



PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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Next Liturgy: Sunday, May 23rd at 3:00pm

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Next Liturgy: Saturday, May 15th at 10:00am

DIVINE LITURGY – PATRONAGE CHURCH

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday 5.9.2021	11:00am 11:15am	Matins Divine Liturgy	For Living and Deceased Mothers in our Parish
Thursday 5.13.2021	10:00am	Divine Liturgy Ascension of Our Lord	In Memory of: +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Clara Valeika
Friday 5.14.2021	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Michael Flatley Requested by: Cathy & George Johnson
Sunday 5.16.2021	8:45am 9:00am	Matins Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Eugene Kakalec, Jr. Requested by: Kakalec Family

This is the **Sunday of the Man Born Blind**.

The Divine Liturgy During Pascha booklet is located in the book rack in the pews.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! Christós Voskrése! Voístinnu Voskrése!

PRAYER 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, 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., Georgianna Kostak, Betty Rankin, Greg Rudy, and Clyde Wood

May God grant them many years for Christ is Risen!

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In spite of the pandemic, the maintenance of our church continues and bills still must be paid. 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 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).**

DEAR MOTHERS: The second Sunday in May is special, because on this day we congratulate you, our mothers, on Mother's Day. A mother gave us life, the opportunity to see this world, and to enjoy every moment of it.

Mother's Day is the most touching holiday, because each of us, from early childhood until our last day on earth, carries in our soul a unique image - the image of his mother. I am also very similar to my mother, she is very beautiful.

Throughout the centuries of human existence, the beauty of motherhood has been celebrated. Those children who are brought up under the wing of a Christian mother grow up happy and kind. A prosperous and highly cultured society is one that respects and cares for the mother. Let us try, dear ones, to show our love and tenderness to our mothers, thanking them for their sleepless nights, for their daily worries and cares, and for their great devotion and experience.

Priests, in all Temples, emphasize the great role of the mother for all people. After all, she is a mother, she has no days off or sick leave at all, taking care of her children every minute.

A healthy family cannot be the same on its own. Blessed children are the result of wise decisions and actions of parents.

Congratulations to all of you dear mothers. Special congratulations to my mother Liubov (love) and my wife Liubov (love). May the merciful Lord fill your hearts with peace and love. Happy holiday to you dear mothers!

May God grant peace and health to all of our mothers for many and blessed years!

GOD WITH US ONLINE: A catechetical resource for today's **Sunday of the Man Born Blind** can be found on www.godwithusonline.org. Click on **Catechetical Resources**, then **Ruthenian**, for this week's Gospel summary and discussion questions that you can use in your catechesis. ***The light sprang forth from the dust, just as in the beginning, when the shadow of the heavens was present. “The darkness was spread out over everything.” He commanded light, and it was born from darkness. Likewise, here too, “he made clay from his spittle,” and brought to fullness what was lacking in creation, which was from the beginning, to show that what was in his hand was bringing to completion what was lacking in human nature (St. Ephrem the Syrian).*** Also, the May reflection: ***Appreciating the Holy Eucharist through Iconography*** and a supplement for the ***Ascension of Our Lord*** can be found on the God With Us website.

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).**

BYZANTEEN VIRTUAL EVENING OUT: This is the 5th in a series of free events, entitled: “*Pentecost Sunday – The Power of the Holy Spirit*,” originally scheduled for May 16th, **has been rescheduled for May 23rd**, from 6:00-7:30pm, for ages 13-17. **Please visit www.eparchyofpassaic.com, to register.** If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Deacon Tom Shubeck at frdeacontom@gmail.com. Parents, please encourage your ByzanTeen to participate in this event!

EPARCHIAL BYZANTEEN RALLY 2021: “BE NOT AFRAID: CHRIST NOT COVID” is scheduled for Friday, July 30th – Monday, August 2, 2021 at the Carpathian Village/St. Nicholas Shrine (Cresco/Pocono Summit, PA). Please register at www.eparchyofpassaic.com as soon as possible – limited spots available.

ASK THE DEACON: *Why do we celebrate Ascension on the 40th day after Easter Sunday?*

ANSWER: The account of the Ascension, that is proclaimed at the Divine Liturgy, is taken from the very end of the Gospel of Luke 24:36-53. The 40 days is given in Luke's *Acts of the Apostles* at the very beginning (the "first book" is Luke's Gospel). "In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during **forty days**, and speaking of the kingdom of God... And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight." (Act 1:1-3, 9 RSV; Acts 1:1-12 is the reading for the Liturgy.)

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A mother's hug lasts long after she lets go. – Author Unknown