



PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Location	Intention
Sunday 12/13	8:45am 9:00am	Matins Liturgy	Arbutus	In memory of +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Patronage Church
Saturday 12/19	10:00am	Liturgy	Hagerstown	In memory of +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Hagerstown Mission
Sunday 12/20	11:00am 11:15am	Matins Liturgy	Arbutus	For Living and Deceased Members of our Parish
Sunday 12/20	3:00pm	Liturgy	Abingdon	In memory of +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Abingdon Mission

This is the ***Sunday of the Forefathers (Second Sunday Before the Nativity)***.

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Confession will take place 20 minutes before or immediately after Divine Liturgy.

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, Paul Ruszin, Sr., and Georgianna Kostak
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: 12/6/20 - \$1,825.00

NUMBER OF BELIEVERS:

Patronage: Matins - 20; Liturgy - 33

During these challenging times, we thank those who have contributed to 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 church's website for the Tithely link.

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

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Today we celebrate the 1-year anniversary of Fr. Conan Timoney's passing, 12/9/2020. In Blessed Repose, Grant O Lord, Eternal Rest to the Soul of Your Departed Servant and may his Memory be Eternal. Vicnaja pamjat'.

I trust in Christ, who called you, O priest, and set you over His own Sheep, that you will acquire such a guarantee from this ministry, that when I stand in peril on that Great Day, you will receive me into the everlasting habitation where you also dwell. St. John Chrysostom On the Priesthood

HOLUPKI SALE: Please see Mary Demyan, after Liturgy today, if you would like to take home some holupki. Donations will be happily accepted!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA: The Men's Club is sponsoring the Christmas Poinsettia sale and these flowers will be used to help decorate our Temple. Plants may be taken by the giver after Christmas Liturgy. A special insert, in the Christmas bulletin, will list each commemoration. Please see the enclosed order form for more details. Deadline for ordering poinsettias is 12/20/2020.

ST. NICHOLAS SERVICE PROJECT – THE CHILDREN'S HOME: Many thanks to those who were able to donate to the orphans at the Children's Home in Catonsville. Your donations will be delivered to the orphanage this week.

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).*

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

OUR DAILY BREAD: This is a program of the Archdiocese of Baltimore that provides meals for the homeless 365 days/year. If you would be interested in making a casserole to donate to Our Daily Bread, please contact Mike Skovran at 410-979-4791.

“ASK THE DEACON” – THIS WEEK’S QUESTION: *What is the Prostopinije?*

ANSWER: The word Prostopinije comes from two words: proste--simple, straight, plain; pinije--chant. It is the term for the plainchant tradition of our church, Carpathian-Ruthenian Chant. Much of it is based on the 8-tone system: the resurrectional tones for the troparion and kontakion; prokeimenon and alleluia tones; samohlasen tones used, for instance, at Vespers (stichera), the Our Father and elsewhere; podobn or special melodies; bolhar tones used at Litija (Vespers) and funerals; the Odes and hymns at Matins (irmos). Other chant is based on folk melodies, for instance, the Cherubic Hymn. This is our church's heritage; we must keep our cherished tradition of full congregational singing. It is the most direct way of participation in our liturgical prayer.

“In Subcarpathian Rus’ in all the villages..., there was always practiced only congregational singing of the complete service.... The numerous chants...were known by everyone, even the children of school age. The leader of song, the most experienced singer from the parishes, standing at the kliros sang the chant. As soon as the worshippers would hear the hymn, they would join in the chant and the entire church sang all the stichiry, all the tropars, all the irmosy—in a word, everyone sang properly according to the established canonical parts of the Liturgy. They sang in unison and whoever could, imitated or reinforced the bass. The impression proved to be overwhelmingly strong.” – Johann von Gardner (1898-1984; he is considered "one of the most erudite scholars of [Slavic] neumatic chant of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.").

“Our Ruthenian chant is our lifeline to the past.” – Bishop Michael J. Dudick