

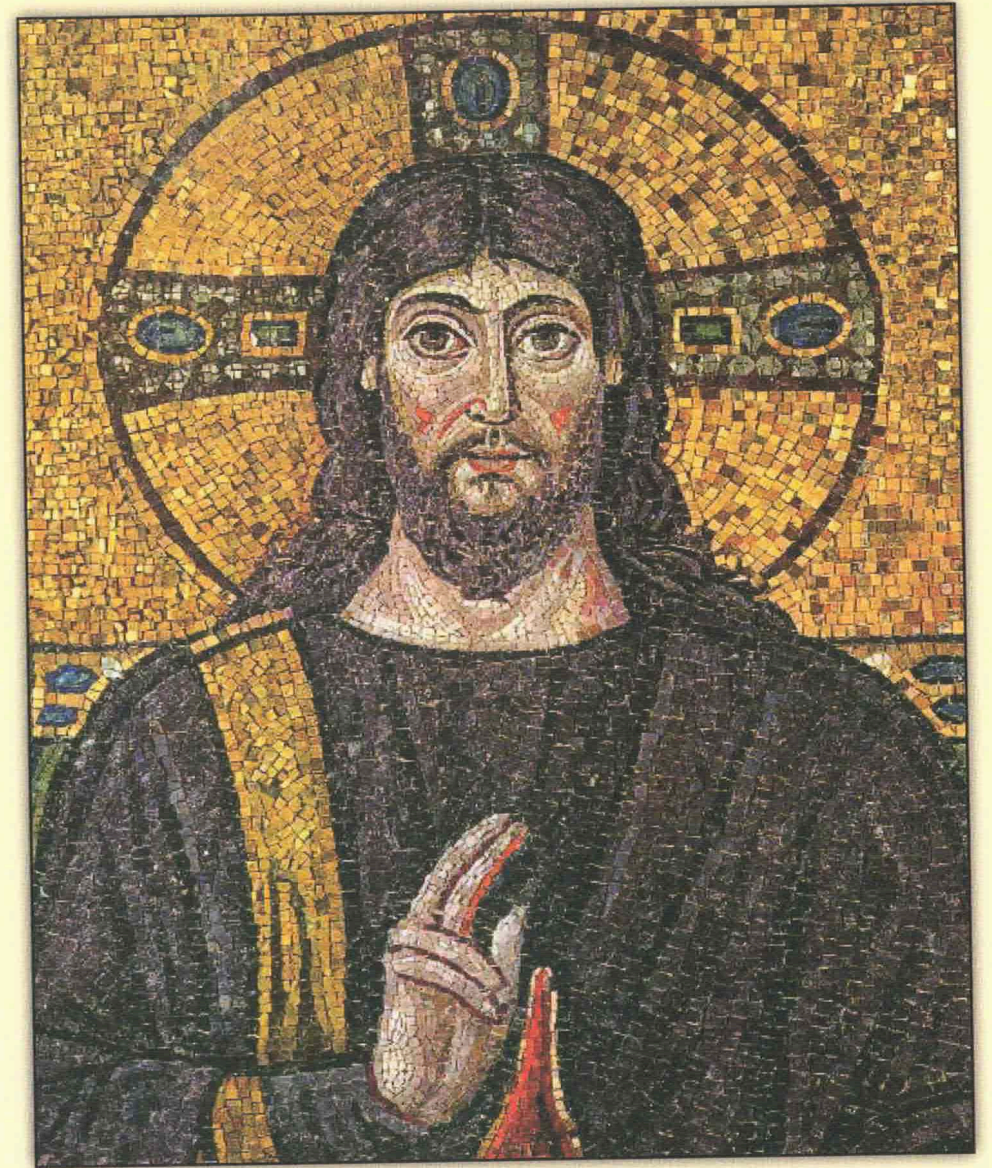
### *The True Light of Revelation to the Gentiles*

The Evangelist commemorates in this passage [today's Gospel] the prophet's words: "Beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light." In what darkness? Certainly in the profound error of ignorance. What great light did they see? The light concerning which it is written: "He was the true light that illumines everyone who comes into this world." This was the light about which the just man Simeon in the Gospel declared, "A light of revelation to the Gentiles and a glory for your people Israel." That light had arisen according to what David had announced, saying a light has arisen in the darkness to the upright of heart." Also, Isaiah demonstrated that light about to come for the enlightenment of the

Church when he said, "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." Concerning that light also Daniel noted, "It reveals the profound and hidden things, knowing those things which are in darkness and the light is with it," that is, the Son with the Father, for even as the Father is light, so too is the Son light. And David also speaks in the psalm: "In your light shall we see light," for the Father is seen in the Son, as the Lord tells us in the Gospel: "Who sees me, sees the Father." From the true light, indeed, the true light proceeded, and from the invisible the visible. "He is the image of the invisible God," as the apostle notes.

*St. Chomatius*

## SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY



*Icon of Christ Pantocrator*



## PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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Divine Liturgy Schedule: Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>, at 4:00pm

### PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday After Theophany 1.11.2026	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the Health and Salvation of Parishioners
32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost Sunday of Zacchaeus 1.18.2026	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the Repose of the Souls of: +Michael and +Margaret Konik From: Dan and Nancy Bobby

### Sunday After Theophany

The Propers for today can be found 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 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, Charlie Toth, Larissa Toth, Tony Kotlar, Jr., 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, +Walter Lourdes Najera Herder, Mark and Betsey 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.

*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. An offertory 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).**

**THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD ANNUAL PARISH POT-LUCK LUNCHEON:** Please join us after Divine Liturgy today for our annual pot-luck luncheon. All are welcome to attend!

**GREAT BLESSING OF THE WATERS:** Fr. Vasyl blessed Holy Water in our church last Sunday. Everyone is welcome to fill a container, and take some home. Holy Water bottles are available for purchase (price is marked on each), and are located in a basket under the Holy Water font. Cash or check will be accepted, and you can place it in the marked envelope in the basket. Thank you for your help!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Mark your calendar - our next Slavic Food Festival is scheduled for **Saturday, March 28, 2025**, from 10:00am – 2:00pm. We will begin our preparation by making Holupki, and are in need of volunteers for the following dates:

Cabbage Preparation: **Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**, at 9:00am  
 Holupki Making: **Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**, March 1<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00am

Please email Mary Demyan ([mdemya1@verizon.net](mailto:mdemya1@verizon.net)), and let her know if you are able to volunteer.

**2026 PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE:** Please join us at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, there will be a Holy Hour for Life service at the Crypt Church beginning at 7:00pm, followed by a Byzantine Catholic Compline service celebrated by Bishop Kurt. Bishop Kurt will also celebrate the Divine Liturgy for Life in the Byzantine Chapel on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:15am.

**PARISH SOCIALS:** Please help support our socials – a donation basket can be found either on the counter where the coffee is served or on the table where the food is set out to help us continue self-funding these events. Due to limited supplies on hand weekly, drinks and food purchased for our socials are intended for those who attend them after Liturgy on Sundays. If you would like to donate any refreshments for our socials, please see either Mary Demyan or Sharon Kotula. We also encourage everyone to help with the clean-up each week by making sure the tables and floor are free of crumbs and trash when you leave, along with assisting in washing and putting away any kitchen items that are used. Many thanks to those who support our socials by your generous donations!

**FREEZER SALE:** Please help us clear out our church freezer! Items for sale are: a variety of Pirohi at \$7/bag; smoked and fresh Kolbassi at \$6/bag, cheesecake (only 1 left) for \$15; and nut, poppy, and apricot Kolachi at \$16/each. Please see Mary Demyan after Liturgy if you are interested in purchasing any. Quantities are limited!

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Everyone who made a donation to our church will be receiving a financial statement for the year 2025. Any questions, please see Dennis Kotula.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES 2026:** If you do not have church envelopes, and would like to receive them, please send the church an email, and let us know. Envelopes are mailed out bi-monthly. If you are using Tithe.ly to make donations to our church and no longer need envelopes, please let us know, as well. Thank you for your assistance in helping us update our parish records!

**PARISH CENSUS 2026:** In order to maintain and keep current our church records and contact information, we are asking each household to complete a parish census. A copy can be found on the bookrack in the Narthex. **Please return your completed census no later than January 18<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you for your help!

**EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF):** Please note that due to a change in our ECF schedule, the next class will take place after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, please contact Kevin Ross.

**THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC LITURGICAL PRACTICE OF OBSERVING ALL SOULS SATURDAYS:** In the Byzantine Liturgical Year, there are five All Souls Saturdays – namely, Meat Fare Saturday, the Second, Third, and Fourth Saturdays of the Great Lent, and Pentecost Saturday. **Our first “All Souls” service will be held on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm.** Please make note that the other “All Souls” services will be held on **Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup>, and May 22<sup>nd</sup>, all at 6:00pm.** Every year, we request that parishioners submit a list of their departed loved ones called a “Hramoty.” These lists will be put into a booklet form, and the names will be mentioned at all of the services held for the deceased on “All Souls.” Members of the family are also encouraged to attend these services on “All Souls” services, for by your presence and personal prayers, it strengthens the bond with your departed loved ones, and indeed keeps their memory eternal! **VIČNAJA PAMJAT’!** A “Hramoty” form is included with this bulletin, and is also available on our church’s website. If you receive church envelopes, you can use the “All Souls” envelope that was included in the mailing. Please submit all forms and/or envelopes either by mailing it to our church, or placing it in the collection basket **no later than Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.** A donation can also be given to the priest when you submit your Hramoty list. **Checks should be made payable to: Fr. Vasył Symyon.**

## Patronage of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church

### HARAMOTY

#### “All Souls” Services - 2026

*Please list the names of your deceased relatives and friends.  
These names will be read during the Petitions of the Litany.  
(Please print clearly!)*

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made payable to: Very Rev. Vasył Symyon

## Children's Corner

# ZACCHAEUS MEETS JESUS

Help Zacchaeus climb the sycamore tree.



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**BYZANTEEN YOUTH RALLY:** The Intereparchial Youth Commission warmly invites all TEENS (ages 13 through high school) to join us at the 2026 ByzanTEEN Rally!

*"Take Courage! I have overcome the world." — John 16:33*

Get ready for four unforgettable days of faith, friends, and fun! The ByzanTEEN Rally will be held **July 9–12, 2026**, at **John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio** (Eparchy of Parma). Registration is open now! Your registration fee includes **all meals, housing, and programming:**

- Early Bird (before April 1): \$350
- Full Price (after April 1): \$380
- Sibling Discount (always): \$350

More details and registration forms will be available soon. We can't wait to celebrate, connect, and grow with you at the 2026 ByzanTeen Rally! If you are interested in attending this rally, please see Fr. Vasyk.

**BYZANTEEN RALLY**  
AGES 13 THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

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JOHN 16:33

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**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).***

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**PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**1260 Stevens Avenue, Baltimore (Arbutus), Maryland 21227**

**Parish Census: 2026**

*please print legibly*

**FAMILY LAST NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ Married: \_\_\_ Single: \_\_\_ Widowed: \_\_\_ Separated: \_\_\_ Divorced: \_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**HUSBAND'S or SINGLE MALE'S GIVEN NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Church of Baptism/Chrismation: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATUS:**      ***Eastern Rite Tradition***

\_\_\_\_\_ Byzantine Ruthenian

*(please check One)*    \_\_\_\_\_ Byzantine Ukrainian

\_\_\_\_\_ Byzantine Melkite

\_\_\_\_\_ Other Eastern Catholic  
Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Eastern Orthodox  
Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

***Western Rite Tradition:***

\_\_\_\_\_ Roman Catholic

\_\_\_\_\_ Protestant

\_\_\_\_\_ Other  
Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Transfer of Rite Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Transfer of Rite Church: \_\_\_\_\_

**WIFE'S or SINGLE FEMALE'S GIVEN NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Church of Baptism/Chrismation: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATUS:**      ***Eastern Rite Tradition***

\_\_\_\_\_ Byzantine Ruthenian

*(please check One)*    \_\_\_\_\_ Byzantine Ukrainian

\_\_\_\_\_ Byzantine Melkite

\_\_\_\_\_ Other Eastern Catholic  
Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Eastern Orthodox  
Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

***Western Rite Tradition:***

\_\_\_\_\_ Roman Catholic

\_\_\_\_\_ Protestant

\_\_\_\_\_ Other  
Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Transfer of Rite Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Transfer of Rite Church: \_\_\_\_\_

**MARRIAGE:** Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

If widowed, give date of death of spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

If separated, give date of separation: \_\_\_\_\_

If divorced, give date of divorce: \_\_\_\_\_ Previously Married to: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CHILDREN LIVING AT HOME (please attach another sheet of paper, with the following information, if you need to add additional names):**

(1) NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Chrismation: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of First Communion: \_\_\_\_\_ Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Chrismation: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of First Communion: \_\_\_\_\_ Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Chrismation: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of First Communion: \_\_\_\_\_ Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_

(4) NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Chrismation: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of First Communion: \_\_\_\_\_ Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILDREN NOT LIVING AT HOME (please attach another sheet of paper, with the following information, if you need to add additional names):**

(1) NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Marriage Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Marriage Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Marriage Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEMOGRAPHICS:**

Do you want to receive the Eastern Catholic Life (ECL) \$20/year (Y or N): \_\_\_\_\_ Do you want to receive Offertory Envelopes (Y or N): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you use Tithe.ly (Y or N): \_\_\_\_\_ Do you prefer to donate by Check/Cash Donation (Y or N): \_\_\_\_\_

Current involvement of Patronage Church organizations (list): \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of interest for involvement at Patronage Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_