



**PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD**  
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**Next Liturgy:** Sunday, August 15th at 3pm

**Patronage Church at Hagerstown:**

St. Ann Catholic Church  
 1525 Oak Hill Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742  
**Contact:** Adam and Lauren Myers: 301-791-0930  
**Next Liturgy:** Saturday, August 21st at 10am

**DIVINE LITURGY - PATRONAGE CHURCH**

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday 8.08.2021	8:45am 9:00am	Matins Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Paul Yackanicz Requested by: Regina Yackanicz
Tuesday 8.10.2021	9:00am	Divine Liturgy I	In Memory of: +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Sean Albert
Friday 8.13.2021	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Sean Albert
Sunday 8.15.2021	11:00am 11:15am	Matins Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Keiko Suseck Requested by: The Kotula Family

This is the **11th Sunday After Pentecost**.  
 Propers begin on page 346, Tone 2.

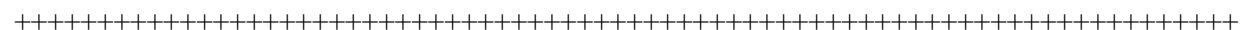
**Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na viki! Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!**

**PARISH COUNCIL:**

Dear Believers!

Caring for the well-being of Patronage Church, and our Mission parishes in Hagerstown and Abingdon, I consider it appropriate to appoint two new trustees and a bookkeeper for Patronage Church, two other trustees and a bookkeeper for Hagerstown, and two trustees and a bookkeeper for Abingdon. We already have separate accounts for both the Hagerstown and Abingdon Missions. Refer to the next bulletin for more information.

Fr. Serhii



**The Patronage of the Mother of God Crab Feast is Back!**

**Saturday, September 18, 2021**

Divine Liturgy at 5:00 P.M. Crab Feast Immediately Following

Price: \$30 all you can eat and drink

*Children 12 and under eat free*

**Please bring a side dish or a dessert**

RSVP by September 12th to Dann Karlson at: [ds.karlson@gmail.com](mailto:ds.karlson@gmail.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number Adults & Children over 12 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children under 12 \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to: Patronage Byzantine Catholic Church. You can mail it to the rectory or drop it in the collection basket.*

**NEW EVENT:** We will be having a 50/50 raffle along with **"Baba's Auction!"** We are looking for donations of new items for our auction. Some ideas can be gift cards, a handmade craft, toys, pet items, household items, gardening supplies, plants, crafting supplies, etc. – be creative! **Please bring your donation(s) when you come to the Crab Feast.** Tables will be set up to display your item(s). Tickets, for the 50/50 raffle and auction, will be available at the Crab Feast. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Kotula at: [d.kotula@comcast.net](mailto:d.kotula@comcast.net).

**IN BLESSED REPOSE:** Fr. Jody Baran fell asleep in the Lord on August 3rd. He was the pastor of St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church in Hazleton, PA. His funeral will take place on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, at St. Mary's. Burial will follow in the Beaver Meadows Cemetery. In blessed repose, grant, O Lord, eternal rest to the soul of your servant, Fr. Jody, and remember him forever. *Vicnaja Pamjat!*

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY:** Mark your calendar, ***Catechetical Sunday is September 19<sup>th</sup>***. *“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it” (Proverbs 22:6)*. More information will be posted in the bulletin and on our website, in the coming weeks. Also, if you have not already done so, **please return your ECF textbooks, that were used this past year, to Theresa Kotlar as soon as possible**. An inventory of materials will have to be done before the start of the school year.

**KIELBASI FREEZER SALE:** We have a limited supply of frozen “**smoked kielbasi**” for sale and available to take home after Liturgy this morning. If you are interested in purchasing kielbasi, please see Mary Demyan or Sharon Kotula. Price and size vary. This kielbasi was just recently purchased for our “Summer Festival” in June.

**BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST:** Next Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Serhii will be Baptizing, Confirming, and giving First Holy Communion to Arthur Vilho Miller. Arthur and his family live in Frederick, MD, and he is the grandson of Arlene Duda.

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***“For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses” (Matthew 6:14-15).***

## 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy" (Mt 5:7).

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Charity is a manifestation of love of neighbor. This is what many books say. But our neighbors are not only relatives and friends, they are all the people around us. We can also say that charity is a form of kindness, a desire to help without demanding anything in return. These qualities are inherent in every person, you just need to find them in yourself.

That is why the eccentric philosopher Diogenes walked with a lamp on a sunny day and looked for a person. He said, "I'm looking for a person," because he couldn't find a real man with this lamp. Because a real person is a sacrificial person who does not remember the debt, who does not remember the image, who forgives not as many as seven times, but seventy times seven.

One day, the Patriarch of Jerusalem, John the Merciful, could not reconcile the two nobles. And one of them, who was to blame for this situation, went to the Divine Liturgy. Patriarch John saw him, led him to the altar, and it was time to say, "Our Father." And he let him say this prayer. When this nobleman began to read the words, "and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us," he could not read those words.

Today, we heard the Gospel parable of human ingratitude. There was a lender who summoned his slave, who owed him a huge sum. In the Gospel, it is called a sum which at that time was not even owned by princes and kings. However, the master forgave this slave all the debt, and he left, found his friend, who owed him very little, began to demand from him this small debt and put him in prison for non-payment, for which he was punished by the master. The gospel reminds us not to forget, as sinners, that our debts to God are a huge, unrepeatable sum of our sins. We forget about it, we try to condemn someone, to guide someone on the true path, often doing it out of anger, not out of love.

St. Gregory the Theologian, once receiving the mayor in his temple, told him, "You are appointed chief over many, use your position to be a God for them, to be for them what God is for you."

We live in a world far from perfect, so often in youth, in adulthood, and in old age, a person begins to resent and rebel. We meet with this almost every day. Many people come to the temple who do not understand that they owe their lives and their existence to God. They are indignant, looking for some justice, self-respect, trying to live by their principles. On the basis of this indignation, often arise various teachings that live by their statute, by fictional and false laws. And this is not new, it was all from the beginning of mankind.

"When resentment inflames your heart, remember Christ and His wounds; judgments as to whether what you are enduring is more than what the Lord has endured; and then, like water, you will extinguish your sorrow," St. Paul assures us. "You, as a poor man, forgive your debtor a hundred dinars, and the Lord, immeasurably rich, will forgive you ten thousand talents, with all the interest on them and with interest on interest," says St. Jacob of Nizyby.

Dear believers! Forgiveness is not easy, but it may be necessary. In addition, we are probably convinced that we need a lot of and constant forgiveness, because we are weak and sinful people. One of the preachers quotes the national hero of India, Mahatma Gandhi, from his "Autobiography," "Forgiveness is worth more than revenge. Revenge means the weakness of man. "Rejecting victory with revenge, forgiveness - is not a denial of the fight against evil. On the contrary, it is a more active and real struggle than such an answer, which by its nature is only the multiplication of evil." "We are fascinated by the unexpected discoveries of the means of victory. But even more surprising may be the rejection of violence and struggle and the forgiveness of those who have blamed us." We cannot forget the words that "in the evening of life we will be judged by love," which measures us as we measure others.

Holy Mother of God, who did not wish harm to those who crucified your Son, ask us to forgive our sins and have mercy on the weakness of our neighbors.

**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: Fr. Serhii, and his family, 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, our first responders, and all 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!*

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While you are traveling over the summer, please do not forget to donate to our church. We continue to serve Liturgies, pray for each and every one of you, and maintain our church. We wish you safe and happy travels! 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. **"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:6-8).**

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Dear First Communicants: Anna, Alison, Bradley, and Joseph!

The first Confession is like the first exam in life. What a great happiness it is to begin Confession and Communion. When she is still small, but no longer a child, she consciously confesses her sins. For the first time, I had to analyze my actions. For the first time, I had to tell the priest about them sincerely, to repent before God. You begin to understand that the priest is not a prosecutor or a judge, but a mediator between man and God. The priest will not punish or judge anyone. And your reward will be Holy Communion. You were polite and attentive during the Divine Liturgy, which testifies to a responsible attitude to the event. From now on, you will carry the flame of God's Love and Grace in your hearts in a special way.

This is an extraordinary event for our entire parish community. Education and a good example for our children will not allow them to deviate from the right path, because in many ways they follow us, adults. So let us be worthy Christians to show children the true path to Jesus Christ. Let us repeatedly approach Confession and Holy Communion with an open heart, accepting His Body and Blood.

The Lord is Life. The Lord is Love. The Lord is Eternity. Today you have all received Him, under the guise of bread and wine, into your little souls. I want you to have your hearts open to Him every day of your life. Only by having Jesus in your heart will you reach the desired and most cherished peaks!

May Jesus, who from now on dwells in your hearts, warm you with grace and kindness, bless you for a long and happy life, protect you from dangers and temptations, and endow you with the most necessary graces.

Dear children, grow up to be healthy, sincere, and good Christians.

**Please join Anna, Alison, Bradley, and Joseph in the church hall, after Liturgy, for refreshments!**

**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:**

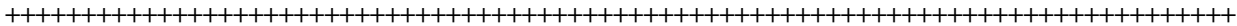
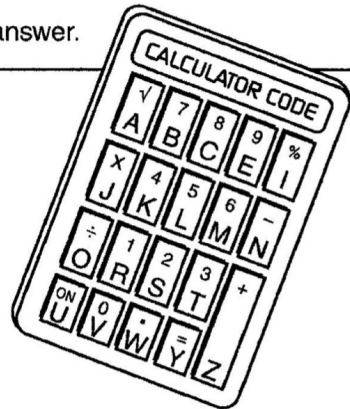
The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

Peter asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive someone who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

Use this calculator code to find the answer.

Jesus answered,

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**FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS:** It is customary in the Byzantine Catholic Church that we bless flowers on this Feast Day. You are welcome to bring flowers, and place them in front of the Iconostasis to be blessed, when you come to Liturgy next Sunday, August 15th.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

We have been hearing a lot lately, and people saying, that we need some reforms and changes. Yes, we need changes and reforms in politics, economics, medicine, and education. But today's Feast of the Transfiguration, tries to show us that the most we need is to change our lives and reform our hearts.

Today, the Lord invites each of us to ascend our own mountain of life to be close to God.

The event of the Transfiguration could only be seen by certain chosen apostles. According to St. John of Damascus, "Christ took Peter with him so that he, who had recently acknowledged the divinity of Christ, could hear the confirmation of these words from God the Father. James, became the first Bishop of Jerusalem and the first of the apostles to be a martyr for Christ. Similarly, John, who was a favorite disciple of Jesus, understood the deity on Tabor, and later wrote these words, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1).

These three apostles, who witnessed the glory of Christ and the Tabernacle, later witnessed Christ's prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. These events left their mark on them and made an extraordinary impression. Later, remembering all of these events, the Apostle Peter wrote about them as clear witnesses of His greatness. The Apostle John wrote, "...full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten Son from the Father" (John 1:14).

The Transfiguration should be a prayer event for each of us. We should think, "Am I praying? If I pray, do I change? Is my life changing, my heart?"

The more moments of the Transfiguration that are in our lives, the more God's light will act on us, we can say, recharge, the more we will be able to experience the various surprises that life will throw at us. We must try to go up to the mountain with Jesus and experience His light, seek Him. Because Jesus seeks to constantly change each of us.

One day, a man in the church noticed a great mathematician, Andri-Marie Ampere, who was praying on his knees for a long time. The man waited for the professor at the door and asked, "Professor, is it possible to be such a great scientist, but still kneel, you are still praying." To which he replied, "Son, I am great only when I pray. My greatness depends on how long the Lord will be in me." The Italian writer and journalist, Giovanni Panini, said, "In order to get up, you have to get on your knees first. The more I kneel in prayer, the more I experience encounters with Christ, the more I become a full person, a free person."

That is why today's Feast of the Transfiguration invites each of us to climb the mountain. We must remember that each mountain has its own path to that mountain, and very often we talk about life as a way of life.

We can also make a difference in our own lives. There is no denying that people willingly reach high mountain peaks. First of all, they set a goal to climb to one or another peak. Then, they are exposed to many dangers. However, when they reach the top, they happily forget all the work.

Dear believers! Let us grow in love for God and neighbor. May this great Feast of the Transfiguration bring the Lord's light of love, peace, and goodness into our souls.