

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Calling of Peter and Andrew



PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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Next Liturgy: TBD

DIVINE LITURGY - PATRONAGE CHURCH

Date	Time	Service	Intention
2 nd Sunday After Pentecost 6.11.2023	11:00am	Matins	In Memory of: +Robert Dirda, Sr.
	11:15am	Typika	Requested by: Mike Skovran
3 rd Sunday After Pentecost 6.18.2023	8:45am	Matins	For: Living and +Deceased Fathers
	9:00am	Typika	Requested by: Patronage Parishioners

This is the **2nd Sunday After Pentecost.**

We will be having a Typika service, and there is a limited number of booklets available in the Narthex – please share. Propers are available on the white handouts, also in the Narthex.

Saint Gregory of Nyssa Church: Sunday, June 11th, at 8:45am; Sunday, June 18th, at 11am

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.**

2023 GCU BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY AT KENNYWOOD AMUSEMENT PARK – 101 YEARS: Join the GCU on **Thursday, July 27, 2023**, from 11am – 9pm for unforgettable fun. The park is located in West Mifflin, PA. For tickets, or more information, please contact the Fraternal Communications Department at 1-800-722-4428 X3927, or email mkullen@GCUusa.com. You can also visit the GCU's website – www.gcuusa.com.

HERSHEY PARK, PA: GCU members can purchase discounted single visit tickets that can be used any day during the 2023 operating season at Hersheypark now through December 29, 2023. Tickets are \$35 and can be ordered at www.gcuusa.com. Any questions can be directed to Chris Chamberlain, at the GCU Home Office, at 724-495-3400 or cchamberlain@GCUusa.com.

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. Deacon Bill 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.

Things God Won't Ask

- God won't ask what kind of car you drove; He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
- God won't ask the square footage of your house; He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
- God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet; He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.
- God won't ask what your highest salary was; He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
- God won't ask what your job title was; He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of our ability.
- God won't ask how many friends you had; He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
- God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived; He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.
- God won't ask about the color of your skin; He'll ask about the content of your character.
- God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Salvation; He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven and not to the gates of Hell.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

“...be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you” (Ephesians 4:32).



Find these words from this week's lesson and Bible verse:

FORGAVE	COMPASSIONATE	KIND	EPHESIANS
EACH	ANOTHER	GOD	JUST
CHRIST	FORGIVING	ONE	JESUS

STIPEND CAMPAIGN: Bishop Kurt is renewing the Stipend Campaign for the Priests in Mukachevo. The Intention request form is included with this bulletin, and on our church website. If you would like to submit an intention, please fill out the form and make your check payable: “*Eparchy of Passaic.*” Please mail the completed form and your check to Eparchy of Passaic, 445 Lackawanna Ave., Woodland Park, NJ 07424. Thank you for your support.

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.

CARPATHO-RYSYN SOCIETY: Enjoy a free virtual event entitled, “*A Glimpse into Our Own (Mythical?) Ancestral Carpathian Past: Researchers and Writers in a Liminal Space and Time,*” on **Monday, June 26th**, from 7:30- 9:00pm. The presenter is Patricia A. Krafcik, Ph.D., and the webinar link is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89170512251>.

THE DISCALCED CARMELITES OF SUGARLOAF, PA: Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurla and Most Revered Kurt Burnette have both graciously accepted to officiate at a Pontifical Divine Liturgy, principal Service of our proposed Pilgrimage honoring Saint Therese of Lisieux. We hope for your presence at the First Pilgrimage to Saint Therese of Lisieux, **Saturday, September 30, 2023**, Holy Annunciation Monastery Grounds, 403 West County Road, Sugarloaf, PA. More details to follow.

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.

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 Deiak, 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 (June 4, 2023):

Offertory: \$1,098.00
Tithe.ly: \$156.00
Sts. Peter & Paul: \$10.00

Hagerstown Mission (June 3, 2023):

Offertory: \$305.00
Tithe.ly: \$19.00

CHANGES TO PATRONAGE CHURCH: Fr. Serhii's visa expired and he had to, unfortunately, leave the country. We do not know when, or if, Fr. Serhii Deiak will be able to return. In the interim, Bishop Kurt has named, Rev. Deacon William Szewczyk, of St. Gregory of Nyssa Church, as administrator of both churches. Fr. Deacon Bill will do his best to maintain continuity with the plans that Fr. Serhii started at Patronage Church. He looks forward to meeting everyone and asks for your patience as he assumes his responsibilities.

FATHER'S DAY COMMEMORATION: Next **Sunday, June 18th**, we will be remembering living and deceased fathers during Divine Liturgy. If you would like to include names for this commemoration, please complete the form, included with this bulletin or on our website, and you can either place it in the offertory basket or mail it to the church. We will also be having refreshments in the social hall immediately after Liturgy. Please join us!

CONDOLENCES: Deacon Tony's sister, Ruth Ann (Kotlar) Maras, fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, May 9th. Her funeral will take place in Cherry Hill, NJ. No other details are available at this time. May God grant His departed servant, +Ruth Ann, peaceful repose. Vičnaja jej pamjat'. Eternal Memory.

CENSUS FORM: In order for our parish to have accurate contact information, we are asking all parishioners to complete a census form. If you have not already done so, and need a form, they are available in the Narthex, or on the "Welcome" page on our website. You can either place your completed form in the collection basket, or mail it to the church. Thank you to those who have already completed their form.

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).

Andrew and Simon Peter

How much did the poor fishermen leave behind? Someone may wonder: At the Lord's beckoning, what or how much did these two fishermen, who scarcely had anything, leave behind? On this, my beloved, we should attend to one's intention rather than one's wealth. That person has left behind a lot who keeps nothing for himself, who, though he has little, gives up everything. We tend to be attached to those things we own, and those things we scarcely own, we carefully hold on to. Therefore Peter and Andrew left much behind when they left behind covetousness and the very desire to own. That person has left much behind who renounces with the thing owned the very coveting of that thing. Therefore those poor who followed Jesus left behind just as much as those less poor

who did not follow him but were able to covet.

So when you notice that some have left a great deal behind, you need not say to yourself, 'I want to imitate those who disdain this world, but sorry, I have nothing to leave behind.' You will leave much behind, my brothers, if you renounce earthly desires. External things, however small they may be, are sufficient for the Lord, since he looks at the heart and not at our material goods. Nor does he judge by how much is involved in our sacrifice but from how much it is made. For if we judge by external goods, our holy merchants traded in their nets and vessels for the perpetual life of the angels.

St. Gregory the Great

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