



## PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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**Next Liturgy:** Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at 10am

### DIVINE LITURGY - PATRONAGE CHURCH

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday 3.05.2023	8:45am 9:00am	Matins Divine Liturgy	Int. Requested by:
Friday 3.10.2023	6:30pm	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts Panachida	Int. Requested by:
Sunday 3.12.2023	11:00am 11:15am	Matins Divine Liturgy	Int. Requested by:

This is the **2nd Sunday of the Great Fast.**

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**CONFESSION:** Fr. Serhii is available 20 minutes before or immediately after Divine Liturgy.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME:** Please note that **Daylight Saving Time officially starts at 2am on March 12<sup>th</sup>**, when the clock will “spring forward” one hour.

**MEN’S CLUB EASTER FLOWER SALE:** Once again, we are sponsoring a flower sale for Easter. The flowers will be used to decorate the church and altar for Divine Liturgy on Pascha. Each donated flower will be published in a special insert of the Easter bulletin. Plants may be taken by the giver after Resurrection Liturgy. Forms can be found either in the Narthex, on the shelf, or on our website. Plants are \$12/each and you have a choice of ordering, Easter Lilies, Tulips, or Hyacinths. **Please return your order form and payment by either placing it in the offering basket or mailing it to the rectory by Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Checks should be made payable to: Patronage Men’s Club.**

**“MAKING THE CITY A CHURCH” LECTURE SERIES:** The Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA, is pleased to announce its 23rd annual academic lecture to be presented by Fr. John Baldovin, S.J., at 7pm on May 10, 2023. This live-streamed lecture, entitled, “Making the City a Church: Liturgical Processions in Constantinople from the Sixth to Tenth Centuries,” is to study the mobile character of ancient Constantinopolitan Christian worship and the processions of Byzantine stations liturgy. This will shed light on the liturgy itself, popular piety, and the relation of liturgy to the surrounding culture. All are welcome to attend this lecture virtually via the Seminary website ([www.bcs.edu](http://www.bcs.edu)). The lecture can also be accessed live or at a later time from archives on the B.C.S. YouTube channel. For more information, please contact Fr. Ivan Chirovsky 412-321-8383, x36, or by email: [development@bcs.edu](mailto:development@bcs.edu).

**A LENTEN RECOLLECTION:** Join Homilist, Msgr Mariano Balbago, Jr., on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30am – 3:30pm at St. Gregory’s Byzantine Catholic Church in Beltsville. Liturgy will be at 2:30pm. Registration fee is \$10.00 (food included). If you are interested in attending, please let Fr. Serhii know by March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**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).**

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

## **Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic Fasting Regulations for the Great Fast 2023**

### 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

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- Strict Abstinence is to be observed on the First Day of the Great Fast, Pure Monday, February 20 and on Great and Holy Friday, April 7.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast (contemplation)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

After the Last Supper, before his torment, Jesus Christ said to his disciples, "Abide in My Love" (Jn. 15:9). But what can encourage us to love someone more than the good deeds he has done for us?

The greatest goodness of Jesus Christ for us, the most obvious proof of His Love is His consecration, His suffering, His death for us. He himself said to the disciples on this occasion, "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends, but you are my friends" (John 15:13).

Let us remember that Jesus Christ revealed His Heart to St. Margaret with the instrument of torment. "I saw," says St. Margarita, "The Heart of Jesus as if on a fiery throne, from that Heart, wrapped in a crown of thorns, a cross rose, and the wound inflicted on Him on the cross was visible." At that revelation, Jesus Christ said, "Look! Here is the Heart that loved people so much!"

For the saints, it was the sweetest thing to look at the crucified Jesus Christ, to have before their eyes the image of the Heart of Christ the Lord pierced with a spear. And Jesus Christ let them know so many times how dear this piety was to him, many times he rewarded them with extraordinary favors.

This is true, because from this piety, from the cross, from the Heart of Jesus, a stream of grace flows endlessly to the world, and especially to the worshipers of the Heart of the Lord.

Saint Alphonsus saw how fiery arrows of Love came out of the wounds of the crucified Savior and wounded those who approached Christ. One pious person also saw a fiery ray emanating from the Heart of Christ the Lord and wounding the admirers of His Heart with arrows of love.

Why does Jesus Christ want to lay in our heart's devotion to his sufferings, to his cross? Because there we will know the infinite malice of our sins and be inflamed with love for Jesus. Seeing the Heart of Jesus pierced with a spear, we run to it as a source of grace in all our needs.

Saint Franz Seraphic had great devotion to the sufferings of Jesus Christ. Several times he heard the voice of the lamb, and he always burst into tears, because he remembered the Lamb of God, who washes away the sins of the world on the cross. Often walking with a cross, he cried, and showing it to people, he called out, "Love is not the beloved."

Once, when Franz embraced the cross and kissed the crucified Christ with great love, Jesus Christ lowered his right hand from the cross, wrapped it around Saint Franz and hugged him to Himself.

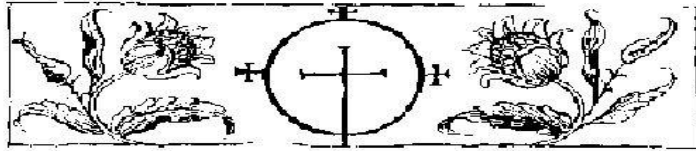
**2023 EPARCHIAL ALTAR SERVER CONGRESS:** Registration for this year's Altar Server Congress, is now open! It will take place at the Carpathian Village, 802 Snow Hill Road, Cresco, PA, from Sunday, July 16th - Thursday, July 20th. Please visit [eparchyofpassaic.com](http://eparchyofpassaic.com), click on "Youth and Young Adult Ministries," then "Altar Server Congress," for camper registration forms and further information. You can also contact Fr. Michael Salnicko at 570-595-3265, if you have any further questions. Please let Fr. Serhii know as soon as possible, if you are interested in attending.

**2023 BYZANTEEN EPARCHIAL YOUTH RALLY:** This year's rally will take place on June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. We are waiting on more details, but the ByzantTeen Rally 2023 participants must be age 13 by November 1, 2023, and not have reached the age of 18 by June 27, 2023. You can find both the rally's Teen and Chaperone Registration forms on the Eparchy's website at [www.eparchyofpassaic.com](http://www.eparchyofpassaic.com), click on "Youth and Young Adult Ministries," then "Byzanteens Youth Ministry." If you are interested in attending this rally, please let Fr. Serhii know so he can make sure you receive any updates that he receives.

**GOD WITH US +ONLINE+:** A virtual program entitled, "For the Life of the World," presented by Rev. David Anderson, will take place on Mondays from February 27<sup>th</sup> - March 13<sup>th</sup>, from 8-9pm. Join them as they study this insightful work on the sacramental life together during the Great Fast! It is not necessary to have the book or to have read it to join them, but they do encourage it! You can register for this free program at [godwithusonline.org](http://godwithusonline.org). If you missed the first session of this lecture, it was recorded and available on-demand, in the event library, that you may find especially edifying during the Lenten journey.

**St. Louis and St. Francis Pastorate** is sponsoring separate retreats for men and women at the Bon Secours in Marriottsville. The women's retreat is March 23–26 and the men's is April 20–23. For information on the women's retreat contact Joan Doyle (301-442-4675) or Polly Stavrou (410-212-4329). For the men's retreat contact Loui Villanueva ([villanuevaluxmundi@yahoo.com](mailto:villanuevaluxmundi@yahoo.com)).

## CHILDREN'S CORNER



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## LENTEN WORD SEARCH

Adam	Compline	Confession	Cross
Eucharist	Eve	Faith	Fasting
Forty	Glory	Heaven	Humility
Icon	Life	Liturgy	Pascha
Prayer	PreSanctified	Prostration	Repentance
Resurrection	Saints	Salutations	Savior
Sinner	Soul	Theotokos	Trinity
Unction	Worship		

**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. Serhii, and his family, Fr. Joseph Borodach, Marge Dulina, Mike Skovran, James DeWolfe, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Doris Ruszin, Anne Gupman, Anna Martin, Joseph and Marie Repasi, Mary Jo Kelly Wilhelm, Georgianna Kostak, Sandra Suseck, Howard Guba, 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!*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEPARTED:** +Betty Rankin passed away on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. She had attended Liturgy at both the Abingdon Mission and at Patronage Church before becoming ill. Funeral arrangements are pending. May God grant His departed servant, +Betty, peaceful repose. *Vičnaja jej pamjat'*. Eternal Memory!

**STEWARDSHIP:** (Donate at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733>)

**Patronage Church:**

Offerory: \$1,117.50

Tithe.ly: \$175.00

Lent: \$5.00

ECL: \$20.00

Easter Flowers: \$50.00

All Souls: \$20.00

**Hagerstown Mission:**

Offerory: \$19.00

**SLAVIC FOOD FESTIVAL – Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 10am – 2pm:** Many thanks to everyone who came this past Friday and Saturday to make holupki and stuff our festival envelopes for mailing. Your generosity of time is greatly appreciated! We will need numerous volunteers for kolachi baking and packaging, and clean up on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9am. Volunteers will be needed to help prep for our festival on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 9am, and to work at our festival and cleaning up on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Drivers will also be needed to pick up our kolbasi order in Johnstown, PA, and pirohi/Pascha order in the Hazelton, PA area, as well. Please contact Mary Demyan at 410-591-5654 (text preferred) or [mdemya1@verizon.net](mailto:mdemya1@verizon.net), if you are available to help. Please consider volunteering for the various tasks to help make our festival a success! You should be receiving our festival mailing shortly. If you do not receive one, let us know and we will be sure to add you to the mailing list. Extra order forms can be found in the Narthex on the shelf, on the social hall kitchen counter, or on our website. **The pre-order date deadline is Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**, and orders can either be submitted on our church website, mailed to the church rectory, or left in the collection basket in the back of our Temple.

**The Bishop's Appeal began October 25, 2022.** The goal for Patronage of the Mother of God Parish is again \$9,800.00. \$3,240.00 in donations have been credited to Patronage. When we meet our goal, the parish will receive 40% rebate. Many thanks to all the parishioners of Patronage Church for the generous support of our diocese!