

### *A Word of Warning*

Store up in your minds the Lord's words which you receive through your ears, for the word of the Lord is the nourishment of the mind. When His word is heard but not stored away in the memory, it is like food which has been eaten and then rejected by an upset stomach. A person's life is despaired of if he cannot retain his food. So if you receive the food of holy exhortations, but fail to store in your memory those words of life which nurture righteousness, you have good reason to fear the danger of everlasting death. Be careful, then, that the word you have received through your ears remains in your heart. Be careful that the seed does not fall along the path, for fear that the evil spirit may come and take it from your memory. Be careful that the seed is not received in stony ground, so that it produces a harvest of good works without the roots of perseverance. Many people are pleased with what they hear and resolve to undertake some good work, but as soon as dif-

ficulties begin to arise and hinder them they leave the work unfinished. The stony ground lacked the necessary moisture for the sprouting seed to yield the fruit of perseverance.

Good earth, on the other hand, brings forth fruit by patience. The reason for this is that nothing we do is good unless we also bear with equanimity the injuries done us by our neighbors. In fact, the more we progress, the more hardships we shall have to endure in this world; for when our love for the present world dies, its sufferings increase. This is why we see many people doing good works and at the same time struggling under a heavy burden of afflictions. They now shun earthly desires, and yet they are tormented by greater sufferings. But, as the Lord said, they bring forth fruit by patience, because, since they humbly endure misfortunes, they are welcomed when these are over into a place of rest in heaven.

*St. Gregory the Great*

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. MEMORY OF THE FATHERS AT THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



*Icon of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council*



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Divine Liturgy Schedule: Every Saturday at 4:00pm

### PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday of the Fathers of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council 10.12.2025	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the Repose of the Soul of: Phyllis Skovran From: Michael Skovran
19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost 10.19.2025	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the Repose of the Souls of: +Anthony and +Matilda Kotlar From: Deacon Anthony and Theresa Kotlar & Family

### Sunday of the Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council

Today's Propers are on page 125, Tone 1, then page 263, 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, 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).*

**EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF):** Students will have class in our rectory basement 15 minutes after Divine Liturgy today. Parents who have children in the Toddler and Elementary age group, should be escorted by a parent/chaperone to and from the classrooms.

**ADULT ENRICHMENT MINISTRY:** Deacon Tony will continue his discussion on the Divine Liturgy in our social hall after Liturgy today. 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:** Sign up today to have the Pilgrim Vocation Icon, “The Call of the Disciples,” in your home for one week. A prayer booklet is available for use with the icon. **Please sign up on the sheet that is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.** 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. We hope the entire parish family participates in this important program. For more information, please contact Fr. Vasyl.

**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. Vasyl Symyon.** Cash will also be accepted.

**VETERANS DAY COMMEMORATION:** On **Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**, Fr. Vasyl will be having a Veterans Day commemoration for living and deceased members of our parish during Divine Liturgy. If you would like to include living or deceased names, of our parish veterans, that will be read aloud during Liturgy and posted in our bulletin, please complete the form included with this bulletin, and return it to our church by either placing it in the offertory basket, or mailing it to the rectory **no later than Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**HOLUPKI MAKING:** Many thanks to those who helped prepare holupki this past Friday and Saturday for our upcoming Slavic Food Festival - November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Your efforts were greatly appreciated!

**“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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.walkingwithpurpose.com). For more information, and to register (no later than November 5<sup>th</sup>), please visit [www.archpitt.org](http://www.archpitt.org).

**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](http://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.

**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](http://www.gcuusa.com), and click on “Scholarships-Learn More” link. Applications for the 2025-26 scholarship will be available through December 31, 2025.

**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](mailto:carolherder@msn.com)), or Dan Bobby ([dnmbobby@aol.com](mailto: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!

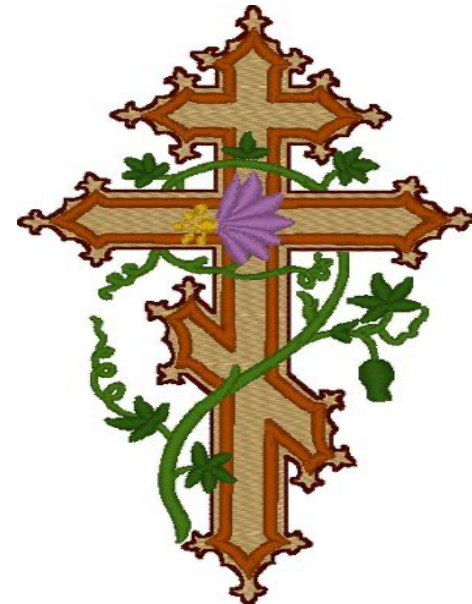
**BETHANY MINISTRY:** The booklets we will be using to establish the Bethany Ministry have arrived! Please contact Kelley Wood ([m\\_k\\_wood@yahoo.com](mailto:m_k_wood@yahoo.com)) or Tim Herder ([timothyherder@gmail.com](mailto:timothyherder@gmail.com)) to borrow a copy. If there is interest, we will 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.

**ICONOGRAPHY CLASS:** If you are interested in participating in our Iconography Class on **February 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and March 1, 2026**, at Patronage Church, please contact Kevin Ross ([keviross@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**37<sup>th</sup> CZECH AND SLOVAK FESTIVAL:** The Czech and Slovak Heritage Association is having their festival on **Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, from 12 noon to 6:00pm**, at the Legacy Hall, 6680 Sykesville Road in Sykesville, MD. Admission: Adults \$10 and Children 3-16 \$1. For more information, please visit [www.cshamaryland.org](http://www.cshamaryland.org).

**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!

**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 in the cry room. **Many thanks to those who donate their cartridges!**



Reflection from Mount St. Macrina, Uniontown, PA

By: Sister Barbara Jean Mihalchick, OSBM,

Sisters of St. Basil the Great

### “Faith Encounters”

Glory to Jesus Christ!

I know in the past I have talked about the importance of stories, Jesus – a great storyteller – and how he used them to build up the faith of the people and to clarify and inspire.

...We have faith encounters; we have great stories of God in our lives. I want to encourage you to take a moment and remember some encounter with God, however it might have happened: a prayer answered, a sermon that inspired, a quiet moment of prayer that touched your heart. Whatever it might be.

These kinds of experiences are meant to build up our faith and to be shared for the faith of other people, just as Jesus did.

There are three phases here, I would suggest. First of all: gratitude. Gratitude for whatever that encounter or message or blessing happened in your life. Secondly, taking time to sit still, in a prayerful way, considering again the grace, the blessing, the happening in your life. Thirdly, to share something of that inspiration – of that blessing, of that grace – with another person to build up faith in others.

We are the Body of Christ and this kind of sharing of faith should be automatic and loving way of living.

God bless you.

## Children’s Corner

Complete this word search puzzle:

**BIBLE** Word Search

LOVE JOY PEACE PATIENCE KINDNESS  
GOODNESS FAITHFULNESS GENTLENESS SELF CONTROL

C	Z	S	P	G	C	Z	W	F	Q	F	Z
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**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](mailto: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).***

**Patronage Church - Veteran's 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)**

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

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**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to: Very Reverend Vasyl Symyon, and**  
**return this form to our church no later than Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.**