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Next Liturgy: TBD

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Location	Intention
Sunday 11/22	10:00am 11:15am	Arbutus Confession	In memory of +Michael Kulka, Sr. Requested by: M/M Dennis Kotula & Family
Sunday 11/22	3:00pm	Abingdon Confession	In memory of +Tom Biagioli Requested by: Ed & Joann Kucharski
Thursday 11/27	1:00pm	Arbutus Confession	For Living and Deceased Members of our Parish
Friday 11/27	6:00pm Slavonic	Arbutus Confession	In memory of +John Rudy Requested by: M/M Dennis Kotula & Family
Sunday 11/29	8:45am 9:00am	Arbutus Confession	In memory of +Janet Todaro Requested by: Anna Esquela

This is the **25th Sunday after Pentecost**. Propers begin on page 161, then 268; Tone 8.

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!*

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

A collection basket is on a table in the back of church to place your donation in. You may also mail your donation to the rectory or donate using our online giving account. Please visit our church’s website for the Tithely link. Many thanks to those for your continued support of our church.

THANKSGIVING: The Holy Spirit prompted St. Paul to teach, “Give thanks always for everything to God the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Ephesians 5:20). We wish everyone a safe and Blessed Thanksgiving!

KOLACHI SALE: Many thanks to all of those who showed up to help bake Kolachi on Saturday, 11/14/2020. We have a few nut and poppyseed Kolachi available and are being stored in the hall freezer. If you would like to purchase any, they are \$14.00. Please see Mary Demyan.

ECF AT HOME: An ECF meeting will take place in the church hall after Liturgy today. Also, our St. Nicholas Day celebration will take place on Sunday, 12/6/2020. St. Nicholas is the patron saint of the Carpatho-Rusyn churches. What a wonderful opportunity to research and learn about his good deeds. Deacon Tony is working with the ECF program who will share a few stories about St. Nicholas on this feast day. We will also have a luncheon and a surprise visit from St. Nicholas! Everyone is invited, so please join us! Social distancing guidelines will still apply.

EASTERN CATHOLIC LIFE (ECL): We are in the process of updating the distribution and address list for the Passaic Diocese’s 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 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. Otherwise, renewal for the ECL can be paid in January, 2021.

PRO-LIFE ARTICLES: The Catholic Church believes that “Human life is sacred and inviolable at every stage and in every situation; it is an indivisible good.” Therefore, we must cherish and preserve all human lives as gifts from God. Visit www.Pro-LifeArticles.org for informative articles on abortion, euthanasia, and other pro-life issues. These articles also express the importance of spreading the pro-life message.

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, please send us an email at patronage.church@gmail.com.

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

GOD WITH US ONLINE: A virtual program entitled, “*Seven Ages of the Kingdom,*” will be presented by Rev. Daniel Dozier, on Mondays, November 30, December 7 & 14, from 8-9pm. The Church as God’s Holy People is at the heart of His unfolding plan of salvation that is ultimately fulfilled in Christ. Join us as we explore how this plan for a universal covenant kingdom unfolds in Scripture through particular stages in the history of God’s people. You can register for this free program at EasternCatholic.org/Events and can also view past programs from this website.

“ASK THE DEACON” – THIS WEEK’S QUESTION: *With Thanksgiving Day approaching, why and how should we give thanks?*

ANSWER: Thanksgiving days have been proclaimed by presidents as far back as George Washington. The custom of celebrating it as we do now, on the 4th Thursday of November, appears to have been started by President Abraham Lincoln in the year 1863. Our Divine Liturgy is also known as the Holy Eucharist, and the word *eucharist* in Greek means *thanksgiving*. Our most profound act of worship, where we become the church, the body of Christ in the most visible way, that act of worship is to celebrate and partake of a thanksgiving meal from the Holy Table within the Altar. This thanksgiving meal of our worship is so essential to our spirituality that it should affect our outlook for all our meals not just those for special occasions; it should overflow into our everyday life. We should eat our meals as celebrations and we should eat them theologically. We can sanctify our meals simply by allowing God to be present - implicitly by the awareness of wanting to do so, by our conduct and conversation and the fellowship we have at our meals, by the love for one another we have as Christians, by an awareness of those in need, who may have nothing to eat – an awareness that goes beyond just a pious thought to actually helping those in need. May it be as we pray: The poor will eat and be satisfied and those who seek the Lord will want for no good thing; His praise will forever be in their mouth ... We thank You Christ our God for You have satisfied us with the good things of Your earth. Do not deprive us of your heavenly kingdom but as You appeared to your disciples, O Savior, granting them peace, come also to us and save us. Amen.