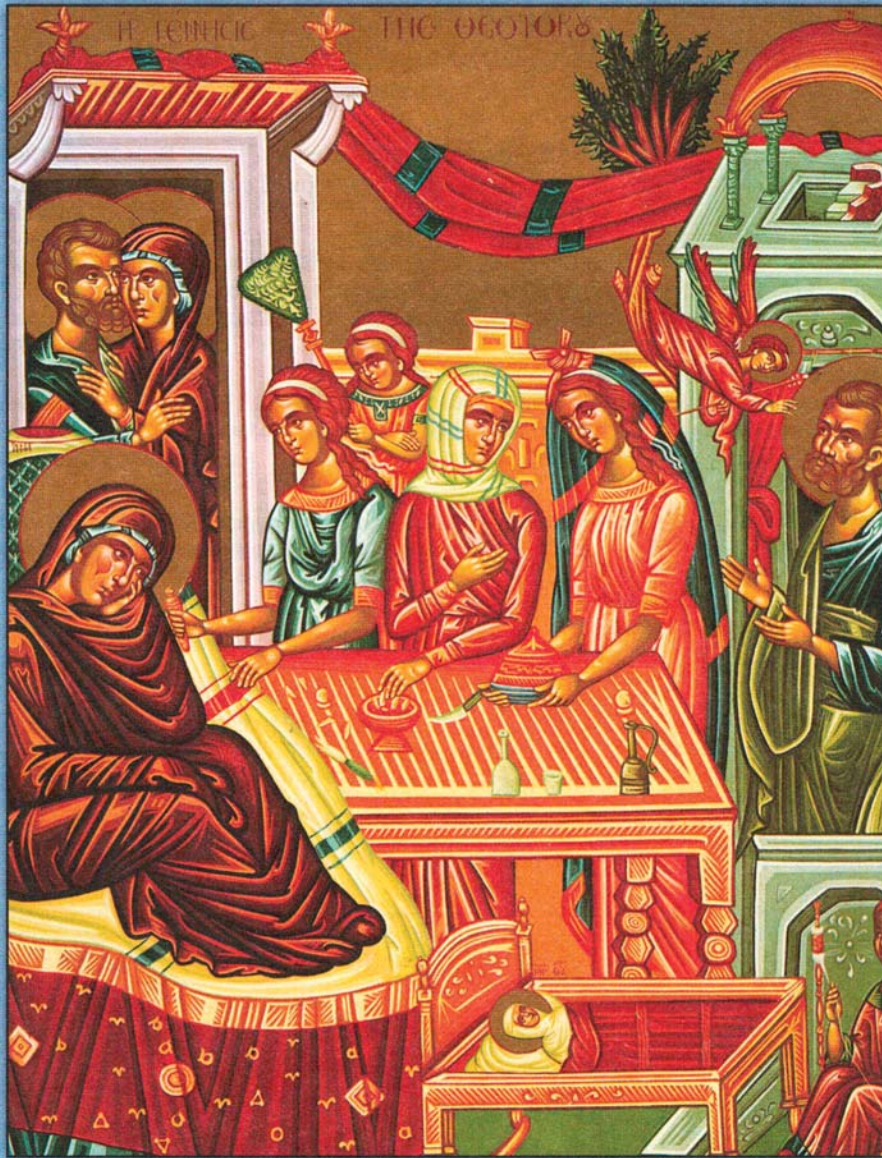


FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Nativity of the Theotokos -- September 8th

Hail Theotokos!

We shall never cease to hymn to you as one should, O Theotokos, and say: Hail, O Bride and Maiden ever-pure!

Hail, O you, through whom Joy will shine forth!
Hail, O you, through whom the curse will disappear!

Hail, O Restoration of the Fallen Adam!

Hail, O Redemption of the Tears of Eve!

Hail, O Peak above the reach of human thought!

Hail, O Depth even beyond the sight of angels!

Hail, O you who have become a Kingly Throne!

Hail, O you who carry Him Who Carries All!

Hail, O Star who manifest the Sun!

Hail, O Womb of the Divine Incarnation!

Hail, O you through whom creation is renewed!

Hail, O you through whom the Creator becomes a Babe!

Hail, O Bride and Maiden ever-pure!

And why do we cry, "Alleluia?"

Hail, O hidden Sense of the Ineffable Plan!

Hail, O Belief in Silence That Must Be!

Hail, O Forecast of the Marvels of Christ!

Hail, O Fountainhead of truths concerning Him!

Hail, Celestial Ladder, by whom God came down!

Hail, O Bridge leading earthly ones to heaven!

Hail, O Wonder, ever-thrilling to the angels!

Hail, O Wound, ever-hurting to the demons!

Hail, O you who gave birth to Light ineffably!

Hail, O you who told no one how it was done!

Hail, O you who surpass the wisdom of the wise!

Hail, O you who enlighten faithful minds!

Hail, O Bride and Maiden ever-pure!

From the Akathist to the Theotokos



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Next Liturgy: Sunday, September 12th at 3pm

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Next Liturgy: Saturday, September 18th at 10am

DIVINE LITURGY - PATRONAGE CHURCH

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday 9.05.2021	8:45am 9:00am	Matins Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Sean Albert
Wednesday 9.08.2021	9:00am	Divine Liturgy Birth of the Theotokos	In Memory of: +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Sean Albert
Friday 9.10.2021	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Sean Albert
Sunday 9.12.2021	11:00am 11:15am	Matins Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Phyllis Skovran Requested by: Michael Skovran

This is the **15th Sunday After Pentecost**.
Propers begin on page 152, Tone 6.

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. More information will be provided in upcoming bulletins.

Fr. Serhii

PANACHIDA SERVICE: Fr. Serhii will be having a Panachida service for those, from our parish, who are interred at Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Cemetery, Elkridge, MD, after Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, September 26th**. The cemetery is only a few miles from our church. We hope you can join us! **There will be no Liturgy at the Abingdon Mission on this date.**

O Lord, our God, who are good and full of love for all mankind: Give rest to our departed servants in the mansions of the just, and keep us, here on earth, free from sin, enabling us to lead a truly Christian life to the end of our days.

LITURGY INTENTION BOOKS: Liturgy intention books are now available, in the Narthex, for your use. A mailing envelope is included with the book along with an intention form to complete with your request. You can either mail your request to the rectory, or place it in the collection basket in the back of our Temple.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Fr. Serhii is available 15 minutes before or immediately after Divine Liturgy to hear confession.

WE MISS YOU! For those who are reading this bulletin either online or a copy you received in the mail, and if you have not been attending Liturgy at Patronage Church since the onset of COVID, we hope you will join us once again. Bishop Kurt revoked the dispensation on June 6th, regarding the Sunday precept or obligation to assist at Divine Liturgy. Watching the live-stream no longer fulfills the obligation to assist at Divine Liturgy. However, the Bishop reminds everyone that “just as before the pandemic, anyone is relieved of the obligation for serious reason such as sickness, immobility, fear, caring for someone else, to protect your own health, or the health of others.”

KIELBASI FREEZER SALE: We have a limited supply of frozen “**smoked kielbasi**” for sale and available to take home after Liturgy today. 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.

OUR DAILY BREAD CASSEROLE DONATIONS: Our next casserole collection date is Sunday, September 12th. Casseroles need to be dropped off at our church and put into the freezer. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Skovran. Aluminum pans, for the casseroles, are on the table in our church hall to use for this project.

LABOR DAY: We wish everyone a blessed Labor Day. *“Labor Day gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect on the important things around us.” – Author Unknown*

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE: 2011 - September 11 - 2021 - 20 years of remembering and still in our hearts forever –

Prayer of Remembrance

Almighty and Ever-Loving God, we remember September 11, 2001, and pray for all those who were affected by the terrible events of that day. We remember, with love and respect, all of those who went tragically to their deaths.

We remember those who still suffer from their injuries of that day twenty years ago and pray for their recovery. We remember the still grieving families and friends and all who lost loved ones.

Gracious Lord, continue to console them in the hope that all who trust in You will find peace and rest in Your Eternal Kingdom. Bless them with Your presence and surround us all with Your love.

God of peace, bless all those defending, and protecting our country and its ideals of freedom and liberty. May Your kingdom of justice and of peace reign and may the earth be filled with Your glory.

Amen

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Today's Gospel reveals to us the main commandment of Christ: "...You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind, and your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:27). "On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets" (Matthew 22:40).

The Reverend Abba Dorotheus, who lived in the 6th century, said: "If mankind is placed in different places in a circle, then God must be placed in the center of that circle. As we approach the center, we approach God, the love of God. But not only, walking towards the center, we get closer to God, become saints, receive holiness. We are also getting closer to the center as we get closer to each other." In the same way, when we all go to church, we become closer to each other. When we all part and walk away from the Church and from God, we move away from each other.

Jesus Christ shows us how we should live - to live in love of God and love of neighbor. The evangelist Luke complements this conversation of Jesus Christ with the Pharisee with the words, "Do this, and you will live," because the very theoretical knowledge of the law of love for God and neighbor will not save us if we do not live by this commandment.

During Sunday school, the priest tried to explain to the children that money is not the most important thing in life. "Money cannot buy happiness, joy, or love. Tell me, children, how could I offer you a hundred dollars, provided you don't love your dad and mom, would you agree?"

The class was silent, but little Gianni reached out and shouted, "Father, make some clever suggestions... Let's discuss how much you will give for my older sister?"

The evangelist John says, "If anyone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar," and Blessed Augustine teaches that although love of God is more important than love of neighbor, one must begin with love of neighbor, for "he who does not love his brother, whom he sees, cannot love God, whom he does not see."

One day, a tourist asked a nun who was washing the wounds of a leper. "How much do you earn by caring for these patients? I wouldn't do that even for a million a day!" The nun answered him, "and I would not do it for a million!" The tourist asked again, "Then who forces you to do it?" "The one upstairs," the nun replied, pointing to the sky.

John Paul II says, "You will not find love without the cross, and you will not bear the cross without love. Therefore, I wish you to love those around you and be open to love. It is love that helps us to be united with our daily cross, not to complain, not to pass on to others, but to take and follow Christ." People often want to receive love, but not everyone is ready to give love to others.

A boy named Gregory liked to run after sparrows in the yard and threw small stones at them, and with each wave of his hand, they flew from the ground to the fence, and then from the fence to the roof. It was a great pleasure for him. Suddenly, a poor girl next door, dressed in an old dress, approached the courtyard gate. Her legs were bare and she had a small basket in her hand. "Are you a beggar? Do you need bread," said Gregory reaching out his hand to her. The girl trustingly, held out her little hand to him. "Come on, take it!" Gregory laughed, and put a stone in her hand. The girl, said nothing, just looked at the gray stone, then through tears looked at Gregory, bowed her head, and walked quietly away on the dusty road.

For a moment, Gregory was in pain and felt sorry for her, he just wanted to joke around, but the joke was cruel. Gregory ran to the kitchen, cut off a large piece of bread, and ran out by the road to look for the girl. Then he ran into the field, looked here and there, but the girl was nowhere to be seen. He was ready to give her everything he had, but the girl disappeared without a trace, taking with him his gray stone.

God often gives us opportunities to grow in love, but do we always know how to recognize and use them properly?

Dear believers! Only in love is God known. Love is the greatest and most important fruit of the spiritual life, as the Apostle Paul teaches, "So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor. 13:13). In eternity, the need for faith and hope will disappear, and only love will remain. Therefore, let us take special care of this greatest gift - the gift of love, because as is our love for God on earth, so will be the joy of eternity.

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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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).***

PARISH MEETING/POT-LUCK LUNCHEON: Please bring any questions you may have to our next parish meeting scheduled for **next Sunday, September 12th**, immediately after Divine Liturgy. We will also be having a **pot-luck luncheon**. Please join us for some parish fellowship!

"COME AND SEE" WEEKEND OF DISCOVERY: A **free** retreat weekend hosted by the Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA, is scheduled for November 5–7, 2021 for men, ages 18-35, single or married, who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood in the Byzantine Catholic Church. The retreat will be conducted in a "no pressure, no hard-sell" environment. The atmosphere will be prayerful, positive, and fraternal. All registrants must be fully COVID vaccinated to attend. **For more information and to register, no later than October 13, 2021, please visit www.bcs.edu.**

CARPATHO-RUSYN SOCIETY – EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT: A virtual **free** event entitled, Let's Talk Rusyn Genealogy, ***"Travel to Ukraine,"*** will be held Wednesday, September 8, 2021, from 7:30pm – 9:00pm. This event will be hosted by: Sharon Jarrow, Karen Varian, and Zlata Nouire. The presenters will introduce you to an overview of the preparation needed prior to making an ancestral home visit to Ukraine through what it's like once being in the country and meeting family. Zlata will take you on a journey to eye catching sites you won't want to miss. You must register by September 7th. Visit Patronage Church's website, under events, and click on the link for this event, or you can click on: **[C-RS Virtual Series LET'S TALK RUSYN GENEALOGY "Travel to Ukraine"](#)**.

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).

PATRONAGE CRAB FEAST: Our crab feast is back and scheduled for **Saturday, September 18, 2021**. Divine Liturgy will be at 5:00pm and the crab feast will immediately follow. The price is \$30 (all you can eat and drink) for adults, and children under 12 eat and drink free. Please bring a side dish or a dessert.

RSVP by September 12th to Dann Karlson at: 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 your payment 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.

E-BULLETIN: Some parishioners have told us that they would prefer not to receive a bulletin in the mail because they can just visit the church’s website to view it. We now have another option, if you would like us to email you a bulletin, called e-Bulletin, **please let us know, by sending the church an email, where you would like it sent.** Our on-line bulletin and eBulletin will now include the front and back covers, as well.

ASSEMBLY OF THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC METROPOLITAN CHURCH 2021: The Archeparchial Office of Religious Education has announced an in-person event entitled, **“One Body in Christ: Re-emerging from the Pandemic.”** This event will take place November 5-6, 2021, at the Cathedral in Munhall, PA. Visit www.archpitt.org for more information.

GOD WITH US ONLINE: The **Fall/Winter 2021 Schedule** is now available online. Their first webinar is entitled, **“Rethinking Sunday School; The Problem and Practical Solutions,** and will take place on Monday, September 20th, from 8-9pm. Please join them as they explore the importance of holding on to a discipleship model in teaching the faith, and practical ways to accomplish this in our current situations with Fr. Francois Beyroui. Visit www.godwithusonline.org for more information and to register. If you are unable to participate in this webinar, it will be recorded and available in the event library to view at your convenience.

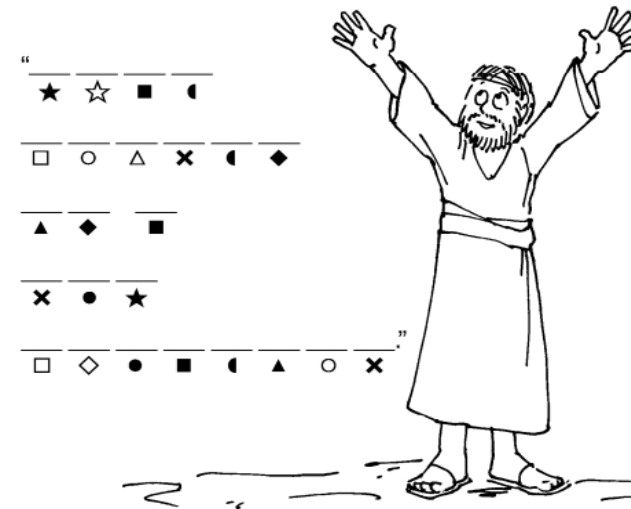
O Creator and Master of time and eternity, super substantial God of all, O Merciful One: bless the course of this year, and in Your boundless mercy, save all those who worship You, our one and only Master and who cry out to You in fear: “O Savior, grant a happy year to all mankind!” - Kontakion of the Church New Year

CHILDREN’S CORNER

Paul did not pay attention to the things this world counts as important.

Think of 3-letter words to fit the clues.
Use the letters to find what Paul thought was important.

◆	△	×	the source of daylight rhymes with “done”
★	■	◇	armed conflict rhymes with “four”
☆	○	◐	high temperature rhymes with “cot”
▲	□	●	frozen water rhymes with “slice”



EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION (ECF) FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM: Catechetical Sunday is an annual observance as we resume the instruction of our parish’s students in the faith. In 2 weeks, we will have a special blessing of our catechists and children during the Diving Liturgy on September 19th. We ask that all students and teachers be present for this ceremony, here in our Temple, that emphasizes the importance of our teaching and learning ministry as Christians. **We are looking for someone to be the coordinator for the upcoming ECF 2021-2022, academic year. Please let Fr. Serhii know if you can help.** If you have not yet completed a registration form, it can be found on our website under “ECF,” or on the book rack in the Narthex. We ask that completed registration forms are returned and either placed in the collection basket, emailed to the church, or mailed to the rectory. Also, please return all textbooks from this past school year. **“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it” (Proverbs 22:6).**