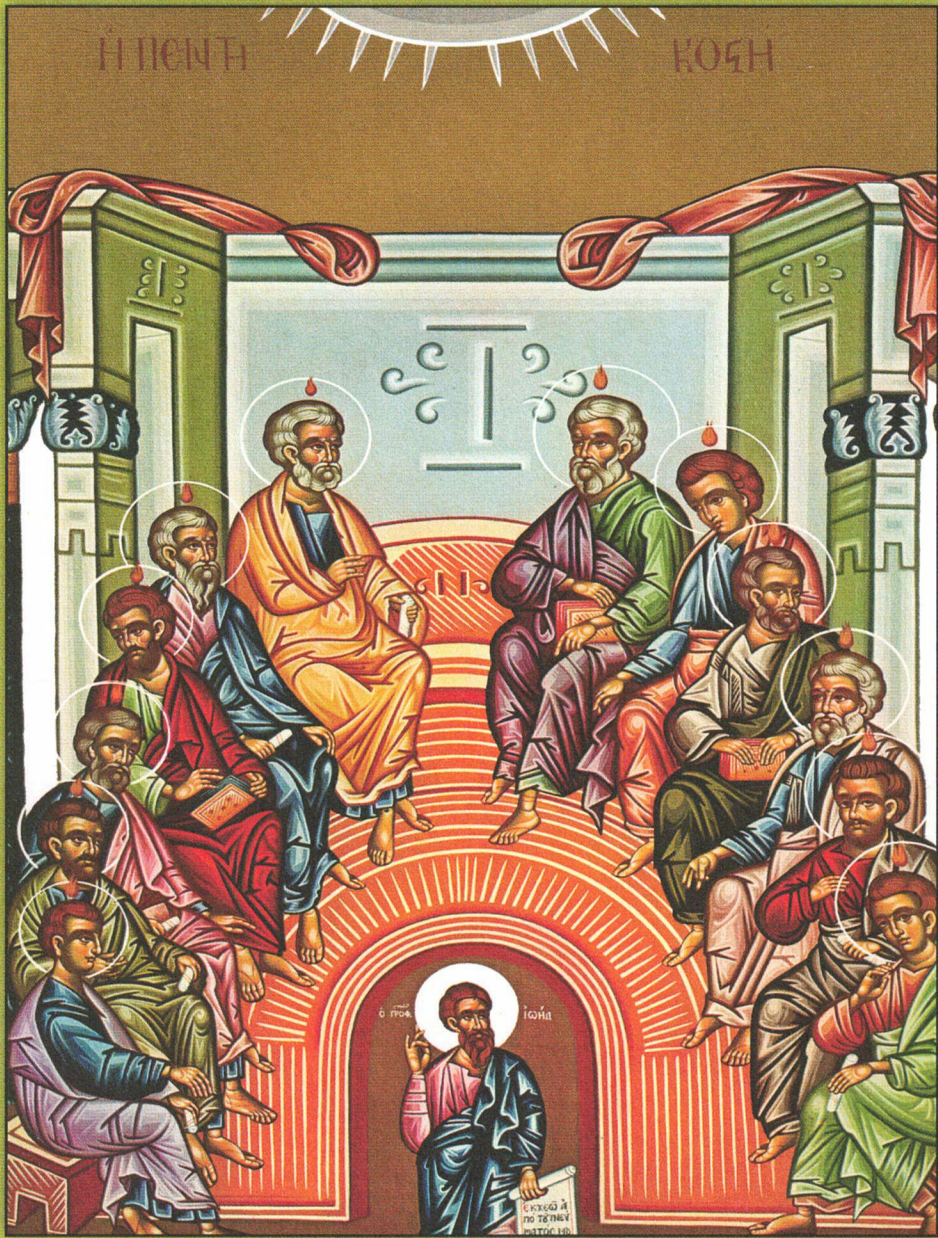


SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



Icon of Pentecost, the Descent of the Holy Spirit



PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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Next Liturgy: Saturday, June 3rd, at 10am

DIVINE LITURGY - PATRONAGE CHURCH

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Pentecost Sunday 5.28.2023	11:00am 11:15am	Matins Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: Deceased Veterans for Memorial Day
Pentecost Monday 5.29.2023	6:30pm	Matins Divine Liturgy	For: Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish
Sunday of All Saints 6.4.2023	8:45am 9:00am	Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Lisa Guba From: The Kakalec Family

This is **Pentecost Sunday**.
 Propers for today begin on page 203.

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

CONFESSION: Fr. Serhii is available 20 minutes before or immediately after Divine Liturgy. **1**

2023 BYZANTEEN EPARCHIAL YOUTH RALLY UPDATE: This year's rally will take place from **Thursday, June 22nd to Sunday, June 25th**, at the Carpathian Village in Cresco, PA. This rally is open to youth ages 12-17. There will be many fun activities and changes to meet new teens from around the eparchy while learning more about the Byzantine faith. We will be going to Camelback Aquatopia Indoor Waterpark during the rally. The cost for this rally is \$200 per youth. They are also looking for safe environment certified adults to be chaperones at the rally. To register, please visit www.eparchyofpassaic.com, click on the "Youth and Young Adult Ministries" tab at the top of the page, then "Byzanteens Youth Ministry." If you have any questions, please email passaicteenrally@gmail.com. Registration for this event is due by Monday, June 19th. If you are enrolled in ECF, our church will cover the registration fee.

2023 EPARCHIAL ALTAR SERVER CONGRESS UPDATE: This year's congress (camp) will be held from **Sunday, July 16th to Thursday, July 20th**, at the Carpathian Village in Cresco, PA. This camp is open to any active altar servers in the Eparchy of Passaic ages 6-17. Servers who are 18 and older and are safe environment certified, may be counselors. This is a great opportunity for altar servers to meet other servers from around the eparchy and have fun while learning about their role serving on God's altar. One of the activities will be going to Camelback Aquatopia Indoor Waterpark. Registration cost is \$25 per server and will be covered by our parish. To register, please go to www.eparchyofpassaic.com, click on the "Youth and Young Adult Ministries" tab at the top of the page, then "Altar Server Congress." If you have any questions, please email passaicservercongress@gmail.com. Registration is due by Friday, July 14th.

WORLD YOUTH DAY (WYD) 2023: The Eparchy of Passaic will be offering generous scholarships to qualified parishioners interested in attending this year's World Youth Day activities in Lisbon, Portugal. Options include attending just WYD **August 1st – 8th**, or chaperoning at an English Summer Camp in Slovakia beginning on July 22nd, followed by a road tour of Europe to WYD. The recommended age for attending this event is 18+. More information and registration forms can be found at www.eparchyofpassaic.com, click on "News & Events," then "World Youth Day." Please let Fr. Serhii know if you are interested in attending.

FAMILY RETREAT DAY: Families are welcome to join us for a day full of personal reflection and fun for the whole family. This family retreat day will be held on **Saturday, August 12th**, at the Carpathian Village in Cresco, PA. There will be presentations for parents and children. There will also be games and crafts. Cost for this retreat is \$50 per family with 2 parents and 2 children. Each additional person is \$10 each. Please RSVP to Jon Aponick by emailing him at passaicfamilycamp@gmail.com.

OUR DAILY BREAD CASSEROLE DONATIONS: We are in need of someone to organize future casserole collection dates. If you would like to assist with this task, please contact Mike Skovran at michaelskovran@aol.com. Also, if you are a high school student, you can earn 2.0 service hours for making a casserole. Mike Skovran or Fr. Serhii can sign off for these volunteer hours. Let's keep this service project going!

*Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, everywhere present and filling all things,
Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life, come and dwell within us,
cleanse us of all stain, and save our souls, O gracious One.*



*“Memorial Day: celebrate, honor, remember. There is no greater sacrifice than giving one’s
life for their country. Memorial Day allows us to remember our fallen heroes, our loved ones
who served, and to pay our respects to the many who paid the ultimate price. God Bless each
and every one of them.” - Author Unknown*

Pentecost Sunday

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Today's Sunday is one of the most joyful in the whole year and in the life of the Church. Remembering the memory of the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, our hearts are filled with great joy, because on this day the promise of Jesus Christ, given to the apostles, was fulfilled: "...I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth...I will come to you." (Jn. 14:16-18). The descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles became a visible sign of their spiritual strengthening. They felt ready to boldly preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Father sends this same Spirit to us to strengthen us spiritually in faith and love, support us in the waves of trials and sufferings, and faithfully lead us to the heavenly abodes.

In the Holy Scriptures, in the book of Genesis, there is a story about the Tower of Babel (cf. Genesis 11:1-9). Man set himself the goal of building a tower that would reach the sky with its top. Once again, humanity tries to become God and magnify its own name. However, things turned out quite differently. "And the Lord said, 'Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; and nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.' So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city" (Gen. 11:6-8).

In today's holiday, we see something completely opposite: if the builders in Babylon had one language, and later stopped understanding each other, then during Pentecost, people who spoke different languages began to understand each other. If because of Babylon people were scattered all over the earth, then because of the sending of the Holy Spirit we are all united in one, single Church. In Babylon, a person wanted to reach the heights of God on his own. To become like God, in today's event, we see how the Holy Spirit descends on people. We can say that Babylon is like a mirror in which humanity sees only itself, and Pentecost is like a window through which we can see a glimpse of heaven.

In the Gospel of John, we read: "...I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor, ...the Spirit of truth... (cf. John 14:16-17). "...he will guide you into all the truth..." (John 16:13).

The Holy Spirit descended on the apostles to unite them into one community. He also strengthened their faith by which they healed the sick. The Holy Spirit strengthened them spiritually, made them courageous witnesses of faith, and preachers of the Gospel.

In the sending of the Holy Spirit, God revealed himself as the Holy Trinity. This event testifies that the entire Holy Trinity, all three persons - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, as a perfect community, act in a person's life and participate in his and her sanctification. The task of the Holy Spirit is to help us be in unity with God, in unity with our neighbors, to take care of the unity of the whole Church. It is the unity of Christians, as the fruit of mutual love, that is an important sign of Christ's disciples, for as Jesus said: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn. 13:35).

Each of those present in the church today has been participating in services for many years, listening to various passages of the Gospel and sermons, explanations of Christ's knowledge, and instructions for a pious

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life. Think today, what impact did this wisdom have on your life? What new things did you discover, understand and remember in the Gospel for yourself? Have you discovered for yourself the understanding of at least one of God's truths and applied it in your life? Can you explain in your own words the commandments, the truths of faith, the Holy Mysteries, and explain life situations to others in the light of faith?

The same Spirit that descended on the apostles works in the Church today. We meet the Holy Spirit in the Sacraments of the Church, because through them we connect with the Holy Spirit. Through the Sacrament of Anointing, which is given to everyone after the Sacrament of Baptism, He descends on each person. He is the giver of life, as the Holy Scriptures say: "The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life" (Job 33:4).

The Holy Spirit gives us great gifts. It is about them that the apostle Paul writes: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control..." (Gal 5:22-23).

Dear believers! The Holy Spirit comes to each of us today. After all, today we pray in a special way to the Holy Spirit: "Come and dwell in us." Through prayer, through the Holy Mysteries, we get closer to God, let's remember this and try not just to accept and hide the gifts of the Holy Spirit, but to use and multiply them!

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DC/DOX PREMIER OF A NEW FILM ABOUT MOTHER NATALIA: The premiere of **NATALIA**, an exceptional new film debuting in Washington, D.C., will be on *screen Friday, June 16th*, from 12:00 – 1:45pm, at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, 5th Floor Auditorium, 901 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001. At the age of 29, Natalia made the life-altering decision to become a nun in the Byzantine Catholic Church, leaving behind her exciting life as a single woman, and an engineering student, to dedicate herself to God. Natalia is a captivating exploration of one woman's quandry to walk away from the world or return to it, delving into the depths of what individuals are willing to sacrifice for a higher calling. The best way to purchase tickets is to use this link: <https://dcdoxfest.eventive.org/films/645e858caf4d9b002c9b0c01> and at check out, use code NATALIADOC15, to get 15% off the cost of the ticket. They are grateful for your support and hope to have many people interested in this film about Mother Natalia. The auditorium seats 230 people. There is metered parking on streets near the library, or you can park in any nearby paid parking lot. The closest lots to the library are on 8th Street between G and H streets (PEPCO building), and H Street between 9th and 10th streets. Those who require handicapped accessible spaces may park at designated spaces in front of the library on G Street. Also, anyone with a valid handicapped sticker may park on the street for free in any legal space. If metro is an option, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library is located near the Gallery Place-Chinatown Station. Gallery Place has three exits; leave through the "9th Street" Exit.

RESPECT LIFE: Enclosed with this bulletin are a few articles, with practical considerations for Catholics, regarding end-of-life issues from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: *Catholic Considerations for our Earthly Passing* and *Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End*. Please share them with you family and friends.

METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY: Most Rev. William Skurla, Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh, has invited all clergy and faithful to the Assembly of the Byzantine (Ruthenian) Metropolitan Church at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsboro, NJ, **November 2-5, 2023**. The theme of this Assembly is *"Living Our Faith, Moving Forward, Appreciating Our Past."* *Registration begins June 15th*. The Assembly cost is \$250 for individuals and \$400 for couples. The Maria Theresa Foundation will underwrite the registration fees of individuals and couples between the ages of 18 and 35. Special rates for hotel accommodations have been arranged at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bridgewater, NJ. For more information, contact the Assembly coordinators, Fr. Ed Cimballa, at 212-677-0516 or Fr. Yuriy Oros at 609-394-5004. The assembly website is byzantineassembly2023.org, and the email is byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER



Memorial Day

-----Word Scramble-----

- I. NOROH _____
2. NICAERMA FGLA _____
3. DBLA GLEAE _____
4. DLRIEOS _____
5. DNPNEEINDECE _____
6. TAIONN _____
7. EVABR _____
8. YERIBTL _____
9. BEMREERM _____
10. AYRTMILI _____
- II. TROIPAT _____
12. DFOEMRE _____

-----Word Bank-----			
SOLDIER	BRAVE	NATION	FREEDOM
INDEPENDENCE	BALD EAGLE	PATRIOT	MILITARY
HONOR	REMEMBER	AMERICAN FLAG	LIBERTY

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ECF – HELP NEEDED: Please mark your calendars! On **June 25th**, immediately following Divine Liturgy, we will need help moving the remaining ECF books and materials, from the rectory basement, over to the social hall and organized on the shelves. Please let Loui Villanueva know if you are able to assist. His email address is: 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. Serhii, and his family, 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, 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!*

STEWARDSHIP: (Donate at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733> – the link is also on our website)

Patronage Church (May 21, 2023): Hagerstown Mission (May 21, 2023):

Donations will be posted in next Sunday's bulletin.

MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATION: During Divine Liturgy today, we will be praying for the following deceased veterans. These names were submitted by parishioners, for this special commemoration for Memorial Day. American flags are displayed in front of our church in honor of these veterans.

Vičnaja pamjat' - Eternal Memory!

Joseph Kuchta	William Rudy	Benjamin Breeze	Michael Loncaric	Frank Rodgers
Jackie Kuchta	John Carinci	Vasil Peles	Joseph Loncaric	Barbara Young
John Kuchta	Philip Kotula	Robert Peles	Stephen Hardy	Eileen Young
John Rudy	George Kostak	David Peles	Daniel Lamus	Anna Dzwinka
Michael Rudy	Joseph Kelly	Robert Lyles	Constantino Esquela.	Gregory Dzwinka
Mary Price	Ed Price	Joe Dzwinka	Ruth Dzwinka	Olga Sitko
Joe Sitko	Cindy Dzwinka.	Julia Dzwinka	Mary Dzwinka	Pearl Dzwinka
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2022 BISHOP'S APPEAL: Our goal for this campaign was \$9,800. As of May 22nd, parishioners have pledged or donated \$3,240. Visit www.eparchyofpassaic.com, click on "Giving," then "Bishop's Appeal 2022," to submit your online donation or you can mail a check to: Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic, 445 Lackawanna Avenue, Woodland Park, NJ 07424. All donations need to be received by the Eparchy no later than the first week of June, 2023. If our parish goes over our goal, our church will be reimbursed 40% of the total received by the Eparchy. Thank you to those parishioners who have already made a donation!

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).

Pentecost

Luke says that the Spirit came down on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Lord's ascension, with power to open the gates of life to all nations and to make known to them the new covenant. So it was that men of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God, and scattered tribes, restored to unity by the Spirit, were offered to the Father as the first fruits of all the nations.

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of God came down upon the Lord, and the Lord in turn gave this Spirit to his Church, sending the Advocate from heaven into all the world into which, according to his own words, the devil too had been

cast down like lightning. If we are not to be scorched and made unfruitful, we need the dew of God. Since we have our accuser, we need an Advocate as well. And so the Lord in his pity for mankind, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having himself bound up his wounds and left for his care coins bearing the royal image, entrusted him to the Holy Spirit. Now, through the Spirit, the image and inscription of the Father and the Son have been given to us, and it is our duty to use the coin committed to our charge and make it yield a rich profit for the Lord.

-from the treatise Against Heresies

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