

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Christ Healing the Centurion's Servant



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Next Liturgy: TBD

DIVINE LITURGY - PATRONAGE CHURCH

Date	Time	Service	Intention
4 th Sunday After Pentecost 6.25.2023	11:00am 11:15am	Hymns from Matins Typika	In Memory of: Anne Gupman Requested by: Mike Skovran
5 th Sunday After Pentecost 7.2.2023	8:45am 9:00am	Hymns from Matins Typika	In Memory of: Lisa Guba Requested by: M/M Dennis Kotula

This is the **4th Sunday After Pentecost.**

We will be having hymns from Matins, followed by a Typika service today.

There is a limited number of booklets available in the back of our Temple – please share.

Propers for today begin on page 135 (Tone 3), then page 334, in the green books.

Saint Gregory of Nyssa Church: Sunday, June 25th, at 10:00am Matins, 10:15am Typika

Sunday, July 2nd, at 10:00am Matins, 10:15am Typika **1**

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. 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.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN: Don't miss this trip of a lifetime. Hosted by Fr. Ed Cimbala. Visit Haifa, Tiberias, Nazareth, Mt. Nebo, Madaba, Amman, Petra, Jericho, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem, **January 21-31, 2024**. For more information, please contact Fr. Ed at 908-872-2928 or fredcimbala@gmail.com.

Cross

A young man was at the end of his rope. Seeing no way out, he dropped to his knees in prayer. "Lord, I can't go on," he said, "I have too heavy of a cross to bear." The Lord replied, "My son, if you can't bear its weight, just place your cross inside this room. Then, open that other door and pick out any cross you wish."

The man was filled with relief and said, "Thank you, Lord," and he did as he was told. Upon entering the other door, he saw many crosses, some so large the tops were not visible. Then, he spotted a tiny cross leaning against a far wall. "I'd like that one, Lord," he whispered.

And the Lord replied, "My son, that is the cross you just brought in." When life's problems seem overwhelming, it helps to look around and see what other people are coping with. You may consider yourself far more fortunate than you imagined.

- Author Unknown

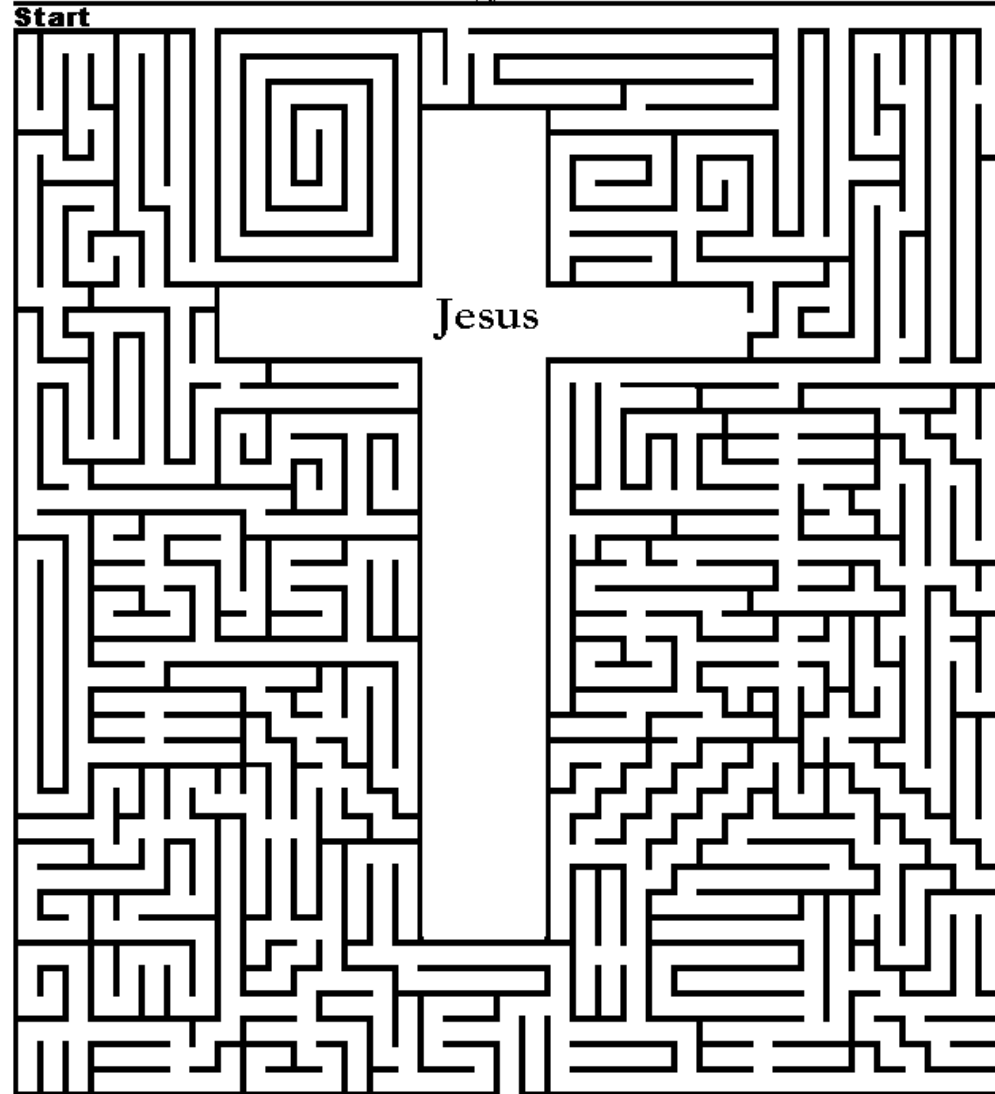
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"Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward & learning to enjoy whatever life has and this requires transforming greed into gratitude."

St. John Chrysostom

CHILDREN'S CORNER

In a world of confusion, Jesus is the clear choice.



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PATRONAGE CHURCH SCHEDULE: At the present, Deacon Tony will be leading our church services. We would like to change the current alternating week schedule and resume to the same time every week. The schedule would be 8:45am Matins, and 9am Typika, each Sunday. We would like to get some feedback. What do you think? Please let us know! You can send the church an email or let Deacon Tony know.

PANACHIDA/MOLEBEN INTENTIONS: We are now accepting intentions if you would like to have a Panachida or Moleben Service for someone. Donations can be made payable to: Patronage Church. Please email your request to our church, or you can place a note in our offertory basket.

A SUNDAY "SUNDAY:" Join us next **Sunday, July 2nd**, after church services, for a GCU sponsored social. Ice cream Sunday's will be served. We will be celebrating the start of summer and the 4th of July! Many thanks to the GCU for sponsoring this event!

HELP NEEDED: We need 2 or 3 men, of our parish, to install a more efficient air conditioner previously purchased for the Altar Server Sacristy. If you are able to assist, please let Dennis Kotula know as soon as possible. The warm weather is quickly approaching. **To help cut back on hiring someone to do little jobs around the church, and save money, your help is greatly needed. This job can be done after services on a Sunday!**

METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY: Most Rev. William Skurla, Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh, have 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 Cimbala, 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.

ALL-OCCASION CARDS FOR SALE: Sister Seraphim Olsafsky, OSBM, from the Sisters of St. Basil, has turned some of her paintings into all-occasion cards and are being sold in a package of ten. 4 Birthday (2 of 2 designs), 2 Wellness, 2 Congratulations, and 2 Sympathy. Inside each card is an inspirational message and a verse from the Bible. *Vicnaja Pamjat!* is on the back of the sympathy card, and *Mnohaja L'ita! Blahaja L'ita!* is on the back of the wellness card. The cost is \$14.50 + shipping & handling. Each card is 4 1/4" X 5 1/2". The order form can be found at <https://sistersofstbasil.org/greeting-cards/>. Please consider purchasing some of these beautiful cards to benefit the Sisters of St. Basil.

"COME AND SEE:" Produced by the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic, this is a resource which aims to share the "Good News" – the transforming message of the Gospel within the context of the Byzantine Catholic tradition, and was designed with a two-fold goal in mind: 1) to be beneficial to all the existing Byzantine Catholics, and serve as the ABCs about our church and tradition, and 2) it is also an invitation to all those who are in search of a new spiritual home, who want to learn more about God and build a lasting personal friendship with Him. It is an introduction about who are and what we believe and it aims to grow awareness and participation in the great Christian richness of our Byzantine tradition and speak about its practices. It is an invitation to a journey to experience the Mystery of God. **The cost of this book is only \$5.00**, and is located in the book rack in the Narthex. You can place your money in the marked envelope next to the books.



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

PARISH CENSUS: We are asking all parishioners to complete a census form, if you haven't already done so. Please help us! Forms can either be found on the shelf in the Narthex, or on our website. We need to have accurate contact information, including your mailing address, phone number, and email address. You can either place your completed census form in the collection basket, or mail it to the church. If any of your information changes, at any time, please also let us know. Thank you, again, to those who have already completed a form.

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, Mike Skovran, James DeWolfe, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Doris Ruszin, Veronica 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!*

IN BLESSED REPOSE:

+Marge Dulina, a long-time parishioner of our church, fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, June 17th, at the age of 95. We offer our condolences to her family. Her funeral will be held tomorrow, Monday, June 26th, at 11:00am, at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 10003 Bird River Road, Middle River, MD 21220. Interment to follow at Holy Hill Memorial Gardens, 10201 Bird River Road, Middle River. If you are unable to attend +Marge's funeral, please remember her and her family on that day, and in your prayers. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Marge's name to: Patronage Church. May God grant his servant, +Marge, peaceful repose. Vičnaja jej pamjat'. Eternal Memory.

+Christine Szewczyk, Deacon Bill's wife, fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, June 17th. We offer our condolences to Deacon Bill and his family. Her funeral will be on Wednesday, June 28th, at 9:30am, at St. Gregory of Nyssa Byzantine Catholic Church, 12420 Old Gunpowder Road Spur, Beltsville, MD. Interment to follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Aspen Hill, 13801 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20906. If you are unable to attend +Christine's funeral, please remember her and her family on that day, and in your prayers. May God grant his servant, +Christine, peaceful repose. Vičnaja jej pamjat'. Eternal Memory.

+Anne Gupman fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, June 21st. We offer our condolences to her family. No funeral arrangement details are available at this time. May God grant his servant, +Anne, peaceful repose. Vičnaja jej pamjat'. Eternal Memory.

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

Patronage Church (June 18, 2023):

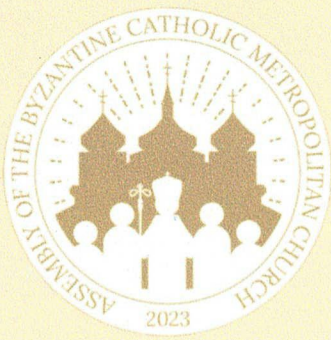
Offertory: \$660.00
Tithe.ly: \$156.00
Freezer Sales: \$52.78

Hagerstown Mission (June 18, 2023):

Tithe.ly: \$19.00

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).



METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY

NOVEMBER 2 - 5, 2023

LIVING OUR FAITH
Moving Forward
Appreciating Our Past

Art | History | Presentations | Prayer | Dancing

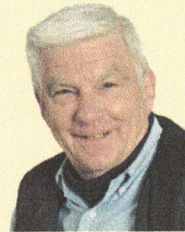
A gathering for all Byzantine Catholic faithful to learn about their past and plan for growth in the future.

Schedule



Special Guests

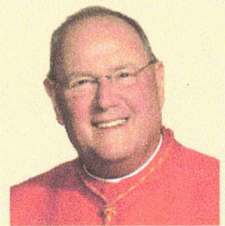
Thursday, November 2, 2023	Clergy Day
9:30 AM-Noon	Registration
	Vendors Throughout Assembly
Noon	Lunch
1:30 PM to 6:00 PM	Welcome and Presentations
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Dinner
8:00 PM	Presentation
9:00 PM	Compline
9:30 PM to 10:30 PM	Social
Friday, November 3, 2023	Clergy Days Continue
8:00 AM	Morning Prayer
8:30 AM to 9:15 AM	Continental Breakfast
9:30 AM to Noon	Presentations
10:00 AM to Noon	Laity Registration
Noon to 1:30 PM	Lunch
	Clergy and Laity
1:30 PM to 7:00 PM	Presentations to Clergy and Laity
7:30 PM to 9:45 PM	Dinner and Keynote
10:00 PM	Compline
Saturday, November 4, 2023	Clergy and Laity
8:00 AM	Morning Prayer
8:30 AM to 9:15 AM	Continental Breakfast
9:30 AM to Noon	Presentations
Noon to 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM to 5:30 PM	Presentations
6:00 PM	Vespers
7:00 PM to 11:00 PM	Gala Dinner & Dancing to the Music of Pajtáši
Sunday, November 5	
8:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
10:00 AM	Breakfast Buffet
11:00 AM to 1:30 PM	Final Presentation, What's Next?, Wrap-up, and Farewell



The cultural aspect of the Assembly will consist of presentations by **Dr. Paul Magocsi** on the history of the founders of the Byzantine Catholic Church in America. His influential book, *Our People: Carpatho-Rusyns and Their Descendants in North America*, has just been released in a new and expanded edition. Dr. Magocsi will also present on the art and culture of this community. His book on the artists of the Transcarpathian School will be published shortly.



Bishop Nil Lushchak O.F.M. is an Apostolic Administrator of the Eparchy of Mukachevo. Previously served as Auxiliary Bishop of the same eparchy since 19 November 2012 until 20 July 2020.



Cardinal Timothy Dolan will offer the keynote address at the opening dinner on Friday evening.

All other speakers will be announced soon!

Gala evening

As music and dancing play a significant part in the cultural heritage of Carpatho-Rusyns, attendees will have an opportunity to enjoy music, food, and fellowship at a gala Saturday evening. Pajtáši – a noted Rusyn/Slovak Band, will be the musical entertainment, and the dinner menu will feature a variety of ethnic foods.

PAJTÁŠI



Registration Now Open!

Registration deadline is October 1, 2023



Get in touch

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Accommodations

Hilton Garden Inn Bridgewater
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Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807

Location

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church
1900 Brooks Boulevard,
Hillsborough, NJ, 08844



Nowhere in Israel Have I Found as Much Faith

The Lord Jesus agreed to go to the centurion's house to cure his servant, but he replied: I am not worthy to have you under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed. In protesting his unworthiness the centurion showed himself worthy to have Christ enter not his house but his heart. Yet he could not have said this with such faith and humility unless he already bore within his heart the One he was too overawed to have within his house. In any case, there would have been no great happiness at the entry of the Lord Jesus within his walls if he were not present in his heart.

But what emboldened the centurion to act as he did? I am under authority myself, he said, and have soldiers under me; and I say to one man, Go, and he goes; to another, Come here, and he comes; to my servant, Do this, and he does it.

Now the man who said this was a Gentile as well as a centurion. He was a professional soldier and, as a centurion, acted according to his rank: subject to authority and exercise in authority, obeying as a subordinate and giving orders to those subordinate to him. As for the Lord, though living among the Jewish people, He was already beginning to make it known that His Church would extend throughout the whole world into which He was about to send His apostles. Although the Gentiles would not see him they would believe in him, whereas the Jewish leaders who saw him would put him to death.

St. Augustine of Hippo

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