

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Parable of the Rich Fool



PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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Next Liturgy: TBD

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
25 th Sunday After Pentecost 11.19.2023	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For: +Michael & +Elizabeth Bobby From: Dan & Nancy Bobby
Entrance of the Theotokos Monday, 11.20.2023	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	For: +Richard & +Olimpia Baldi From: R. Baldi
26 th Sunday After Pentecost 11.26.2023	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For: +Loretta Kotula From: M/M Dennis Kotula & Family

Today is the **25th Sunday After Pentecost**.
 The Propers for today are on page 161, Tone 8,
 in the teal Liturgy book located in the pews.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confession is available beginning an hour before Divine Liturgy, and ending 15 minutes before the start of services.

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

PRINTER CARTRIDGES: We are collecting used printer cartridges to recycle, and earn rewards to help pay for new cartridges we use to print our weekly bulletins and Liturgical information. You can place your cartridges in the labeled box in the cry room. Many thanks for your contribution!

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 or call either one. Their contact information is on page 1 of this bulletin.

MT. ST. MACRINA CEMETERY, UNIONTOWN, PA, ANNOUNCEMENT: Dormition East and West Sections are now open for single or double plot purchase. *Current pricing for each Dormition plot is \$1,500.00 through November 30, 2023.* The required minimum down payment per plot is \$500.00. Full payment must be made 2 years from initial contract date, and prior to burial in plot(s). If interested in making a plot(s) purchase, please visit www.mtstmacrinacemetery.org, Menu; Offerings: Dormition. If you are in agreement with the policies, contact Sr. Seraphim at 412-559-8861 for purchase arrangements.

ATTENTION GREEK CATHOLIC UNION (GCU) MEMBERS: Dennis Kotula is Patronage Church's GCU Parish Coordinator, and is working on compiling a list of Patronage Church parishioners who are GCU members. If you are a member, please send him an email at dennis.kotula@gmail.com, and let him know.

LITURGY INTENTIONS: *Liturgy intention books and forms have been updated, and are now available on the bookrack in the Narthex. Forms can also be found on our website.* If you would like to request an Intention, please either call, or email Fr. Vasyl, and let him know. **Checks should be made payable to: Fr. Vasyl Symyon.** You can either mail your Intention request to the rectory, or place it in the offertory basket in the back of our Temple.

MOUNT ST. MACRINA HOUSE OF PRAYER EVENTS: The following events will take place at Mount St. Macrina, 510 W. Main Street, Uniontown, PA. To register for programs or for more information, please call 724-438-7149 or email hpsm@verizon.net.

1. **"Christmas Preparation Retreat Morning,"** will take place on *Saturday, December 9th from 9:30am - 1pm*, and presented by Fr. Valerian Michlik. The offering is \$40, and includes the conference, Sacrament of Reconciliation, reflection times, prayer service, and lunch. Registration is due by December 4th.
2. **"Sanctuary Sessions for Sanity,"** will take place from 10:30am – noon on *Tuesdays, December 12th, and 19th*. Guided prayer and quiet medication time in the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Free-will offering. No registration required.

2023 BISHOP'S APPEAL: You will be receiving information in the mail shortly regarding this year's Appeal. Pledges and payments will be accepted through June 30, 2024. Any contributions received after December 31, 2023, must be attributed to the 2024 tax year. All checks must be made payable to: Eparchy of Passaic, and not Patronage Church. You may also pledge/donate online at: www.eparchyofpassaic.com. Our parish goal is \$9,800.00, and if we achieve or exceed this amount, our parish will receive a 40% refund of the total received. Contributions from the Hagerstown Mission will also be attributed to Patronage Church's total.

OUR PEOPLE, CARPATHO-RUSYNS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS IN NORTH AMERICA: Looking for a great holiday gift! We have a *limited number of copies available* of this newly published book, if you would like to purchase one. The cost is \$45.00 and is signed by the author, Dr. Paul Robert Magocsi. If you are interested in purchasing a copy of this book, please contact Sharon Kotula.

ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION: Please mark your calendar with the following dates -

1. We will be *decorating our church after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 3rd* in preparation of our St. Nicholas celebration.
2. On *Sunday, December 10th, Divine Liturgy will begin at 11am (note change of Liturgy start time for this event)*, for our parish celebration for the Feast of St. Nicholas. We will be having a presentation by the children in ECF, a special visit from St. Nicholas, himself, along with a parish pot-luck luncheon, in our social hall, immediately following Divine Liturgy. *To make our St. Nicholas event more festive, we are encouraging everyone to wear a holiday sweater or shirt.*

A GIFT FROM ST. NICHOLAS: This fundraiser is for the seminarians in Uzhorod, Ukraine. ***A special collection will be taken up through Sunday, December 3rd.*** Envelopes marked, "A Gift from St. Nicholas," can be found at the entrances to our church, and all donations can either be mailed to our church, or placed in the offertory basket. Checks should be made payable to: Patronage Church. Cash is also acceptable. Thank you for your support!

Commentary on Riches

The land of a rich man produced abundant harvests, and he thought to himself, "What am I to do? I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones." Now why did that land bear so well, when it belonged to a man who would make no good use of its fertility? It was to show more clearly the forbearance of God, whose kindness extends even to such people as this. He sends rain on both the just and the unjust, and makes the sun rise on the wicked and good alike. But what do we find in this man? A bitter disposition, hatred of other people, unwillingness to give. This is the return he made to his Benefactor. He forgot that we all share the same nature; he felt no obligation to distribute his surplus to the needy. His barns were full to bursting point, but still his miserly heart was not satisfied. Year by year he increased his wealth, always adding new crops to the old. The result was a hopeless impasse: greed would not permit him to

part with anything he possessed, and yet because he had so much there was no place to store his latest harvest. And so he was incapable of making a decision and could find no escape from his anxiety. What am I to do?

You who have wealth, recognize who has given you the gifts you have received. Consider yourself, who you are, what has been committed to your charge, from whom you have received it, why you have been preferred to most other people. You are the servant of the good God, a steward on behalf of your fellow servants. Do not imagine that everything has been provided for your own stomach. Make decisions regarding your property as though it belonged to another. Possessions give you pleasure for a short time, but then they will slip through your fingers and be gone, and you will be required to give an exact account of them.

St. Basil the Great

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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Psalm 107:1

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Neil de Vries and Mary Currier. More Bible Activities You Can Do. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books Publisher, 1999.

SOCIAL HALL FREEZER UPDATE: We are happy to report that our social hall freezer was delivered on Wednesday, just in time for our festival! Thank you to Alex & Mary Demyan who also made a donation towards the purchase of our much needed freezer. We appreciate everyone who contributed towards the purchase of the freezer, and to Alex, Zachary, Dave, Nick, Dennis, and Jim for moving the freezer into our social hall when it was delivered.

CHURCH MAINTENANCE: We completed the following inspections this month -

1. State Fire Marshall on November 2nd – passed inspection in our church with no issues
2. Pest Control for both our rectory and church on November 6th – monthly inspection
3. Boiler and Pressure Vessel in our church on November 16th – passed state inspection with no issues

“COME AND SEE:” Produced by the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic, this is a resource which aims to share the “Good News” – the transforming message of the Gospel within the context of the Byzantine Catholic tradition, and was designed with a two-fold goal in mind: 1) to be beneficial to all the existing Byzantine Catholics, and serve as the ABCs about our church and tradition, and 2) it is also an invitation to all those who are in search of a new spiritual home, who want to learn more about God and build a lasting personal friendship with Him. It is an introduction about who are and what we believe and it aims to grow awareness and participation in the great Christian richness of our Byzantine tradition and speak about its practices. It is an invitation to a journey to experience the Mystery of God. The cost of this book is only \$5.00, and is located on the book rack in the Narthex. You can place your money in the marked envelope next to the books. Any questions, please contact Sharon Kotula.

ALL-OCCASION CARDS FOR SALE: Sister Seraphim Olsafsky, OSBM, from the Sisters of St. Basil, has turned some of her paintings into all-occasion cards and are being sold in a package of ten. 4 Birthday (2 of 2 designs), 2 Wellness, 2 Congratulations, and 2 Sympathy. Inside each card is an inspirational message and a verse from the Bible. Vicnaja Pamjat! is on the back of the sympathy card, and Mnohaja L'ita! Blahaja L'ita! is on the back of the wellness card. The cost is \$14.50 + shipping & handling. Each card is 4 1/4" X 5 1/2". The order form can be found at <https://sistersofstbasil.org/greeting-cards/>. Please consider purchasing some of these beautiful cards to benefit the Sisters of St. Basil.

BYZANTINE ICON PAINTING WORKSHOP (UPDATED INFORMATION): Patronage Church is planning a Byzantine Icon Painting Workshop with Iconographer, Wayne Hajos. Wayne wrote many icons in our church. This workshop is an excellent opportunity for spiritual growth in our faith! Take advantage of this opportunity! **The class will be held on Saturday, February 3rd and 10th, from 9am – 5pm, and Sunday, February 4th and 11th, from 11:30am – 7:30pm.** The class fee will be \$250 with all supplies included. No art experience is necessary, and we will paint an icon of our church's patron, the Theotokos to register, please send a deposit of \$50, by check, along with your name, and mail it to: Wayne Hajos, 400 Symphony Circle #555, Hunt Valley, MD 21030. The balance of \$200 will be due on the first day of class. Class size is limited to 20 students max, and will be first come, first serve! Registration deadline is January 1st, 2024! If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Ross at keviross@gmail.com, or by text/phone at 570-561-6540.

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION (ECF) PROGRAM: Please mark your calendar with these additional upcoming dates.

- Sunday, December 10th - St. Nicholas visit and presentation
- Sunday, December 17th - ECF Confession opportunity before Christmas
- Sunday, December 24th - Nativity presentation

Any questions, please contact Loui Villanueva at villanuevaluxmundi@gmail.com.

PARISH CENSUS: If you have not completed a census form, please do so as soon as possible, so that we can update our church records. You can obtain a census form on our website, or on the bookrack in the Narthex, and you can mail your completed form to our church, or place it in the offertory basket. Thank you for your assistance!

“JOYFUL LIGHT:” If you would like to receive the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius’ electronic newsletter, “Joyful Light,” please email your request to development@bcs.edu. The Seminary also welcomes online donations. Those who wish to donate may visit www.bcs.edu, and click on “Giving.”

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PRAYER BEFORE MEALS: “O Christ God, bless the food and drink of Your servants for You are holy always, now and ever, and forever. Amen.”

PRAYER AFTER MEALS: “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 Saviour, granting them peace – come also to us and save us. Lord have mercy (3). Give the Blessing. Blessed is our God who, through His grace and loving kindness, is merciful to us and nourishes us from the abundance of His gifts, always, now and ever, and forever. Amen.”



Wishing everyone a Blessed Thanksgiving!

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, Matthew Skovran, Mike Skovran, James DeWolfe, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Kay Dinko, Doris Ruszin, Veronica Ruszin, Anna Martin, Joseph and Marie Repasi, Mary Jo Kelly Wilhelm, Howard Guba, Missy Kakalec, Albert Ondrish, Robin Sevachko, 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!*

STEWARDSHIP: (Donate at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733> – the link is also on our website)

**Patronage Church:
November 12, 2023**

Offertory: \$880.00

Tithe.ly: \$200.00

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

PARISH SOCIAL: Please join us in our social hall after Divine Liturgy today for some refreshments. Many thanks to all of those who have made a donation towards our social fund so far. These donations help to fund future socials in our church. *Also, thank you to Zachary and Sarah Roberts for their generous donation of donuts for last Sunday’s social.*

SLAVIC FOOD FESTIVAL NEWS: Thank you to everyone who supported or volunteered at our festival yesterday.

1. **We are having a “flash sale” on kitchen items, baked goods, and religious articles in our social hall after Liturgy today.** We also have cloth bags with our church logo on them for sale. They are \$5 per bag. Please check it out!
2. We appreciate the following who assisted with baking Kolachi on Wednesday: Alex, Mary, Nick, Regina, Katie, Barbara, Dave, Karen, Zachary, Mary, Jim, Sharon, and Dennis. We made 275!
3. Thank you to Jeremy Romano for driving to Hazleton on Thursday to pick up our pirohi order. Thank you to Alex, Mary, Sharon, Dennis, Theresa, Barbara, Katie, Tim, and Carol for peeling and cubing potatoes on Friday along with setting up for our festival. Everyone’s efforts were greatly appreciated.
4. Just a reminder, if you haven’t given Dennis Kotula your receipt for an item you purchased for our festival, please do so as soon as possible, so that he can do an accounting of our festival costs. Any questions, his email is dennis.kotula@gmail.com.

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).