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St. Francis Chapel

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Next Liturgy: Sunday

March 13th at 3pm

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Next Liturgy: Saturday

February 5th, at 10am

For +William Cooley as requested by Richard Cooley

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>) Feb. 13

Offertory: \$804.00

Tithe.ly: \$518.90

Kolachi sales: \$28.00

Refreshments: \$10.00

Patronage Church:

Stewardship: (Donate at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733>)

Stewardship totals will appear in next week's bulletin

Hagerstown Mission:

Stewardship: Feb. 5

Offertory: \$104.00

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. 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 or frserhiipatronagechurch@gmail.com. *My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.* (Isaiah 56:7)

Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic
Fasting Regulations for the Great Fast 2022

Abstinence:

- The law of Abstinence forbids the use of meat, permitting the use of eggs and dairy products.
- *All the faithful of the Eparchy who receive Holy Communion are obliged to abstain.*
- Abstinence is to be observed on all Wednesdays and Fridays during the Holy Season of the Great Fast.

Strict Abstinence:

- The law of Strict Abstinence (Fast) forbids the use of meat, eggs, and dairy products.
- *All the adult faithful of the Eparchy who receive Holy Communion are obliged to observe Strict Abstinence.*
- Strict Abstinence is to be observed on the First Day of the Great Fast, Pure Monday, February 28 and on Great and Holy Friday, April 15.

Nothing will be omitted or forgotten at this Last Judgment. Each person and all people together will see all the righteousness, justice and mercy of God towards the righteous and sinners. And then there will be a great division among the people according to the word of the Lord: "Come, blessed of my Father" (Matt. 25:34) and "Depart from me, you cursed ones" (Matt. 25:41). Only two words "come" and "go" will be crucial for our future lives. And the nations will be to the right and to the left of the Righteous Judge, and a great abyss will divide them.

The word of God clearly tells us that our salvation depends on both God and ourselves. Thus we read in the Gospel: "The Son of Man is to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and will give to each one according to his works" (Matt. 16:27). The Apostle Paul teaches, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (II Cor. 5:10). "Let the unrighteous man still do unrighteousness, and let the wicked man be defiled still; and the just man doeth righteousness, and the saint is sanctified. Behold, I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give every man his work" (Rev. 22: 11-12).

Dear believers! As we reflect on God's judgment, let us remember God's mercy. God loves us so much that He forewarned us that He would be waiting for the righteous and sinners during His Second Coming. Therefore, let us use the precious time of our lives to do good.

Important Upcoming Dates

Feb. 20, 2022	Meatfare
Feb. 27, 2022	Cheesefare
Feb. 28, 2022	First Day of the Great Fast
Mar. 12, 2022	Second All Souls Saturday
Mar. 19, 2022	Third All Souls Saturday
Mar. 25, 2022	Feast of the Annunciation
Apr. 10, 2022	Palm/Flowery Sunday
Apr. 15, 2022	Good Friday
Apr. 17, 2022	Pascha/Easter

Schedule of Divine Services:

SAINT GREGORY CHURCH

SUNDAY, Feb. 20, 2022

Meatfare Sunday

Our Venerable Father Leo, Bishop of Catania

Our Holy Father Agathon, Pope of Rome

10:00 AM Matins

11:15 AM Divine Liturgy for the health and salvation of *Kathleen Patchan* as requested by *Kathy Patchan*

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 23, 2022

Cheesefare Wednesday

The Holy Martyr Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by recitation of the Holy Rosary

SUNDAY, Feb. 27, 2022

Cheesefare Sunday

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Procopius the Decapolite

8:45 AM Hymns from Matins

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy for the health and salvation of *Nicholas G. Patchan* as requested by *Kathy Patchan*

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Our Holy Father Agathon, Pope of Rome

8:45 AM Hymns from Matins

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy in memory of *+Eugene, +Elizabeth, +Eugene* and *+Paul Kakalec* requested by the *Kakalec Family*

TUESDAY, Feb. 22, 2022

Cheesefare Tuesday

Finding of the Venerable Relics of the Martyrs at Eugenia

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy in memory of *+Rev. Conan Timoney*

as requested by *Sean Albert*

SUNDAY, Feb. 27, 2022

Cheesefare Sunday

Our Venerable Father and Confessor Procopius the Decapolite

11:00 AM Hymns from Matins

11:15 AM Divine Liturgy in memory of *+Hank Zabka* as requested by *Rich and Lisa Guba*

Propers begin on Tone Six, page 152, then page 217

Meatfare Sunday: For those following the strict fast this Lenten Season, today is the last day to eat the flesh of any animal with a vertebrae until Pascha. Even if one is not intending to follow the strict fast for the entire time, today is a good day to start easing into our Lenten practices, perhaps by beginning to cut back on unnecessary things such as social media and other distractions, or increasing spiritual practices like reading Scriptures or the Fathers and prayer.

Cheesefare Liturgy and Dinner: On Sunday, February 27, Patronage Church will have a Slavonic liturgy at 11:15 am. There will be a luncheon in the parish hall immediately following the liturgy. As this is Cheesefare Sunday, this will be a meatless meal, with pirohi, haluski (a gluten-free option will be available), salad with dressing, rolls and butter, beverages, and kolachi. Please join us for some fellowship and a pre-Lenten meal! The faithful from our mission churches are especially invited to attend.

There will be no liturgy at the Abingdon mission next Sunday because of this event.

Synod on Synodality: In October of 2021, Pope Francis announced a two-year process of listening and dialogue in the Catholic Church. His wish is that the voices of *all* the faithful be heard during this time. Therefore, he has instructed every bishop to establish a process to collect the concerns of the people in their diocese. Bishop Kurt has just issued instructions and a timeline for the Eparchy of Passaic. We will be implementing those instructions in the coming weeks. Please stay tuned.

Food Pantry: Patronage will be collecting food items that we will be donating to Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church's food pantry. A box will be put in the back of church for donations. We will collect items and will deliver the donations on March 27th.

Items requested: They can only accept: nonperishable goods, which have a long shelf life and do not require refrigeration.

Items in need: Canned fruits, canned meats (spam, chicken etc.), canned pasta (ravioli etc), rice, sugar, dried fruits, nuts, feminine hygiene products, reusable grocery bags

Tax Statements: A sign-up sheet is available for those who wish a charitable tax statement for the year 2021. For those people in the missions who wish to receive a statement, please send an email to frserhiipatronagechurch@gmail.com with the subject "Tax Statement."

Catechetical Resources: God With Us On Line has resources for at home catechetical enrichment. Just go to <https://godwithusonline.org/catechetical-resources/ruthenian/> and click on the appropriate Sunday.

The Patronage Ethnic Food Festival is fast approaching and we will be needing volunteers for several dates to make this a success. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for as many of the following dates as possible in order to keep this wonderful event alive and well. We are planning to return to a traditional festival for this event!

- Saturday March 4 at 9 am Holupki making and envelope stuffing/labeling
- Wednesday April 6 at 9 am Kolachi making
- Friday April 8 at 9 am Festival Preparation
- Saturday April 9 Festival. 10 am-2 pm

Anyone who has questions can contact Mary Demyan at mdemya1@verizon.net or 410-591-5654.

Sunday of Meatfare Homily

Dear brothers and sisters!

Saint Ephraim the Syrian in one of his homilies for this Sunday draws attention to the fact that the holy prophets and apostles prophesied about this terrible day and hour; The Divine Scripture testifies to this and begs everyone, saying: "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Matt 25:13). In the Old Testament, the prophet Isaiah says the following: "Behold, the day of the Lord cometh inexorably; indignation and fierce anger, to turn the earth into a wilderness, and to make sinners out of it" (Is. 13: 9.) Another prophet, Malachi, says the following: "Behold, he cometh," says the Lord of hosts. Who will survive the day of his arrival? And who will stand when he appears?" (Mal. 3.2).

In the Gospel of Matthew (Matt. 25: 31-46) we read how the Last Judgment will take place. When the Lord appears in all His power and might, then all the dead will rise. And the Judgment of all men will take place. "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40).

This Last Judgment will be universal, because it applies to all people, living and dead, good and evil, and from the epistles of the holy apostles Peter and Jude we learn that even the fallen angels: "For if God spared not the angels who sinned, he cast them into hell, and delivered them into the dark abyss, to keep them in judgment" (2 Peter 2: 4). "And he kept the angels which had not kept their dignity, but left their own habitation, in everlasting chains, under darkness, in the judgment of the great day" (Jude 1: 6).

Saint Theophanes the Hermit writes: "The righteous will go to eternal life, and the other sinners will go to eternal torment. Will this torment ever end? If the devil's malice ends, the torment will end. But will Satan's wrath ever end? Let's see and see then... And until then we live in such a way as to earn eternal life that will have no end."