine Liturgy. A flyer is posted on the bulletin board, in the Narthex, listing future dates/topics for this ministry. Everyone is welcome to attend!

PATRONAGE FEAST DAY CELEBRATION: Please join us next **Sunday, October 5th**. Our church will be celebrating our feast day, Protection of the Theotokos. Following Divine Liturgy, we will have a pot-luck luncheon in our social hall. To ensure we have enough food and seating for everyone, please contact Mary Demyan (mdemya1@verizon.net), and let her know how many people from your family will be attending along with what dish you will be providing no later than **Friday, October 3rd**. We also need volunteers to help set up, and clean up. Thank you for your help!

“THE CALL OF THE DISCIPLES PILGRIM VOCATION ICON PROGRAM: Our Lord reminds us that “the harvest is truly plentiful but the laborers are few. Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he send laborers into his harvest” (Matthew 9:37-38). As Christian faithful, we all have a responsibility to foster future leaders of the Church – priests, deacons, nuns, and monks – dedicated to serving God’s people. One way we can be involved in the nurturing of vocations is to pray. Next Sunday begins a special time of prayer for vocations for the Byzantine Catholic Church in the United States. Each parish has received an icon specially written for this program. Every member of the parish is invited to have “The Call of the Disciples” icon in their home for a week of special prayer for vocations. Please sign up on the sheet that is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. For more information, please contact Fr. Vasyl.

EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF): All students will have class on **Sunday, October 12th**, in our rectory basement following Divine Liturgy. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Ross (keviross@gmail.com).

“If we don't teach our children who God is, someone will teach them everything He is not.”

Author Unknown

BISHOP'S APPEAL 2025: You should be receiving the Bishop's Appeal Pledge form in the mail shortly. Pledges and payments 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. You are welcome to pledge online at: www.eparchyofpassaic.com, or send a check payable to: Eparchy of Passaic, and mail it to 445 Lackawanna Avenue, Woodland Park, NJ 07424-2969.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOLUPKI MAKING: Please join us in making Holupki on **Friday, October 10th, and Saturday, October 11th, beginning at 9:00am**, for our upcoming Slavic Food Festival scheduled on November 22nd. No experience necessary. We will teach you! Please contact Mary Demyan (mdemya1@verizon.net), if you are able to volunteer.

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.

ST. NICHOLAS MINISTRY – PATRONAGE GREETERS: We have some openings on our sign-up sheet for volunteers who would like to be a greeter, and 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. Many thanks!

BETHANY MINISTRY: The booklets we will be using to establish the Bethany Ministry have arrived! Please contact Kelley Wood (m_k_wood@yahoo.com) or Tim Herder (timothyherder@gmail.com) to borrow a copy. If there is interest, we will start a "reading group" to discuss a few chapters at a time. Those discussions will guide us on deciding how we will support our homebound parishioners.

PATRONAGE FLASH FREEZER SALE: We are currently selling **cheesecakes** - \$15/each (only 1 left); **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 after Liturgy. Please help us clear out our freezer!

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!**

Children's Corner

Bible Verses

Look up these verses in the Bible, and fill in the blanks:

1. "For God so loved the _____ that he gave his only-begotten _____, that whoever _____ in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)
2. "I can do _____ things in him who _____ me." (Philippians 4:13)
3. "Praise the _____! O give _____ to the Lord, for he is _____; for his mercy endures _____!" (Psalms 106:1)
4. "...and be _____ to one another, _____, forgiving one another, as _____ in Christ _____ you." (Ephesians 4:32)

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.

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, 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).

Together we ask God to grant His servants, our students and catechists, many years in health and happiness.

Mnohaja l'ita!