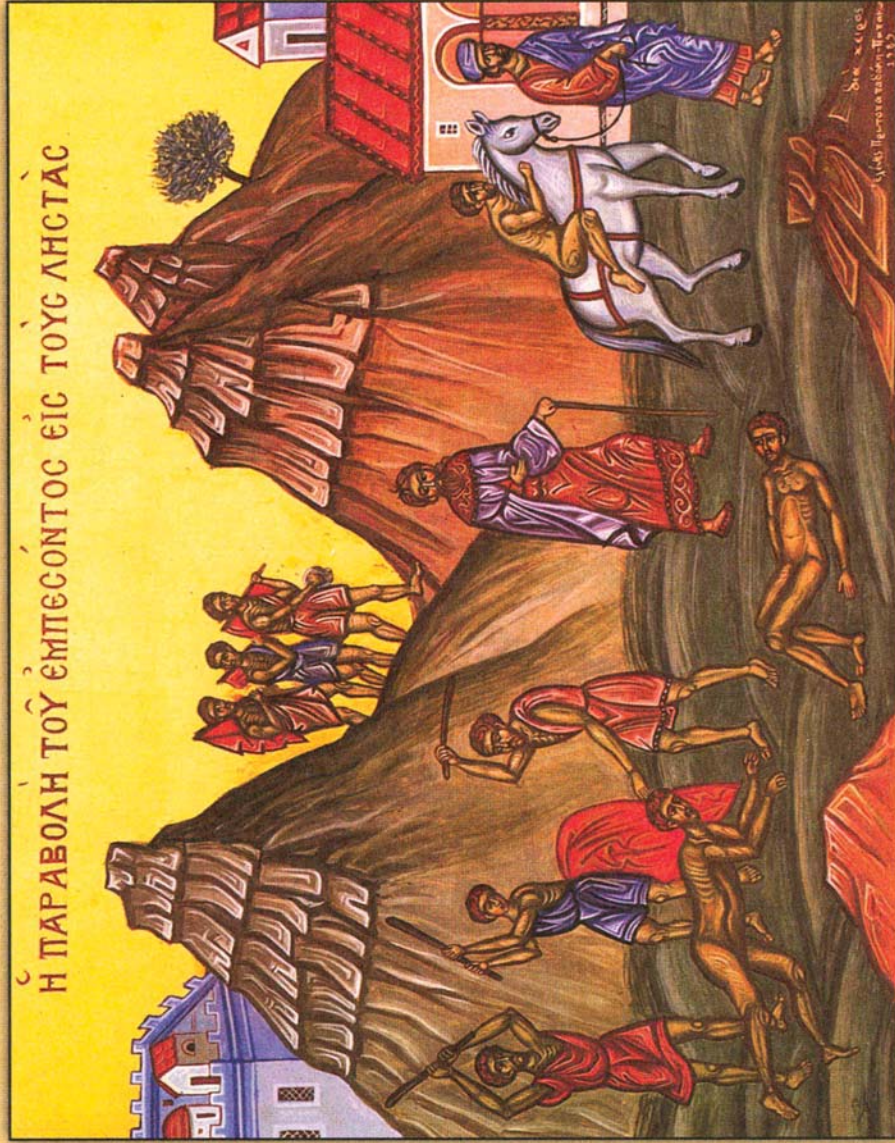


TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

Reflection on the Good Samaritan

First, we must pity the ill fortune of the man who fell unarmed and helpless among robbers, and who was so rash and unwise as to choose the road in which he could not escape the attack of robbers. For the unarmed can never escape the armed, the heedless the villain, the unwary the malicious. Since malice is ever armed with guile, fenced round with cruelty, fortified with deceit, and ready for fierce attack...

He poured in wine, that is, the blood of His passion, and oil, that is, the anointing of the chrim, that pardon might be granted by His blood, sanctification be conferred by the chrim...

The wounded parts are bound up by the heavenly Physician, and containing a salve within themselves, are by the working of the remedy restored to their former soundness. Having

poured in wine and oil, he placed him upon His beast...

For the Inn is the Church, which receives travelers, who are tired with their journey through the world, and oppressed with the load of their sins; where the wearied traveler casting down the burden of his sins is relieved, and after being refreshed is restored with wholesome food. And this is what is here said, and took care of him. For outside is everything that is conflicting, hurtful and evil, while within the Inn is contained all rest and health...

He said, if you see any one oppressed, say not surely he is wicked; but be he Gentile or Jew and need help, dispute not, he has a claim to your assistance, into whatever evil he has fallen.

St. John Chrysostom



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Next Liturgy: Sunday, November 21st, at 3pm

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St. Ann Catholic Church

1525 Oak Hill Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742

Contact: Adam and Lauren Myers: 301-791-0930

Next Liturgy: Saturday, November 27th, at 10am

DIVINE LITURGY - PATRONAGE CHURCH

| Date | Time | Service | Intention |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Sunday 11.14.2021 | 8:45am 9:00am | Matins Divine Liturgy | In Memory of: +Mary Rose Poisal Mentzel Requested by: Cathy & George Johnson |
| Wednesday 11.17.2021 | Private | Divine Liturgy | In Memory of: +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Sean Albert |
| Friday 11.19.2021 | Private | Divine Liturgy | In Memory of: +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Sean Albert |
| Sunday 11.21.2021 | 11:00am 11:15am | Matins Divine Liturgy | In Memory of: +Robert Klouda Requested by: M/M Kevin Keane |

This is the **25th Sunday After Pentecost**.

Propers begin on page 161, Tone 8.

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

REFLECTION FROM MOUNT ST. MACRINA: Sister Barbara Jean Mihalchick posts videos of her reflections each week on the Sisters of St. Basil the Great's Facebook page. This is a transcript of her August 7th, reflection. It may be viewed at: <https://www.facebook.com/sistersofstbasil.uniontown/>.

"Glory to Jesus Christ! Today we look at the Beatitude that says, '**Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs.**' We think of mercy as something in our lives all the time. For some people it is even a career: nursing, child care, or other kinds of social outreach. The fact is, we could talk about mercy forever because it really includes all the good things God has to offer us. However, in the course of my years of retreat work, what I've discovered is most people don't really believe in the mercy of God. Or at least, in times of their lives, they don't believe. I have found that people need to be convinced that God really loves them and is always merciful.

Think of this circumstance: I come to the doctor this time but I remember that last time I didn't like one of his responses, so this time I'm not going to tell him everything. I'm not going to tell him something that is troubling me. Would that make any sense? Surely not. So, in retreats now I've started asking people to write out what is it you're holding against God. What is it that stops you from receiving that mercy, that love, from picturing God in this way, The Physician of Souls. The One Who says, "Come to me." I ask them to lay that before the Cross, take it back, and to rewrite that vision. You may want to do that, as well.

To grow mercy, we need to pray, frequently and trustingly. We need to repent with trust that our loving God, the Physician of Souls, wants our healing and grants every good gift to us. If we don't receive that gift then, it's because of His love. We need to be merciful. The very act of frequent loving care expressed to others helps us to grow and grow and grow. Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs. God Bless you!"

GOD WITH US ONLINE: The **fourth free webinar** of this curriculum year will be, "**Rejoice All Ye Peoples; The Feasts of the Old Testament.**" This program takes place on Wednesdays, December 1st and 8th, from 8-9pm. Rev. Sebastian Carnazzo, Ph.D., will be the presenter. Join us as we prepare for the Nativity of the Lord, we turn to the Feasts of the Old Testament, seeking to understand how they foreshadowed the coming of Christ and paved the way for salvation, and the restoration of mankind to paradise. To register, visit www.godwithusonline.org.

BECOMING BYZANTINE: The Eparchy of Phoenix and Vineyard of the Lord Catholic Ministries are sponsoring a free webinar and video series on Byzantine Catholic faith, worship, and life based upon the "*Christ Our Pascha Catechism*." Are you a Western Christian (Catholic or Protestant) who is interested in exploring the Byzantine Catholic faith for your own development in faith? Are you contemplating joining or have you recently joined a Byzantine or Greek Catholic parish? Are you a Byzantine Christian who wants to learn more about your own rich tradition? Visit [BECOMING BYZANTINE: An Introduction to Byzantine Catholicism](#) for more information. Sessions will be held on the 4th Sunday of the month beginning September 26, 2021 through August, 2022, from 7-8:30pm.

"COME AND SEE:" With the holidays quickly approaching, why not share a book, produced by the Eparchy of Passaic, about our Byzantine church and its traditions. This makes a great gift and this book can also be an invitation to share with others who are in search of a new spiritual home, who want to learn more about God, and also build a lasting personal relationship with Him. The cost is \$5 a book and you can purchase a copy after Liturgy. Please see Sharon Kotula, if you are interested. This book will also be available for purchase at our upcoming Slavic Food Festival.

HOLY HUMOR: A 10-year old little girl was asked by another classmate, "What is it like to be a Christian?" The girl replied, "It's like being a pumpkin, God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then he cuts open the top and scoops out all of the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc., and then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

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Be Thankful

*There are so many things
We can be thankful for,
Just look around and see
All the blessings of the Lord
Everything we have in life
Is given from above
To sustain us and to keep us
And to share God's precious love
Blessings come in different ways
And sometimes can be missed,
So thank the Lord who gave them
And for all that He is!*

- *Author Unknown*

25th Sunday After Pentecost

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

The Parable of the Good Samaritan, which we heard today from the Holy Gospel, was told by Jesus Christ to explain to a lawyer who was interested in how to inherit eternal life. The Savior answered his question with the Parable of the Good Samaritan. He showed that our neighbor is not just one of the members of the Church, to which we belong, but our neighbor is everyone.

Then, in a conversation with the lawyer, Christ revealed to him the deepest meaning of human relations and love of neighbor. That love overcomes all obstacles in life. Let's think for ourselves, the man who suffered from the robbers was a Jew, and, therefore, the Samaritan had no right to touch Him, but he did not obey this law and instead acted according to the law of love. At that moment, he was guided by the good feelings of his merciful heart. This is how the Samaritan became close to those who did not even want to communicate with him.

At the end of this parable, the Savior asked, "Which of these three, do you think proved to the man who fell among the robbers" (Luke 10:36)? The legislator said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go, and do likewise" (Luke 10:37).

There once was a rich woman, who was very stingy. She closed the gate in front of the poor when they came to ask for alms. One day, when she returned from the garden with green onions, a poor man blocked her way and asked for alms. "I have nothing," she replied. "Give me at least one bulb," the beggar asked. The woman chose the smallest one, gave it to the beggar, and went into the house. But everything in the world passed. This rich woman died and found herself in a place of torment. Seeing the joy of the righteous, she called and calculated how many prayers she refused, and put candles in front of the images. "It is unjust," she lamented, "For me to suffer here with other sinners." And suddenly she heard a voice from Heaven, "But you had no good deeds. What of your prayers, when your life was without mercy?" She was silent, because she really didn't have any good deeds to justify herself. Suddenly, she remembered that she had once given a beggar an onion and shouted, "I gave a beggar an onion." "All right," said a celestial voice, "He will come to the shore of the abyss and give you an onion." Hold on tight, maybe he'll pull you out of the place of torment." The poor man, with an onion, appeared, the woman grabbed him, and this holy beggar began to pull her. Suddenly, she heard that someone who was suffering with her took the opportunity to break free and grabbed her leg. "Unhook yourself," she shouted with all her might, and kicked him with the other foot. From this unexpected movement, the ruthless stingy woman flew back into the abyss. This act of hers was an image of petrified selfishness, which remained in her even after death.

St. John Chrysostom speaks of this parable - even if you get tired of food and sleep on the ground instead of in a bed, even if you eat ashes and always cry - despite this, you do nothing important when you do not care about what is good for others. We are all children of our loving Father. Remember, dear brothers and sisters, whoever needs our help, it is our Christian duty to help our neighbor. May love of neighbor find a place in our hearts, so that no cold indifference, hatred, or envy will overshadow us.

Our life is like a boomerang. The harder we throw, the stronger it will return. A little boy shouted at his mother in a fit of rage, "I don't love you!" The mother was a smart woman and told her son to go and shout about it in the yard (and they lived in a mountain valley). The boy ran into the valley and shouted, "I don't love you!" He heard a reply, "I don't love you!" He ran back to his mother and said that a bad boy was hiding in the valley, shouting that he didn't love me. His mother said, "Go and say that you love him." The boy ran and shouted, "I love you!" This time he heard the reply, "I love you!" Our words and actions are like an echo, what we say and do comes back to us. What a man sows, he will reap.

The lawgiver, asked Christ, "And who is my neighbor?" He received much more than he asked for. In the words of the parable, Jesus not only explained to him who our neighbor was, but also, showed how we should love our neighbors.

Dear believers! On the subject of charity, the Apostle Paul wrote, "...he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully" (2 Corinthians 9:6). "For he who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption; but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life" (Gal. 6:8).

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2021 BISHOP'S APPEAL: The Bishop's Appeal began on November 1, 2021. Pledges and payments will be accepted through June 30, 2021. Any contributions received after December 31, 2021, must be attributed to the 2022 tax year. Our parish goal, for this year's campaign, is \$9,800.00. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to: The Eparchy of Passaic, and mail it to: The Eparchy of Passaic, 445 Lackawanna Avenue, Woodland Park, NJ 07424. You can also make your pledge online at www.eparchyofpassaic.com and make either one payment or 5 monthly payments. All payment plans must be completed no later than June 30, 2022, to count toward our parish goal. You should be receiving your Bishop's Appeal Pledge form shortly in the mail.

ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION: *Our parish will be celebrating the Feast of St. Nicholas on Sunday, December 5th, followed by a pot-luck luncheon and a visit from St. Nicholas*, in our church hall. Everyone will be able to have their picture taken with St. Nicholas – don't miss this opportunity! Please sign-up on the bulletin board, in the Narthex, by November 28th – we would like to know if your family (including the number of children) will be attending so we can plan accordingly. Many thanks!

DECORATING OUR TEMPLE FOR CHRISTMAS: Fr. Serhii would like to have our Temple decorated before we celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas (December 5th), so we will be decorating after Liturgy on Sunday, November 28th. If you are able to volunteer, please send Fr. Serhii an email and let him know. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Fr. Serhii is available 15 minutes before or immediately after Divine Liturgy to hear confession.

2022 LITURGICAL CALENDARS: Liturgical wall calendars for 2022, are available on the book rack in the Narthex. Please take one for use in your home.

NEW ADDITION TO OUR PARISH: Congratulations to Greg and Claudia Hrinca on the birth of the son, Elliott Isaiah, who was born on October 30th. God grant Elliott, and his parents, many Blessed years! *Na mnohaja l blahaja l'ita!*

SUNDAY OBLIGATION: Bishop Kurt revoked the dispensation, regarding the Sunday precept or obligation to assist at Divine Liturgy, on June 6, 2021. Watching the live stream no longer fulfills the obligation to assist at Divine Liturgy. However, the Bishop reminds everyone that "just as before the pandemic, anyone is relieved of the obligation for serious reason such as sickness, immobility, fear, caring for someone else, to protect your own health, or the health of others." Our church continues to be cleaned and hand sanitizer is available throughout the church.

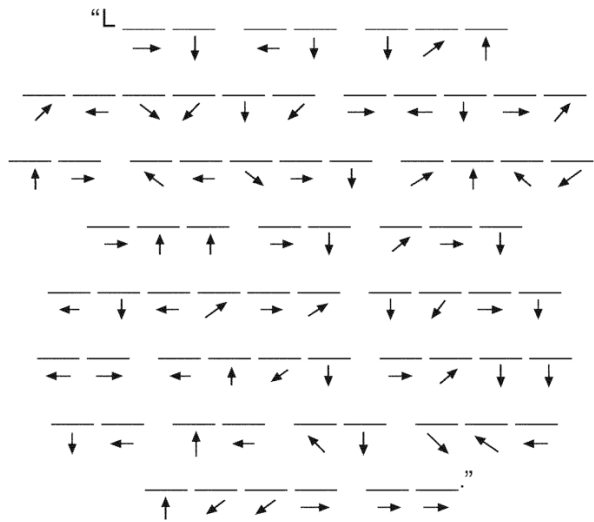
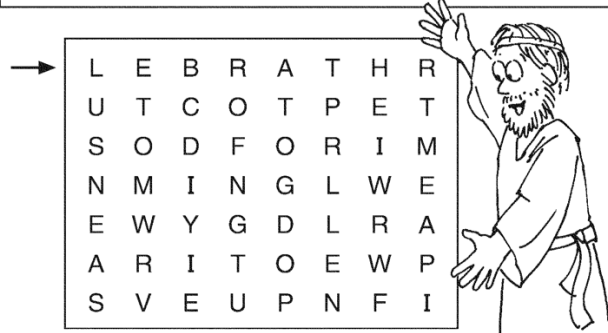
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY PROGRAM: Catholic University, located in Washington, D.C., supports the formation of catechists through their Masters of Catechetics degree program. This online Masters program, a professional degree, forms men and women to be skilled catechists who will serve the Catholic Church in all dimensions of catechetical ministry. The educational experience provides a broad background and interdisciplinary approach, drawing on theology, scripture, liturgy, spirituality, history, and psychology within the context of contemporary culture. They educate adults who intend to or who are currently serving the Church. Fr. Mark Morozowich, is the Dean of Theology at Catholic University, and is a Ukrainian Catholic from Pennsylvania. For more information about this program, email trs-dean@cua.edu or call 202-319-5683.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Paul knew it is not easy to do what is right, but he encouraged the Christians to not give up.

Starting with the letter L, follow the arrows to find the remaining letters that will complete the message.



EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION (ECF) PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN: Parents, a reminder to pick up your family's bag of ornaments to decorate, for our church Christmas tree, after Liturgy today. Also, you can visit www.godwithusonline.org, and be sure to click on "Ruthenian," for this week's catechetical resources, including the Gospel summary and discussion questions, that you can use in your catechesis. Be sure to read the **November Catechetical Reflection, "Run to the Hem of Christ."** When Fr. Serhii vests himself before each Divine Liturgy, he places a garment over his head, called an "epitrachelion," and says a special prayer. The "epitrachelion" is a long strip of fabric that extends from the back of his neck, down to the hem of his garment, in the front. Please share this informative article with your children.

INTENTIONS – PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Our parishioners, the founders of our parish, our benefactors, those who are sick, those who cannot make it to church, also: Fr. Serhii, and his family, 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., Georgianna Kostak, Betty Rankin, Fr. Joseph Borodach (he is a priest in the Pittsburgh Diocese and recovering from surgery – Uncle of Alex Demyan), Greg Rudy, our first responders, and all military service men and women throughout the world.

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

CONTRIBUTIONS: Patronage: 11.7.2021 - \$577.80 Abingdon: 11.7.2021 - \$175.00
October Tithely: \$1,445.20

2021 "FALL" SLAVIC FOOD FESTIVAL – Saturday, November 20th from 10am – 2pm: In order to make this festival a success, **we need many volunteers.** Please consider helping out with the various tasks that need to be done. On the day of the festival, we need at least 12 volunteers. When we bake kolachi on Wednesday, we need as many people as possible that can volunteer. Also, we will need volunteers to prep and set up for the festival on Friday. Please refer to the festival schedule below, and contact Mary Demyan, mdemya1@verizon.net or 410-591-5654, if you are able to volunteer. This is a big fundraiser for our parish, and we would appreciate any help you can give. Please add the following dates to your calendar:

- Wednesday, November 17, 2021,** at 9am – kolachi making (we plan on making 400+ kolachi and need as many volunteers as possible to help roll, bake, package them up, and help in clean-up)
- Friday, November 19, 2021,** at 9am – volunteers needed to peel potatoes, cut onions, and set the hall up for the festival
- Saturday, November 20, 2021,** from 10am-2pm – volunteers needed to work the festival, as well as help is needed to clean up after the festival

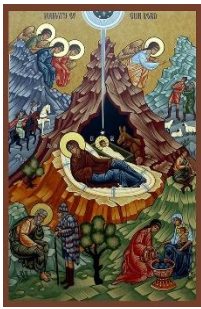
BAKED GOOD DONATIONS NEEDED: Gather up your favorite recipes and get the whole family involved! We would like to fill our bake take this year and welcome all kinds of baked goods. **You can drop your donation off on either Friday or Saturday morning. It would help to save time if your baked good donations could also be pre-priced. Please remember to wrap/package your baked goods in sellable portions.**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: If you are interested in ordering any Poinsettias for Christmas, that will be displayed in in our Temple, please fill out the order form inserted in today's bulletin, and you can either mail it to the rectory or place it in the collection basket. **Please make checks payable to: Patronage Men's Club.** Poinsettias can be taken home after Christmas services. Orders are due by Sunday, December 19th. Any questions can be addressed to Dann Karlson. Thank you for your support!

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.

Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16).

"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7).



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Our parish is once again sponsoring a Christmas poinsettia sale. The flowers will be placed within the church and altar for Christmas Divine Liturgy. Each commemoration will be published in a special insert of the Christmas Bulletin.

Plants may be taken by the giver after Christmas Liturgy. Please place the order form and payment in the offering basket or mail to the rectory by **Sunday, December 19th**. Make checks payable to *Patronage Church*.

Name of Giver: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Type of poinsettia (*check one*): \$13.00 each

Red ____ White ____ Pink ____ Marble ____

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