



PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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Next Liturgy: TBD

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
12 th Sunday after Pentecost 8.19.2023	3:00pm Saturday (No Sunday Service)	Divine Liturgy	For: Living and Deceased Members of our Parish
13 th Sunday after Pentecost 8.26.2023	5:00pm Saturday (No Sunday Service)	Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Mrs. Anna Gaydos From: Ann Gaydos

Today is the **12th Sunday after Pentecost.**

Propers for today can be found on the handout in the back of our Temple.

Saint Gregory of Nyssa Church: Sunday, August 20th, at 10am Divine Liturgy
 Sunday, August 27th, at 10am Divine Liturgy

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

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PARISH CENSUS: Final call! If you have not already done so, we are asking all parishioners to complete a parish census form by **Sunday, September 3rd**. Forms can either be found on the shelf in the Narthex, or on our website. We need to have accurate contact information, including mailing address, phone number, and email address. You can either place your completed census form in the offertory basket, or mail it to the church. **If we do not receive your census form, you won't receive the ECL. We are also in the process of updating our Parish Roster, which needs to be submitted to the Eparchy within the next few weeks, so please help us update our parish records.** 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.

89TH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE – MOUNT ST. MACRINA, UNIONTOWN, PA: This biggest and oldest Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held **September 1st – 4th**. The Sisters of St. Basil the Great invite everyone to join them in honoring the Mother of God under the title of Theotokos: Loving Protectress of All. Visit www.sistersofstbasil.org to view the Pilgrimage schedule. Please consider attending this event! There have many activities for our youth.

ANNUAL PATRONAGE CHURCH CRAB FEAST: Mark your calendars – **Saturday, September 16th**. Join us for some fellowship and great food! We will also be having Divine Liturgy at 4pm prior to the Crab Feast. See the attached flyer included with this bulletin. If you would like to volunteer to assist with this event, please contact Dann Karlson at DS.Karlson@gmail.com, and let him know.

CARPATHO-RUSYN SOCIETY: The Eastern PA Chapter is holding their 8th Annual Genealogy and Heritage Conference on **Saturday, September 30th**, from 10am – 3:30pm, at King's College, 133 N. River Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Space is limited and the deadline to register is September 22nd. Registration is \$50 per person. For more information visit <https://c-rs.org/event-5385022>. If you have any questions, please contact George Pawlush at 860-490-1074.

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, have invited all clergy and faithful to the Assembly of the Byzantine (Ruthenian) Metropolitan Church at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, 1900 Brooks Boulevard, Hillsboro, NJ, 08844, **November 2-5, 2023**. The theme of this Assembly is *"Living Our Faith, Moving Forward, Appreciating Our Past."* Registration is now open. The Assembly cost is \$250 for individuals and \$400 for couples. The fee includes meals, breaks, presentations, materials, and the gala on Saturday evening. 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, 500 Promenade Boulevard, Bridgewater, NJ, 08807, and is a 15-minute drive to St. Mary's Church. Hotel registration deadline is September 30th. 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 address is byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com.

SOCIAL HALL FREEZER: We are in the process of replacing one of our social hall freezers in time for our church festival. It has been repaired multiple times, and has become unreliable. We will keep you updated as to when we get a new one installed.

PATRONAGE CHURCH SLAVIC FOOD FESTIVAL
Saturday, November 18th

In order to continue with the success of our festivals, we will need many volunteers. If you have any questions or can volunteer, please contact Mary Demyan at mdemya1@verizon.net. Please mark your calendar with the following festival dates/times:

- Friday, October 6th, 9am – cabbage preparation
- Saturday, October 7th, 9am – roll, cook, and freeze Holupki
- Wednesday, November 15th, 9am – make and freeze Kolachi
- Friday, November 17th, 9am – set-up for festival
- Saturday, November 18th, 10am – 2pm - festival

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“If you wish to leave much wealth to your children, leave them in God's care. Do not leave them riches, but virtue and skill. For if they learn to expect riches, they will not mind anything besides, and their abundant riches shall give them the means of screening the wickedness of their ways.”

St. John Chrysostom

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

"What good thing can I do to have eternal life?" A young man approached Jesus with this question. Such a question is not asked by a young person nowadays as often as one would like. Today, a young person is more concerned about where to study, where to work, whom to marry, but does not think about life after life. And, the fact that the young man from the Gospel passage harbored such a question in himself testifies to his certain maturity as a person.

"Truly I say to you: It is difficult for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. I also say to you: It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God."

By the word "poor" we call those who have nothing or very little. We also include those who have lost something of a non-monetary nature: "Poor person, because he lost his health", "Poor person, because she lost a loved one." Poor because he or she is in some trouble. A rich person is one who has a lot. To be rich, it is not necessary to have a lot of material goods, you can have a lot of acquaintances, talents, friends.

In our world there are rich people, because there are those who have less and we call them poor. Unfortunately, a person uses enrichment for personal purposes and multiplies his or her wealth at the expense of others, thus making oneself rich, while another takes the place of the poor. And although one cannot exist without the other, the distance between these two was and will probably always exist in this society. Both are not always happy with who they are. The poor often want to become rich, and the rich dream of getting rid of everything that burdens their lives and makes them restless. Someone dreams of wealth in order to provide for himself and have peace, but when he reaches the goal, another difficulty appears: to keep this wealth. So, this chain of problems continues.

It is said that in the time of Jesus, the expression "eye of the needle" was used to denote a very narrow passage, which was opened only at night. Only one bent person could enter this gate. This gate served for those who came to the city at night to hide behind its walls. It was a real salvation for traders, but at the same time a problem. Camels with heavy loads could not pass. It was necessary to drop everything and push through on one's knees. The animal crawled with great effort. For those who had little and it was easy to pass, for others it was a real hassle. More than once because of wealth, someone was killed and injured. Therefore, wealth provides some security, but does not solve all problems, and often creates new ones. Concerns about saving wealth or using it can make your head spin so much that there will be very little room for the spiritual. Someone said: if evil cannot capture you, it gives you many things to do.

The call to lose everything, become free and reduce oneself to the brink of poverty was not for everyone. In this material world with its modern values, Christ offered only a few the path of complete renunciation of earthly things. Today we call them monks, nuns, hermits, wanderers.

Blessed Lubomyr Huzar says: "The poor is the one who has God. A poor man, in fact, can have enormous wealth. For example, God's gift is a talent that can be used for the good of others. You and I know that there are a huge number of people in the world who will never be rich, no matter what they do. But they always remain with God."

It is possible to be poor both with a large capital and without any property. One is poor and does not have excessive interest in government-provided welfare, though accepting it with gratitude when given and not making excessive problems when it is necessary to get rid of it. Abiding in God is the way to God's kingdom for those who are willing to leave everything to follow Jesus. The most difficult thing is to leave everything, starting with your heart -- to have no attachment and dependence. Even when everyone tells you that it's all yours, you say to your heart: "It's all God's."

Dear believers! What should we do today to grasp eternal life? It is necessary to live an entire life with dignity. The modern world in which we live is very different from the world in which the evangelists lived. However, the person remains the same. He or she has the same desire for happiness, the same commandments of God, the same temptations and the same sins. Everything is the same as it was before, just in a different form.

Fr. Serhii Deiak

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: On days we have a priest that comes to Patronage Church, they will be available 20 minutes before or immediately after Divine Liturgy to hear confessions.

BYZANTINE ICON PAINTING WORKSHOP: Patronage Church is planning a Byzantine Icon Painting Workshop with Iconographer, Wayne Hajos, sometime in the *beginning of 2024*. Wayne was the Iconographer who wrote the icons in our Holy Place and below our choir loft many years ago. The class will be 4 days long (9am - 4:30pm). The class fee will be \$275 with all supplies and lunch provided. No art experience necessary, and we will paint/write the icon of the Virgin Mary. We'd love to have our teenage parishioners (recommended minimum age is 15) participate in this great opportunity! At the moment, we are trying to pin down exact dates for the class, but are looking at a JAN, FEB, or MAR timeframe. We would also like to hear if you have a preference for doing the class in a single week (Wednesday - Saturday) or would prefer four consecutive Saturdays? Please email Kevin Ross at keviross@gmail.com if you are potentially interested along with any preference on dates/timing. Class size is limited to 20 students. More details regarding payment, will be forthcoming.

INTENTIONS: Enclosed with this bulletin is an updated version of our Intention request form to now include your choice of having a Panachida or Moleben, when we have a Typika service. Donations help benefit our church. You can also request a Liturgy for someone when a priest is available to do so. Patronage Church will pay the priest for the Liturgy Intention request. All checks should be made payable to: Patronage Church. An Intention form can also be found on our website or on the bookrack in the Narthex, and you can either mail your request to the rectory, or place it in the offertory basket. If you have any questions, please send the church an email.

The Eparchy of Passaic is still accepting Stipends for Ukrainian priests. Stipend forms can be found on the bookrack in the Narthex, or on our church website. Make checks payable to: "Eparchy of Passaic." Our Eparchy will pay the administrative costs, so that 100% goes to a Ukrainian priest, and his family, who needs the help. Mail the Stipend sheet and your check to: Eparchy of Passaic, 445 Lackawanna Ave., Woodland Park, NJ 07424.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

BASIC WORD OF THE BIBLE

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JESUS CHRIST
SALVATION
JEW
GENTILE
HOLY SPIRIT
GOD THE FATHER
PERSECUTE

PRAY
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BIBLE
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SACRIFICE
FAITH

MIRACLE
NAZARETH
BETHLEHEM
JERUSALEM
BAPTIZE
TEMPTATION
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ECF – ORGANIZATION OF BOOKS/MATERIALS AND CATECHETICAL CELEBRATION: On **Saturday, September 9th**, from 9am-noon, we need volunteers to help clean out the rectory basement of ECF materials, and organize them with what we currently have stored in the social hall. On **Saturday, September 16th**, during Divine Liturgy, we will be having a blessing of teachers and students for our 2023-2024, Catechetical school year. We are asking all families with children Pre-K – High School to register your children. Forms are available in the Narthex, on the bookrack, or on our website. **Please either mail your completed registration form to the church, or place it in the offertory basket no later than Saturday, August 26th, so that books and materials can be ordered.** Loui Villaneuva, will be the coordinator for the 2023-2024 school year. We are also looking for volunteers to teach. Please send Loui Villaneuva an email at villanuevaluxmundi@yahoo.com, if you are able to help clean out the rectory basement or are willing to teach. Our children are the future of our church! **“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it” (Proverbs 22:6).**

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, Matthew Skovran, Mike Skovran, James DeWolfe, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Doris Ruszin, Veronica Ruszin, Anna Martin, Joseph and Marie Repasi, Mary Jo Kelly Wilhelm, Howard Guba, Missy Kakalec, 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 (August 13, 2023):

Offertory: \$734.00

Tithe.ly: \$225.00

Freezer Sales: \$13.00

Candles: \$38.00

Dormition of the Theotokos: \$60.00

Byzantine Missions: \$15.00

POT-LUCK DINNER: Please join us in the social hall, after Liturgy today, for a pot-luck dinner.

PATRONAGE CHURCH SCHEDULE: Just a reminder to please refer to the most current bulletin for our church service's schedule. Specifically, **Fr. Vlad Budash will be the celebrant at Divine Liturgy next Saturday, August 26th, at 5pm. There will be no church service on Sunday, August 27th.**

THANK YOU: Deacon Bill would like to extend his thanks to Michael Kakalec and Karen Kakalec for their work in our church office over the past year and a half. God grant them many Blessed years!

RECTORY MAILBOX UPDATE: The mailbox was replaced at the entrance to the rectory, because the door was broken, and not able to be fixed.

EPARCHY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: The Wedding Anniversary Celebration for married couples observing their five-year anniversary, i.e., 5th, 10th, 15th, etc., will be held in **November 2023** (date to be determined), at Epiphany of our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church in Annandale, VA, followed by a sit-down dinner. If you are celebrating one of these anniversaries, and would like to attend this event, **please send the church an email and let us know no later than Saturday, August 19th**, so you can receive an invitation from the Eparchy.

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).

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1260 Stevens Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21227

Parish Census: 2023

FAMILY LAST NAME: _____ Married: ___ Single: ___ Widowed: ___ Separated: ___ Divorced: ___

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

HUSBAND'S or SINGLE MALE'S GIVEN NAME: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____ Occupation: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Church of Baptism: _____ City: _____ State: _____

STATUS:	<i>Eastern Rite Tradition</i>	<i>Western Rite Tradition:</i>
_____ Byzantine Ruthenian		_____ Roman Catholic
(please check	_____ Byzantine Ukrainian	_____ Protestant
One)	_____ Byzantine Melkite	_____ Other
	_____ Other Eastern Catholic	_____ Other
	Please specify: _____	Please specify: _____
	_____ Eastern Orthodox	Transfer of Rite Date: _____
	Please specify: _____	Transfer of Rite Place: _____

WIFE'S or SINGLE FEMALE'S GIVEN NAME: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____ Occupation: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Church of Baptism: _____ City: _____ State: _____

STATUS:	<i>Eastern Rite Tradition</i>	<i>Western Rite Tradition:</i>
_____ Byzantine Ruthenian		_____ Roman Catholic
(please check	_____ Byzantine Ukrainian	_____ Protestant
One)	_____ Byzantine Melkite	_____ Other
	_____ Other Eastern Catholic	_____ Other
	Please specify: _____	Please specify: _____
	_____ Eastern Orthodox	Transfer of Rite Date: _____
	Please specify: _____	Transfer of Rite Place: _____

MARRIAGE: Date: _____ Church Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____

If widowed, give date of death of spouse: _____

If separated, give date of separation: _____

If divorced, give date of divorce: _____ Previously Married to: _____

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CHILDREN LIVING AT HOME (please attach another sheet of paper, with the following information, if you need to add additional names):

(1) NAME: _____ Date of Birth: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Church of Baptism: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Date: _____

Date of Chrismation/Confirmation: _____ Date of First Communion: _____ Year in School: _____

(2) NAME: _____ Date of Birth: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Church of Baptism: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Date: _____

Date of Chrismation/Confirmation: _____ Date of First Communion: _____ Year in School: _____

(3) NAME: _____ Date of Birth: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Church of Baptism: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Date: _____

Date of Chrismation/Confirmation: _____ Date of First Communion: _____ Year in School: _____

(4) NAME: _____ Date of Birth: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Church of Baptism: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Date: _____

Date of Chrismation/Confirmation: _____ Date of First Communion: _____ Year in School: _____

CHILDREN NOT LIVING AT HOME (please attach another sheet of paper, with the following information, if you need to add additional names):

(1) NAME: _____ Date of Birth: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Church of Baptism: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Date: _____

Married Date: _____ Name of Spouse: _____ Location: _____

(2) NAME: _____ Date of Birth: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Church of Baptism: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Date: _____

Married Date: _____ Name of Spouse: _____ Location: _____

(3) NAME: _____ Date of Birth: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Church of Baptism: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Date: _____

Married Date: _____ Name of Spouse: _____ Location: _____

DEMOGRAPHICS:

Do you receive the Eastern Catholic Life (ECL) (Y or N): _____ Do you utilize Offertory Envelopes (Y or N): _____

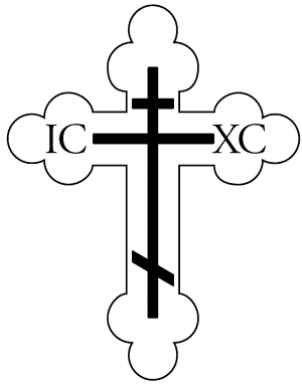
Tithe.ly (Y or N): _____ Check/Cash Donation (Y or N): _____

If you circled "N" for the ECL or Offertory Envelopes, would you like to receive them? Please list which one(s) _____

Member of Church Organizations (list): _____

Areas of interest for involvement at Patronage Church: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____



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Rev. Deacon William Szewczyk, Administrator
Rev. Deacon Tony Kotlar, Sr.

Intention request for a Divine Liturgy, Panachida (for the deceased), or Moleben (for the health of) at:

PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Please fill out this form and mail it to Patronage Church, or place it in the offertory basket.

This is to request the celebration of a Divine Liturgy (when available), a Panachida, or Moleben (circle one) for:

(print name of the person enrolled and note
for either health of or for the deceased)

(specific date, if applicable)

Offering: _____
(make check payable to: Patronage Church)

Name of person requesting the Intention:

Address of person requesting the Intention:

Email address and/or phone number of person requesting the Intention:

YOU KNOW YOU'RE FROM MARYLAND IF



YOU THINK NEWSPAPERS MAKE A GOOD TABLECLOTH

**Join us for our annual
Patronage Crab Feast!**

*Open to the
parishioners of
St. Gregory's and
the Hagerstown
Mission too!*

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Divine Liturgy at 4:00 P.M.

Crab Feast immediately following

Price: **\$35** all you can eat and drink!

soda, water, beer, & wine provided

Teens 13-18 only **\$10!**

Children under 12 (and non-crab eaters) eat free!

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

RSVP by September 9th to Dann Karlson at: ds.karlson@gmail.com

Name _____

Number of Adults _____ x \$35.00 = \$_____

Number of Teens _____ x \$10.00 = \$_____

Number of Children under 12 (and non-crab eaters) _____

Make checks payable to Patronage Byzantine Catholic Church