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Next Liturgy: February 6, 2021 at 10:00am

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Confession will take place 20 minutes before or immediately after Divine Liturgy.

Date	Time	Service	Location	Intention
Sunday 1/24/2021	8:45am 9:00am	Matins Liturgy	Arbutus	In memory of: Mary Euphrasia Selckman Requested by: M/M Kevin Keane
Saturday 1/30/2021	11:15am	Liturgy	Arbutus	For Living and Deceased Members of our Parish
Sunday 1/31/2021	11:00am 11:15am	Matins Liturgy	Arbutus	For Living and Deceased Members of our Parish
Sunday 1/31/2021	3:00pm	Liturgy	Abingdon	For Living and Deceased Members of our Parish

This is the **Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee**. Propers begin on page 125, Tone 1.

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na viki! Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

PRAYER INTENTIONS – PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Fr. Sam Lupico, Keiko Suseck, Arlene Duda, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Andy Turian, Doris Ruszin, Anne Gupman, Joseph and Marie Repasi, Anna Martin, Marge Dulina, Paul Ruszin, Sr., and Georgianna Kostak

*May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies,
 grant them peace and good health for many blessed years!*

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 Hagerstown: 1/16/2021 - \$ 85.00

We thank those who have contributed to our church and for your dedication to our parish. If you would like to make a donation, using our online giving account, please visit our church's website for the Tithely link. ***“Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth” (Dt. 8:18).***

THREE HOLY HIERARCHS: There will be Liturgy on Saturday, 1/30/2021, at 11:15am for the Feast of the Three Holy Hierarchs. Please join us!

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: We are in need of volunteers to remove and pack away the Christmas decorations from our Temple after Liturgy today. Many thanks for any assistance you can give us.

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION (ECF): A reminder that our next ECF religion lesson, for children and parents, will take place on 1/31/21, immediately after Divine Liturgy in the church hall. During the lesson you can ask various religious questions to Deacon Tony.

HARAMOTY (ALL SOULS): As we remember our living family members in our prayers, we should not forget our departed loved ones. According to the Byzantine liturgical tradition, we remember them during our five “All Souls Saturdays.” Family members are encouraged to attend the “All Souls” services, with the first one beginning on Friday, 2/5/21, at 6pm. Your presence and prayers strengthen the bond of love with your departed loved ones and help keep their memory eternal. What more can we give our deceased loved ones than prayers!

*“It is a great honor to be worthy of mention, while the celebration of the Holy Mysteries is going on.”
 St. John Chrysostom*

A reminder that you can now submit names of deceased family and friends, for our “All Souls” services, on our website under **“News.”** These names will be read during the petitions of the litany at the “All Souls” services. Forms can also be found in the Narthex and can be left in the collection basket to be added to our list.

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. If you would like to be added to our parish email list, send us an email at patronage.church@gmail.com. ***“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples” (Isaiah 56:7).***

CARPATHO-RUSYN SOCIETY 25TH ANNIVERSARY DVD: *“Who are the Rusyns?”* is a DVD presented by John Righetti, President Emeritus of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society, and was released in 2019 for the 25th anniversary of the society. This professional presentation clarifies the confusion and complicated history of the Rusyns and how they almost became extinct. If you are interested in ordering this DVD, you can mail a check for \$25 (includes postage and handling), payable to **Carpatho-Rusyn Society**, to Bonnie Burke, 1101 Tanner Crossing Lane, Indian Land, SC 29707.

ASK THE DEACON: *Is this Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee considered pre-Lent?*

ANSWER: Yes. With the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, we begin to take our services from what is called the Triodion. It has this name because the prayers called canons, for weekday Matins in the Triodion, contain only three odes (there are up to nine), and so are known as triodes. This pre-Lent period extends from the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee, the tenth week before Pascha (Easter) for the twenty-two days to the beginning of Great Lent on Cheesefare Monday. Then, continuing, from Cheesefare Monday (a day of strict fast) until Lazarus Saturday is the period of the Fasting Triodion, and from Flowery (Palm) Sunday until Holy and Great Saturday, the Flowery Triodion (Ruthenian Recension).

From our Metropolitan Cantor Institute website: On the last three Sundays [Prodigal Son, Meatfare, Cheesefare] before the start of the Great Fast, selected verses from Psalm 136 are sung at Matins after the Polyeleos (Psalms 134-135). The psalms that make up the Polyeleos are hymns of joy; but **Psalm 136** ("By the waters of Babylon") is a song of Israelite exile during the Babylonian captivity (587-516 BC). From the Sunday of the Prodigal Son to the Sunday of Cheesefare, the Church puts these verses before us to remind us that we are in self-chosen exile from God, due to our sins - and to prompt us to "come to ourselves" and begin the journey home.

Make sure you test positive for Faith. Keep distance from Doubt, and isolate from Fear. Trust God through it all.