



## PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH - BALTIMORE

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### Patronage Church at Abingdon:

Church of St. Francis (Stone Chapel)  
1450 Abingdon Road, Abingdon, MD 21009  
**Contact:** Deacon Anthony and Theresa Kotlar: 410-734-6973  
**Next Liturgy:** Sunday, December 19th, at 3pm

### Patronage Church at Hagerstown:

St. Ann Catholic Church  
1525 Oak Hill Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742  
**Contact:** Adam and Lauren Myers: 301-791-0930  
**Next Liturgy:** Saturday, December 18th, at 10am

### DIVINE LITURGY - PATRONAGE CHURCH

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday 12.12.2021	8:45am 9:00am	Matins Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Sean Albert
Tuesday 12.14.2021	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Sean Albert
Friday 12.17.2021	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Sean Albert
Sunday 12.19.2021	11:00am 11:15am	Matins Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Sean Albert

This is the *Sunday of the Forefathers*.  
Propers begin on page 281; Tone 4.

**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 parish continues to be cleaned and hand sanitizer is available throughout the church.

**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.

**GOD WITH US ONLINE FREE WEBINAR: “Orthodoxy & Heterodoxy; The History of the Ecumenical Councils.”** This program takes place on Wednesdays, January 12-26 & February 9-16, from 8-9pm. Rev. Christiaan Kappes, Ph.D., SLD, will be the presenter. Join Rev. Christiaan as he leads us through the breathtaking story of the battle of the Holy Fathers of the Ecumenical Councils to preserve the integrity of the faith against heresy in the decisive first centuries of Church history. To register, visit [www.godwithusonline.org](http://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](http://BECOMING BYZANTINE: An Introduction to Byzantine Catholicism) for more information. Sessions will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month beginning September 26, 2021 through August, 2022, from 7-8:30pm. You can view prior videos on the Becoming Byzantine YouTube channel.

**“COME AND SEE:”** With the holidays quickly approaching, why not share a book, produced by the Eparchy of Passaic, about our Byzantine Catholic Church and its traditions. This book makes a great gift and can also be an invitation to share with others who are in search of a new spiritual home, who may want to learn more about God, and also build a lasting personal relationship with Him. The cost is \$5/book, and is available on the book rack in the Narthex.

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

**HOLY HUMOR:** As a little girl climbed onto St. Nicholas' lap, St. Nicholas asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?" The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped: "Didn't you get my email?"

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*The Legend of the Christmas Wreath*

*The circular shape of the Christmas wreath symbolizes eternal life  
and the everlasting love of God,*

*Who sent his only Son to redeem humankind.*

*The prickly holly reminds us of Christ's crown of thorns;*

*the red berries, His sacrifice for our salvation;*

*and the white blossoms bring to mind His innocence.*

- Author Unknown

## Schedule of Christmas services

2021

### The Feast of the Nativity According to the Flesh of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ

## Christ Is Born! Glorify Him!

**FRIDAY** Dec. 24, 2021 – **Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great:**

6:00pm Patronage Church (Arbutus)  
9:00pm St. Gregory Church (Beltsville)

**SATURDAY** Dec. 25, 2021 – **Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom:**

9:00am Patronage Church (Arbutus)  
11:15am St. Gregory Church (Beltsville)

**SUNDAY** Dec. 26, 2021 – **Synaxis of the Theotokos,  
Sunday after Christmas, Divine Liturgy:**

9:00am Patronage Church (Arbutus)  
11:15am St. Gregory Church (Beltsville)

**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, Alexandra Kotula Mariotti, Betty Rankin, 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!*

Thank you to those who continue to support 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 website and click on the Tithely link.

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

**PATRONAGE FREEZER SALE:** The following are available for purchase:

1. Frozen Pirohi – cost is \$7/dozen or a bag of 4 dozen/\$25.00
2. Frozen Kolachi - \$15 each (nut, raspberry, apricot, or poppy seed) – supply is limited

Please see Mary Demyan if you are interested in purchasing any of the above items.

**THE FILIPOVKA FAST:** continues until Christmas Eve. If you do not yet observe meatless Fridays, this is a good time to start. If you already do, consider adding Wednesdays and even Mondays as fast days. Read the prophecies of Isaiah over these 40 days. Bishop especially asks your prayers and fasting for vocations to the priesthood.

**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](http://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. If you didn't receive a pledge form in the mail, there are a few extra copies on the shelf in the Narthex. Please take one!

**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).*

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

# Christmas Word Find

G C P M E H E F F N Y Y A S E  
 V F I O G K N O C Y R R I L B  
 Z H S J Z X U H E G A B Z N B  
 H A T I D U R X S Z M E I P E  
 R P L R S I L E N T N I G H T  
 R K O Q S N E M E S I W A J H  
 Y L X T Y Z S W C Z S P E P L  
 M I M F H F N P N S J V E K E  
 J A B T T B A R I O R S X Z H  
 S A I Y L Y T E K V O F L W E  
 H A Y E Y T I G N J I O E E M  
 F A M K R H V N A E V U G P E  
 M A A N W A I A R S A S N O E  
 C I H O T C T M F U S O A H F  
 D J E D K Q Y S V S W T E K Q

JESUS HAY  
 MARY ANGEL  
 JOSEPH FAITH  
 WISEMEN HOPE  
 MANGER FRANKINCENSE  
 NATIVITY MYRRH  
 BETHLEHEM SILENT NIGHT  
 CAMEL LORD  
 DONKEY SAVIOR  
 STAR CHRISTMAS



## 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*.

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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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TOTAL AMOUNT ORDERED: \_\_\_ x \$13.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION (ECF) PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN:

1. Please visit [www.godwithusonline.org](http://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.
2. **Next Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Serhii will be hearing confession for the children in ECF, immediately after Divine Liturgy.** Children should gather in the front of church after Liturgy. Parents, please review the confession prayer with your children. If you need another confession pamphlet, please email the church and let Fr. Serhii know.