



# BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MARYLAND

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## PATRONAGE MISSIONARY CHURCH IN HAGERSTOWN AND ABINGDON

### St. Francis Chapel

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**Next Liturgy: Sunday**

January 30th, at 3pm

### St. Ann Catholic Church

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**Next Liturgy: Saturday**

January 22nd, at 10am

**CONFESSION:** Fr. Serhii is available 20 minutes before or immediately after Divine Liturgy.

**Let Us Remember in Prayer:** Those who are ill or convalescing: Robert P. Pipta, Christine Pipta Svitana, Ann Dardzinski, Doreen Dardzinski, David Chekan, Anna Rae Brabston, Keith Hay, Walter Krofchik, Sylvia Rusnock, Nickolette Dobrovoczky, Irene Simi, John Cahill, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Andy Turian, Doris Ruszin, Anne Gupman, Joseph and Marie Repasi, Anna Martin, Marge Dulina, Georgianna Kostak, Betty Rankin, Sandra Suseck, and especially those who are afflicted with Covid-19.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years.

Please let Fr. Serhii or Fr. Deacon Bill know if there are names to be added or taken away from this list.

### St. Gregory Church:

Stewardship: (Donate at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2442387>) Jan. 16

Offertory: \$884.00

Tithe.ly: \$125.00

Epiphany: \$15.00

Refreshments: \$6.00

### Patronage Church:

Stewardship: (Donate at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2442387>) Jan. 16

Offertory: \$834.00

You honor God and our Church by continue to tithe each week. A collection basket is on the table in the back of our Temple. You may also mail in your donation or donate online via our website and click on the Tithe.ly link. Thank you to those who continue to support our church and for your dedication to our parish.

**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. We hope you will become an active part of our parish community. If you would like to be added to our parish email list, send an email to us at [frsergij@stgregoryofnyssa.net](mailto:frsergij@stgregoryofnyssa.net). *My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.* (Isaiah 56:7)

My parish is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am.

It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work. It will be prayerful, if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them in.

It will be a place of loyalty and love,  
of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy,  
if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.  
Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to  
the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be.

Note that the mother does not say: “Have mercy on my child,” but: “Have mercy on me.” In other words, the affliction of the daughter is the affliction of the mother. The daughter is any soul in the Church. The mother, who is the Church, is a solicitous mother: she intercedes for the weaknesses of all the children of the Church. She intercedes for our weaknesses.

As you see, we are revealed here a mystery about the prayer of intercession. We pray for each other. We are asked at times to pray for various people and for specific demands, as long as they correspond to the will of God.

Look at the story of the Canaanite woman. Christ does not look for faith from the daughter; in the same way, he does not look for faith from the daughter of the centurion (Mat 9:18-26) nor for faith from the daughter of the servant (Mat 8:6-13). He looks only for the faith of the one who intercedes. Christ answers when He is satisfied with the faith of those who approach Him on the behalf of those who needs healing.

You will find confirmation of this in the text which follows immediately the Canaanite woman. The crowds bring the sick people to Christ for healing. This is the faith of the crowds which is offered to Christ so that the blind may study the Word, the dumb may praise with their voices and the paralyzed may follow Christ.

Dear believers, all starts with us faith. If we make that free-choice and if it is founded in humility, then us faith will be us shield and us weapon leading us to victory.

Schedule of Divine Services:

SUNDAY Jan. 23, 2022	<p><b>SAINT GREGORY CHURCH</b>  <b>Thirty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost</b>  <b>The Holy Martyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra</b>  10:00 AM <i>Matins</i>  11:15 AM <i>Divine Liturgy for the repose of the souls of +Anna and +Joseph Wroblecki</i></p>
WEDNESDAY, Jan. 26, 2022	<p><b>Our Venerable Father Xenophon and His Wife Mary</b>  9:00 AM <i>Divine Liturgy followed by recitation of the Holy Rosary</i></p>
SATURDAY, Jan. 29, 2022	<p><b>Translation of the Relics of the Holy Bishop and Martyr Ignatius of Antioch</b>  9:00 AM <i>Divine Liturgy (Slavonic) followed by prayer of supplication to the Most Holy Theotokos</i></p>
SUNDAY, Jan. 30, 2022	<p><b>Thirty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost</b>  <b>Sunday of Zacchaeus</b>  <b>Feast of the Three Holy Bishops</b>  8:45 AM <i>Hymns from Matins</i>  9:00 AM <i>Divine Liturgy</i></p>
SUNDAY, Jan. 23, 2022	<p><b>PATRONAGE CHURCH</b>  <b>Thirty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost</b>  8:45 AM <i>Hymns from Matins</i>  9:00 AM <i>Divine Liturgy</i></p>
TUESDAY, Jan. 25, 2022	<p><b>Our Holy Father Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople</b>  9:00 AM <i>Divine Liturgy for the repose of the soul of +Rev. Conan Timoney as requested by Sean Albert</i></p>
FRIDAY, Jan. 28, 2022	<p><b>Our Venerable Father Ephrem the Syrian, Bishop of Nineveh</b>  9:00 AM <i>Divine Liturgy for the repose of the soul of +Rev. Conan Timoney as requested by Sean Albert</i></p>
SUNDAY, Jan. 30, 2022	<p><b>Sunday of Zacchaeus</b>  11:00 AM <i>Hymns from Matins</i>  11:15 AM <i>Divine Liturgy</i></p>

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**Our New Look:** To make the administration of the parishes and missions more straightforward we will be combining the bulletins for St. Gregory of Nyssa and Patronage of the Mother of God into one. If you have anything you would like to have included into next Sunday's bulletin, please email it to Deacon Bill at [deacon@stgregoryofnyssa.net](mailto:deacon@stgregoryofnyssa.net) no later than the previous Thursday evening.

**Patronage Freezer Sale:** The following are available for purchase:

1. Frozen Pirohi – cost is \$7/dozen or a bag of 4 dozen/\$25.00
  2. Frozen Kolachi - \$15 each (nut, raspberry, apricot, or poppy seed) – supply is limited
- Please see Mary Demyan -[mdemya1@verizon.net](mailto:mdemya1@verizon.net)- if you are interested in purchasing any of the above items.

**Patronage Church: Our Daily Bread** Casseroles will be collected on Sunday, February 6. Please mark your casserole with *Name of Casserole, Date Made* and *Patronage Church* on it. There are labels located next to the stack of empty casserole pans in the basement at Patronage.

The casserole recipes are listed below- please don't substitute. Our Daily Bread unthaws the casseroles and then they combine them when they serve them. <http://www.catholiccharities-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/casserolerecipes.pdf>

Our Daily Bread also accepts premade store bought, frozen Mac & Cheese trays (such as Stouffer's Macaroni & Cheese) if you are in a rush to make something. For questions, please email Mike Skovran - [michaelskovran@aol.com](mailto:michaelskovran@aol.com), or Lisa Guba - [lisaguba@sprintmail.com](mailto:lisaguba@sprintmail.com)

Again, thank you again for donating your time, supplies and talent to help those in need at Catholic Charities "Our Daily Bread Mission".

Over 19 Casseroles were collected in December for Our Daily Bread.

**Take-Out Lunch:** Next Sunday, **January 30**, Patronage of the Mother of God Church will have a take-out lunch after liturgy. All are invited!

**Greek Catholic Union (GCU) 2022 Art & Photo Contest:** The theme is, "My favorite vacation spot!" The contest runs from January 1st – April 4th, 2022. For more information, visit [GCU.usa.com](http://GCU.usa.com). You can also contact Chris Chamberlain at 724-495-3400, x3810 or [events@GCUusa.com](mailto:events@GCUusa.com). Entries should be mailed to: GCU Art Contest, 5400 Tuscarawas Road, Beaver, PA 15009. There is a limit of one entry per member, and all contestants must have been a GCU member for one year.

1. If you are 12 or younger, enter your artwork! Submission must be original on paper or art board (maximum size 12'X18"). Include a short description of your art, name, age, address, phone number, and email address on the back of your submission.

2. If you are 13 and up (age divisions are: 13-21 and age 22 and older) enter your photo! Include a short description, name, age, address, phone number, and email address with your submission. Photos that include identifiable people require a model release. The model release form is available for download at [GCUusa.com/events](http://GCUusa.com/events).

### 35th Sunday after Pentecost

Dear brother and sisters!

The Gospel of today is the story of a miracle. Like all miracle stories, it is there to remind us that Christ is not only the Judge but also the Physician of our souls and bodies. It is there also to increase our faith, both by giving us warranties of the Glory to come and by helping us to trust in God.

Often the Jews would refer to the Gentiles as "dogs," as a term of disrespect, an insult. But there's something in the way that Jesus says it. In the Greek language, there are a couple of ways to say "dog." The word that Jews would use to insult Gentiles is not the one that Jesus uses. Instead, he uses a form of the word that can be translated as "little pet dogs," "doggies." It's an affectionate term, used for dogs who got to live in the house and were taken care of. Jesus here is giving the woman an opening to grab on to. And the Canaanite woman picks up on it. "Yes, Lord," she says, "yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

The great faith of the Canaanite woman, produced by the Spirit working through the word. It is a faith that perseveres and takes the Lord up on his promises. God wants to give us that same kind of faith—persevering faith in a merciful Lord. God wants us to come to Jesus, time and time again, in spite of any obstacles we may face. People do it all the time. When there is suffering in their life, they give up and think that God is uncaring. But God does not want you to give up. He wants us to persevere, in faith, like the Canaanite woman. He wants us to seek—and to find—his mercy and blessing.