

MEATFARE SUNDAY -- JUDGMENT SUNDAY



Icon of the Last Judgment



PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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Next Liturgy: TBD

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday of Meat-Fare 2.4.2024	11:00am	Divine Liturgy	For: Living and Deceased Members of Our Church
Sunday of Cheese-Fare 2.11.2024	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For: Eva Symyon From: Faye & Ed Hvizdzak
1 st Sunday of the Great Fast 2.18.2024	9:00am	Divine Liturgy With Procession of Icons	For: Philip Kotula From: M/M Dennis Kotula & Family

Today's Propers can be found in the insert of this bulletin.

Please refer to the Slavonic Liturgy book (in the pew) for the following prayers and page numbers:

Cherubic Hymn – page 17

Anaphora – page 26

Our Father – page 33

Blessed be the name – page 40

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

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 variety 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!

2024 PATRONAGE CENSUS: If you have not completed a parish census form, or have any changes/updates to make to the 2023 form you submitted last year, the 2024 form is available on the bookrack in the Narthex. You can mail your completed form to our church, or drop it in the offertory basket. Please do so no later today, **Sunday, February, 4th**. Thank you for your assistance in helping us to keep our parish records updated!

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.

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.**

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.

LASTING LEGACY: Do you ever think about how you'll be remembered after you're gone? It's a question that often crosses our minds. We all want to leave a lasting legacy, to ensure that our values and beliefs live on. If you're one of the many who have made a New Year's resolution to write a will, or update it, why not include a gift to Patronage of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church in your plans? It's a powerful way to communicate that truly matters to you. By leaving a gift to our church through your will or estate, you're not only showing gratitude to God for all the blessings in your life, but also setting an example for your loved ones. It's a chance to demonstrate the importance of faith and make a positive impact on the lives of others. At every Divine Liturgy we pray, "Remember, O Lord, those who bring offerings and perform good deeds in your holy Churches." Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!

"What shall I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?" (Ps 116:12)

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

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 on **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 Postinia 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, **“Postinia: 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

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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

January 28, 2024:

Offertory: \$1,037.00

Tithe.ly: \$173.00

ECL: \$60.00

Candles: \$11.70

Kolachi Sale: \$16.00

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).*

SLAVONIC: During Divine Liturgy today, we will be singing some parts in Old Slavonic. There are Slavonic books in the pews to follow along, and the page numbers are noted on page 1 of this bulletin..

POT-LUCK SLAVIC FOOD DINNER: Please join us after Divine Liturgy today, for our annual Slavic food dinner. Everyone is welcome to attend!

PRAYERFUL CONGRATULATIONS: The Servant of God, **Eden Maya Venzen**, infant daughter of Krissy (Tomcanin) and Oswain Venzen, sister of Olivia, and granddaughter of Dana and William Tomcanin, will receive the Holy Mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation, and Eucharist today, in our church. God grant Eden Maya many blessed years! Mnohaja l’ita!

BLESSED CANDLES: Fr. Vasyl blessed candles at Friday evening’s Liturgy, and if you would like to purchase one and take it home, they are on the table in front of the first 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. Cash or check (made payable to: Patronage Church) will be accepted. Please leave your payment in the basket. Any questions, please see Sharon Kotula.

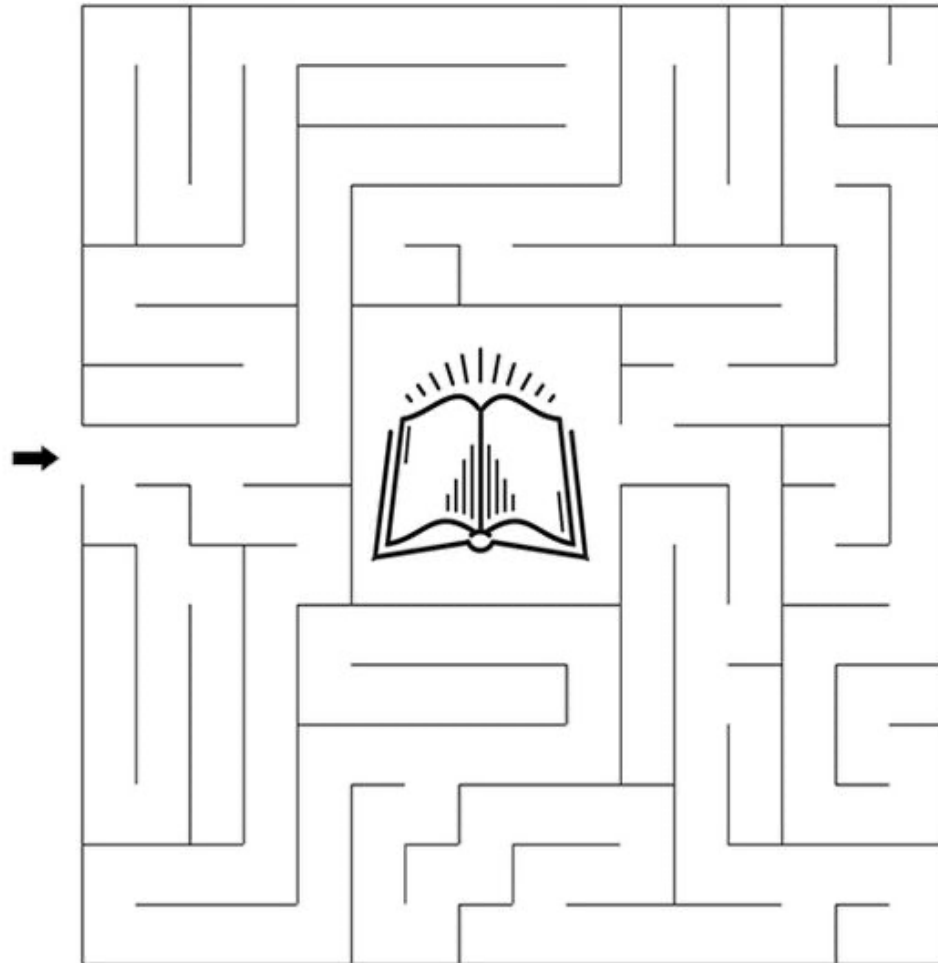
WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: We welcome all new visitors, to our parish family, and are happy you are joining us to share in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and hope you will become an active part of our parish community. If you would like to be added to our parish email list, send us an email at patronage.church@gmail.com.

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

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Looking for a Word from the Lord?



- **February 18th** – ECF students will lead the icon procession (followed by the altar servers and Fr. Vasyl) for the Sunday of Orthodoxy. Students, please bring the icon you made in class or another one from home. Parishioners are also encouraged to bring an icon for the blessing, as well. The procession will take place before the start of Divine Liturgy. More details to follow.
- **February 25th** – Students will learn the recipe and practice creating the Prosphora. Ruthenian Catholic families have a wonderful tradition of making the Prosphora at home and offering the bread as a gift to the church. Students who desire to create and form the dough will need to arrive by 8:00am. The dough will rise during our 9:00am Liturgy. At 10:125am, students will again knead, form, seal, and bake the dough into loaves. If students are unable to arrive early, dough will be created for them to knead and shape at 10:15am. If any parishioners would like to join the ECF students for this class and make Prosphora, please email Kevin Ross at keviross@gmail.com.
- **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.

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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 page, and you can drop it in the collection basket, or mail it to the church. However, we must receive your form with your name on it no later than February 10th. At the conclusion of Liturgy, next **Sunday, February 11th**, those that wrote their name on a form will pick someone else's name out of a basket, and then pray privately for that person throughout Lent. On Pascha, you can let that person know that you were praying for them. You can also find this form on our website with this week's bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact 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. 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'!**

- 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 9th**, after Presanctified Liturgy
- The Fifth service for "All Souls," will be held at 6:00pm, on **Friday May 17th**

PATRONAGE CHURCH SLAVIC FOOD FESTIVAL: Please mark your calendar. Our next festival is scheduled for **Saturday, March 23rd, from 10:00am – 2:00pm**. To help reduce the expenses for our festival, we are currently looking for donations, and need the following: 35lbs of walnuts, 2 cases of bottled water, 2 cases of Coke minis, 2 cases of Sprite minis, 2 cases of Diet Coke minis, flour, sugar, and books of stamps. If you purchase any of these items, please turn in your receipt, so that we can have a more accurate accounting of our festival costs, as well as a fair representation of your individual donations. We will also accept any amount of cash donations. For specifics regarding the festival, please email Mary Demyan at mdemya1@verizon.net. We will also need volunteers for the following dates:

- Sunday, February 25th, after 9:00am Divine Liturgy** – stuff envelopes for our festival mailing
- Friday, March 1st, 9:00am** - cabbage preparation for holupki
- Saturday, March 2nd, 9:00am** - holupki making
- Saturday, March 16th, 9:00am** – cooking for the festival
- Wednesday, March 20th, 9:00am** - kolachi baking, packaging, filling orders, and clean-up
- Friday March 22nd, 9:00am** - festival preparation and set-up
- Saturday, March 23rd, 10:00am – 2:00pm** - festival and clean-up

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 Prosphora 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)

Cheese-Fare
Forgiveness Sunday
2024



Please pray for: _____

Prayers to the Theotokos

*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone who fled thy protection,
implored thy help,*

or sought thy intercession was left unaided.

*Inspired with this confidence,
I fly to thee, O Virgin of Virgins,
my Mother;*

*to thee do I come; before thee I stand,
sinful and sorrowful.*

*O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in thy mercy hear and answer me.*

Amen

*We fly to your patronage,
O holy Mother of God;
despise not our petitions in our necessities,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and Blessed Virgin.*

Amen

He Will Separate Them

“And he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.” So then, people on earth are intermingled, and not only intermingled in that the righteous live side by side with the wicked, but they are also indistinguishable. Between the righteous and the wicked there is no apparent difference. Even as in wintertime you cannot tell the healthy trees apart from the withered trees but in beautiful springtime you can tell the difference, so too each person according to his faith and his works will be exposed.

The wicked will not have any leaves or show any fruit, but the righteous will be clothed

with the leaves of eternal life and adorned with the fruit of glory. In this way they will be separated by the heavenly shepherd and Lord. The earthly shepherd separates animals by their type of body, whereas Christ separates people by their type of soul. The sheep signify righteous people by reason of their gentleness, because they harm no one, and by reason of their patience, because when they are harmed by others, they bear it without resistance. He refers to sinners as goats, however, because these vices characterize goats: capriciousness toward other animals, pride and belligerence.

*From a Homily,
Incomplete Work on Matthew*