

SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE



Icon of the the Ladder of Divine Ascent



PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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Next Liturgy: TBD

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday of Cheese-Fare/ Forgiveness Sunday 2.11.2024	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the Repose of the Soul of: +Eva Symyon From: Faye & Ed Hvizdzak
1 st Sunday of the Great Fast 2.18.2024	9:00am	Procession of Icons Divine Liturgy	For the Repose of the Soul of: +Philip Kotula From: M/M Dennis Kotula & Family
2 nd All Souls Friday 2.23.2024	6:00pm	Presanctified Liturgy Followed by a Panachida	Reading of the Hramoty List

Today's Propers can be found on page 141, Tone 4, then page 218.

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!

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 contact either one.

LITURGY INTENTIONS: It is a beautiful part of our Byzantine Catholic tradition to have the Divine Liturgy celebrated for a special intention or for health and God's blessings upon a living person, or for the repose of the soul of a deceased person. 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. A donation or stipend is an offering made to the priest for the Divine Liturgy for such a request. **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. A special date may be requested, but they may not always be available. The date is assigned on a first come, first served basis, and are reserved upon receipt of the offering.

CHURCH ENVELOPES 2024: If you do not have church envelopes, and would like to receive them, please send the church an email, and let us know. Envelopes are mailed out bi-monthly. If you are using Tithe.ly to make donations to our church and no longer need envelopes, please let us know, as well. Thank you for your assistance in helping us update our parish records!

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 to those who have already contributed – we've collected 64 cartridges, so far!**

PIROHI and KOLACHI SALE: We have bags of a dozen pirohi of potato and cheese for sale at \$7.00 each, and 4 dozen bags at \$25.00 each. We also have bags of a dozen pirohi of farmer's cheese, sauerkraut, and cabbage for sale at \$7.00 each. Several varieties of Kolachi is available for \$16.00 each. Please see Mary Demyan if you are interested in purchasing any. Please help us clear our freezer!

PATRONAGE CHURCH SHOPPING BAGS FOR SALE: If you haven't purchased the church's new shopping bag, with the logo on it yet, they are \$5 per bag. Please see Mary Demyan, or Sharon Kotula, if you would like to purchase any.

2023 BISHOP'S APPEAL: The Passaic Eparchy will accept pledges and payments through June 30, 2024. Any contributions received in 2024 will be attributed to the 2024 tax year. **All checks must be made payable to the Eparchy of Passaic,** and mailed to: Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic, 445 Lackawanna Avenue, Woodland Park, NJ 07424. 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.

*"If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will forgive you;
 but if you do not forgive men their trespasses,
 neither will your heavenly Father forgive you your trespasses" (Matthew 6:14).*

Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic Fasting Regulations for the Great Fast 2024

Abstinence: The law of Abstinence forbids the use of meat, permitting the use of eggs and dairy products. All the faithful of the Eparchy who receive Holy Communion are obliged to abstain. Abstinence is to be observed on all Wednesdays and Fridays during the Holy Season of the Great Fast.

Strict Abstinence: The law of Strict Abstinence (Fast) forbids the use of meat, eggs, and dairy products. All the adult faithful of the Eparchy who receive Holy Communion are obliged to observe Strict Abstinence, and is to be observed on the First Day of the Great Fast, Pure Monday, February 12th, and on Great and Holy Friday, March 29th.

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“Do you fast? Then feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, visit the sick, do not forget the imprisoned, have pity on the tortured, comfort those who grieve and who weep, be merciful, humble, kind, calm, patient, sympathetic, forgiving, reverent, truthful and pious, so that God might accept your fasting and might plentifully grant you the fruits of repentance.”
- Saint John Chrysostom

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Keep on Forgiving

“Then Peter came up and said to him, ‘Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven’” (Matthew 18:21-22).

Fill in the blanks with these words:

Peter seven answer forgive seventy-seven sin ask brother

1. _____ The number of times Peter thought you should forgive
2. _____ To seek an answer to a question
3. _____ A male who has the same parents as another person
4. _____ To excuse someone for an offense
5. _____ To break one of God's commandments
6. _____ One of Jesus' disciples
7. _____ To reply to a question
8. _____ The number of times Jesus said we should forgive

2024 EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF) PROGRAM: Please mark your calendar -

- **February 11th** – Deacon Tony will be showing ECF students the process by which he and Fr. Vasyl turn the Prospora bread into the body of Christ during our Liturgy. Afterwards, students will be discussing the start of the Great Fast. Please note class will be at the normal time (10 minutes after the end of Liturgy at 10:15am)
- **February 18th** – Sunday of Orthodoxy – Procession of Icons. ECF students please arrive by 8:50am, so we can organize everyone for the procession prior to the start of our Divine Liturgy.
- **February 25th** – **Immediately after Divine Liturgy (around 10:15am)**, students will learn the recipe and practice creating the Prospora. Ruthenian Catholic families have a wonderful tradition of making the Prospora at home and offering the bread as a gift to the church. Please email Kevin Ross at keviross@gmail.com, if you have any questions.
- **Classes will take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month through Sunday, June 9th.** We will break for summer, and resume on Catechetical Sunday, September 15, 2024. We currently have 15 students enrolled in our program. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Ross, keviross@gmail.com, or Loui Villaneuva, villanuevaluxmundi@yahoo.com.

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, Sandy Sabo Rabuse, 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, Albert Ondrish, 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: Patronage Church

February 4, 2024:

Offertory: \$1,945.00

Tithe.ly: \$140.00

ECL: \$60.00

Initial Offering: \$8.00

Decorated Candles: \$332.00

You honor God and our Church by continuing to tithe each week. A collection basket is on the table in the back of our Temple for your weekly donation. You may also mail in your donation, or donate online at: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733>. The link is also on our website. *“Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth” (Dt. 8:18).*

PARISH SOCIAL: Please join us after Divine Liturgy this morning for refreshments in our social hall. All are welcome!

CHEESE-FARE – FORGIVENESS SUNDAY: Included with this bulletin is a **prayer request form**. If you would like for another parishioner to pray for you during Lent, please legibly write your name on the bottom of the form, and you can drop it in the basket marked, **“Forgiveness Sunday,”** in the Narthex. At the conclusion of Liturgy, those that wrote their name on a form will pick someone else's name out of the basket, and then pray privately for that person throughout Lent. On Pascha, you can let that person know that you were praying for them. Extra copies of the prayer request form can be found on the shelf in the Narthex.

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY AND THE 1ST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST: Fr. Vasyl will be blessing Icons during Divine Liturgy next **Sunday, February 18th**. If you would like to have an icon blessed, please bring it to church, and place it on the tables in front of the first pews. You can take your icon home after Liturgy.

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).

GOD WITH US - FREE ONLINE WEBINARS: You can register for the following events, or if you missed an event, there are hundreds of hours of free pre-recorded webinars, series, conferences, and lectures for inquirers, the faithful, and catechists which are available in video and audio format. Please visit www.godwithusonline.org, click on “online,” and choose which webinar you would like to register for, or view one of the archived events.

- One of the Spiritual Works of Mercy which we focus on during Great Lent is “comforting the afflicted.” Many struggle with the difficulty of infertility while affirming the goodness of their marriage and living according to the principles of faith. Join Ann Koshute, MTS, as this important life-affirming topic is discussed. This live webinar, “**Springs in the Desert – The Challenge of Infertility for Catholic Families,**” will be held tomorrow, **Monday, February 12th, at 2:00pm.**
- Every Great Lent the Byzantine Churches celebrate a unique form of weekday Liturgy known by name as, “The Presanctified Liturgy of Saint Gregory the Great.” But what is the meaning of this rite, especially in the context of the Fast? John Fr. James Bankston as we explore Fr. David Petras’ new book! This Byzantine bookshelf series, “**Now the Powers of Heaven – The Lenten Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts,**” is a 90-minute webinar, and will be held the **1st and 3rd Thursdays of February and March, at 7:00pm.**
- “Visiting the sick,” is an important Corporal Work of Mercy that involves sharing in the suffering of others. How do we bring and find Christ in our service to the sick? Join full time staff Chaplain and Melkite Seminarian, Subdeacon Riley Winstead, as we discuss this important ministry to the sick and the dying. This live webinar, “**Companions of the Cross – Compassion and Suffering in Ministry to the Sick,**” will be held on **Thursday, March 14th, and 7:00pm.**
- The Bible is full of stories of women who have borne witness to their faith and courage in challenging and pivotal moments in salvation history. These women inspire and model for us the call to holiness and greatness in the life of the Church. Join Biblical scholar, Dr. Sandra Collins, as we explore their stories! This live webinar, “**Great Women of the Bible – Inspiring Women of Faith & Models of Holiness,**” will be held on **Thursday, April 11th and Thursday, April 25th.**
- Explore the influences that formed, in the cauldron of first-millennium Constantinople, the Byzantine Church and its unique and profound perspective on the great truths of our Christian faith by reading Archbishop Joseph Raya’s text with Fr. Deacons Anthony Dragani and Robert Klesko! This Byzantine Bookshelf Series 90-minute webinar, “**Byzantine Church & Culture – The Grace, Splendor, History, & Culture of Byzantium,**” will be take place on **Monday, April 22nd, at 7:00pm.**
- People who desire communion with God can discover how the Postinina powerfully fulfills their yearning by reading Catherine Doherty’s spiritual classic! In it we are invited to leave the noise and hurried pace to enter a place of silence and solitude in the heart! Please join Fr. Michael Winn and Fr. Deacon Robert Klesko for this 90-minute webinar, “**Postinina: The Desert – Encountering God in Silence, Solitude & Prayer,**” on **Monday, May 20th, at 7:00pm.**

“Going ‘out into the whole world’ now includes bringing the Gospel into the digital space to provide opportunities for catechesis and evangelization. I know that, through His grace, we will all become more intentional disciples.”

Fr. Deacon Robert Klesko, Director, God With Us Online

HOLY WATER CONTAINERS: Bottles are available on the table in the front of our Temple if you would like to take some Holy Water home. **The plastic bottles with a cross on them are \$4/each (prices are marked on each container).** You can leave your payment in the basket. The undecorated glass jars on the bottom shelf are free.

BLESSED CANDLES: If you would like to purchase a blessed candle, they are on the table behind the last pew. Blessed candles can be used in your home and placed in front of an icon, and can also be used in your basket when it is blessed on Pascha. Prices vary per candle style, and are marked on each box and candle. Cash or check (made payable to: Patronage Church) will be accepted. Please leave your payment in the basket next to the candles. Any questions, please see Sharon Kotula.

THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC LITURGICAL PRACTICE OF OBSERVING ALL SOULS SATURDAYS: Please mark your calendar, and join us for the Second through Fifth “All Soul” services:

- The Second service for “All Souls,” will be held at 6:00pm, on **Friday, February 23rd,** after Presanctified Liturgy
- The Third service for “All Souls,” will be held at 6:00pm, on **Friday, March 1st,** after Presanctified Liturgy
- The Fourth service for “All Souls,” will be held at 6:00pm, on **Friday, March 8th,** after Presanctified Liturgy
- The Fifth service for “All Souls,” will be held at 6:00pm, on **Friday May 17th**

Parishioners are encouraged to attend these services, for by your presence and personal prayers, it strengthens the bond with your departed loved ones, and indeed keeps their memory eternal! **VICNAJA PAMJAT’!**

2024 BYZAN-TEEN YOUTH RALLY: Mark your calendar, the next Byzan-teen Youth Rally will take place **June 27-29, 2024, at the University of San Diego, in California.** The theme is “*Walking with Jesus on the stormy waters of the modern sea of life.*” This rally provides Eastern Catholic faith formation and fraternity for all teens ages 13-17 (*must be 13 by November 1, 2024, and not have reached the age of 18 by June 30, 2024*) growing up in the Byzantine Catholic Tradition. Together with their peers, Byzan-teens actively engage in living, growing in, and promoting the Byzantine Catholic tradition. All Byzan-teens are given the opportunity to gather from across the country for the biennial national Byzan-teen Youth Rally. The registration deadline is Friday, May 31st. **If you are interested in attending, please see Fr. Vasyl, as soon as possible.**

ALTAR SERVER CONGRESS: Save the date - this event will take place on **July 14-18, 2024,** and will be held at the Carpathian Village in Pennsylvania. More information to follow.

GIRLS CAMP: Save the date – this event is open to girls ages 6-17, and will take place **July 21-25, 2024,** and will be held at the Carpathian Village in Pennsylvania. More information to follow:

PRE-TEEN CO-ED CAMP: Save the date – this event is open to boys & girls ages 6-12, and will take place **August 11-15, 2024,** and will be held at the Carpathian Village in Pennsylvania. More information to follow.

“Be ashamed when you sin, not when you repent.”

- St. John Chrysostom

Readiness to Forgive

Nothing makes us so like God as our readiness to forgive the wicked and wrongdoer. For it is God who has made "the sun to shine on the evil and on the good."

For this same reason again in every one of the clauses Jesus commands us to make our prayers together in one voice, saying, "Our Father," and "thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven," and "give us the bread, and forgive us our debts," and "lead us not into temptation," and "deliver us." So everywhere he is teaching us to use this plural word that we may not retain so much as a vestige of resentment against our neighbor.

How great a reproof then must they de-

serve, who, after all this, still do not forgive and even ask God's vengeance on their enemies. In doing so, they diametrically transgress this command. Meanwhile Christ is seeking in every way possible to hinder our conflicts with one another. For since love is the root of all that is good, by removing from all quarters whatever mars it he brings us together and cements us to each other. For there is not one, not a single one, whether father or mother or friend, who loves us as much as the God who created us.

St. John Chrysostom

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