



## PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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### *DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE*

Date	Time	Location	Intention
Sunday 11/15	8:45am 9:00am	<b>Arbutus</b> Confession	In memory of +Melissa Kavounas Requested by: The Wood Family
Friday 11/20	6:00pm	<b>Arbutus</b> Confession	In memory of +Michael Stashinko Requested by: Mark Jesko
Sunday 11/22	10:30am 11:15am	<b>Arbutus</b> Confession	In memory of +Michael Kulka, Sr. Requested by: M/M Dennis Kotula & Family
Sunday 11/22	3:00pm	<b>Abingdon</b> Confession	In memory of +Tom Biagioli Requested by: Ed & Joann Kucharski

This is the **24th Sunday after Pentecost**. Propers begin on page 156; Tone 7.

**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, and Paul Ruszin, Sr.

*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: 11/8/20 - \$1,490.00

Abingdon: 11/8/20 - \$155.00

**OCTOBER TITHELY CONTRIBUTIONS: \$1,484.40**

### NUMBER OF BELIEVERS:

Patronage: Matins - 6; Liturgy - 25

Abingdon: Liturgy - 15

During these challenging times, we thank those who have contributed to our church and for your dedication to our parish. Our online giving account, Tithely, can be accessed through our church's website. Simply click on the Tithely link at the bottom of our home page.

*“Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth” (Dt. 8:18).*

**ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS:** Fr. Serhii will be having Divine Liturgy in both Slavonic and English, Friday evening, 11/20/2020, at 6pm, for this feast day. Propers begin on page 268; Tone 4.

**ECF AT HOME:** Visit [www.godwithusonline.org](http://www.godwithusonline.org) then click on **Ruthenian Catechetical Resources** for this week's Gospel summary. You can also read November's Reflection, **“The Early Church Fathers and the Eucharist.”** These resources are a great addition to your catechesis.

**PATRONAGE SOCIAL HOUR:** Next Sunday, 11/22/2020, immediately following Divine Liturgy, lunch will be served in the church hall. We invite everyone to join us for some parish fellowship. *Please continue to practice social distancing guidelines!*

**MOUNT SAINT MACRINA HOUSE OF PRAYER:** A virtual online program, via zoom, entitled, **“Sunday Christmas Preparation Afternoon of Reflection: Conference, Q&A Session, Reflection,”** will be presented by Deacon Stephen Russo on 12/13/2020, from 1:30-2:30pm. An offering of \$10.00 is requested. For more information or to register for this program, by 12/6/2020, call 724-438-7149 or email [hpmsm@verizon.net](mailto:hpmsm@verizon.net).

**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](mailto:patronage.church@gmail.com).

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

**EASTERN CATHOLIC LIFE (ECL):** We are in the process of updating the distribution and address list for the ECL newspaper. If you are not currently receiving this monthly newspaper and would like to receive it, please send an email to [patronage.church@gmail.com](mailto:patronage.church@gmail.com) or mail a note to the rectory by 11/29/2020 and include your name, both mailing and email addresses, and phone number. The cost for a yearly subscription is \$15.00 (please mark your check "ECL"). Cash will also be accepted.

**"ASK THE DEACON" – THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: *What is the holy day feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos?***

**ANSWER:** According to tradition, Mary as a young girl was dedicated by her parents, Joachim and Anna, for service at the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem. She lived and served as a temple virgin until her betrothal to St. Joseph. One of the earliest sources of this tradition is the non-canonical Protoevangelion of James, also called the Infancy Gospel of James.

Mary was solemnly received by the temple community which was headed by the priest Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist. She entered the holy place to become herself the "holy of holies" of God, the living sanctuary and temple of the Divine child who was to be born of her. The Church also sees that this feast marks the replacement of the physical temple in Jerusalem as the dwelling place of God. Mary the Theotokos, the Birthgiver-of-God, is the "Sanctified Temple" as we sing in the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil [excerpted from Orthodox Wiki and modified].

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