

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MARYLAND



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Byzantine Catholic Church - Washington community

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PATRONAGE MISSIONARY CHURCH IN HAGERSTOWN AND ABINGDON

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Next Liturgy: Sunday

May 8th at 3pm

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Next Liturgy: Saturday

April 23rd, at 10am

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

Let Us Remember in Prayer: The people of Ukraine, that peace may be soon restored to their land.

Those who are ill or convalescing: Suzanne Krofchik, Mary Jane Bodner, Mary Jo Kelly Wilhelm, 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>) Apr. 3

Offertory: \$1212.00

Initial Offering: \$3.00

Ukraine Relief: \$1850.00

Patronage Church:

Stewardship: (Donate at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733>) Apr. 3

Offertory: \$960.00

Tith.ly: \$450.37

Easter: \$80.00

Easter Flowers: \$74.00

Ukraine: \$600.00

Hagerstown Mission:

Stewardship: Apr. 2

Offertory: \$352.00

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:

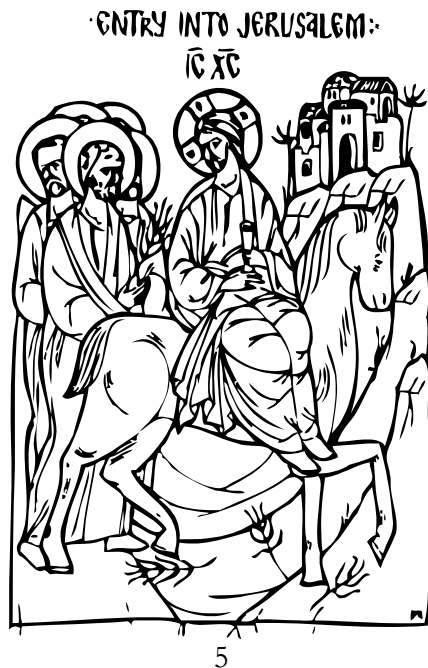
- The law of Abstinence forbids the use of meat, permitting the use of eggs and dairy products.
- *All the faithful of the Eparchy who receive Holy Communion are obliged to abstain.*
- Abstinence is to be observed on all Wednesdays and Fridays during the Holy Season of the Great Fast.

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.

In the diary of her pilgrimage to the holy places, Sylvia of Aquitaine describes in detail how this holy day took place in Jerusalem in the 4th century. There we read that the faithful of Jerusalem tried every year to relive the event of Christ's entry into Jerusalem as it had taken place for the first time. On Palm Sunday, after the morning services in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the faithful gathered at about one o'clock in the afternoon on the Mount of Olives near the Church of the Ascension of Christ. The bishop came here with the deacons, and when the people gathered, they sang various hymns and psalms and read from the Holy Gospel about the event of Christ's entry into Jerusalem. Two hours later, when everyone had come together, a majestic procession began in the direction of Jerusalem. During the procession, both the elders and the children, waving palm or olive branches, sang hymns and psalms that ended with cries of "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." The author of the description notes that everyone, even small children in the arms of their parents, had palms or olive branches in their hands. The march was closed by the bishop and his assistants. And the bishop, like Christ, rode a donkey. The procession went through the city to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. The celebration ended with the departure of the evening.

Dear believers! Today's holy day is another opportunity to reflect on your life, on your future, on the fate of your children. It is an opportunity to repent, change your path, and begin the struggle against sin. Therefore, today, when the whole world has come out to greet the King of Heaven, let us also hurry to greet Him not only with green willow branches. But let us bring to His feet our fruits of repentance, prayer and fasting, and especially works of charity.



Schedule of Divine Services:

SAINT GREGORY CHURCH

SUNDAY, Apr. 10, 2022

Palm (Flowery) Sunday

8:45 AM *Hymns from Matins*

9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy*

WEDNESDAY, Apr. 13, 2022

Great and Holy Wednesday

6:00 PM *Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts*

THURSDAY, Apr. 14, 2022

Great and Holy Thursday

6:00 PM *Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great*

FRIDAY, Apr. 15, 2022

Great and Holy Friday

7:30 PM *Vespers and Procession with the Burial Shroud*

SATURDAY, Apr. 16, 2022

Great and Holy Saturday

6:00 PM *Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great followed by the Blessing of Paschal Food*

SUNDAY, Apr. 17, 2022

PASCHA, The Resurrection of Our Lord

10:00 AM *Resurrection Matins followed by Divine Liturgy and the Blessing of Paschal Food*

PATRONAGE CHURCH

SUNDAY, Apr. 10, 2022

Palm (Flowery) Sunday

11:00 AM *Hymns from Matins*

11:15 AM *Divine Liturgy in memory of +Rev. Conan Timoney as requested by Sean Albert*

THURSDAY, Apr. 14, 2022

Great and Holy Thursday

10:00 AM *Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great*

FRIDAY, Apr. 15, 2022

Great and Holy Friday

3:00 PM *Vespers and Procession with the Burial Shroud*

SUNDAY, Apr. 17, 2022

PASCHA, The Resurrection of Our Lord

8:00 AM *Resurrection Matins followed by Divine Liturgy and the Blessing of Paschal Food*

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Palm Sunday: Today is “The Sunday that is not a Sunday,” that is, the only Sunday with no mention of the Resurrection at any service. Instead, we celebrate Our Lord’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem where His true glory will be revealed in His life-giving Death and Resurrection. We also anticipate our own bodily resurrection by remembering the raising of Lazarus from the tomb. But unlike Lazarus, who came forth from the tomb still wrapped in his burial cloths, because he will need them again, Jesus leaves His in the tomb, because once risen, He will never die again.

Bright Monday: All of Bright Week is one continuous celebration of Pascha. Bright Monday is considered a solemn holy day and liturgy is concluded with the reading of the four Resurrection Gospels from the four corners of the church, symbolizing the proclamation of the Resurrection to the four corners of the world. Liturgy and the reading of the four Gospels will be celebrated that day, April 18, at 9:00 AM at St. Gregory Church and 11:30 AM at Patronage Church.

Parish Potlucks: Patronage Church will have its next potluck lunch on Sunday, April 24 (St. Thomas Sunday) following the liturgy. This will be a potluck lunch, with the parish providing holupki.

The next potluck for St. Gregory Church will be the following Sunday, May 1 (Sunday of the Myrrhbearers) following liturgy.

Please plan to bring a dish and join us for an afternoon of food and fellowship!

Patronage Church’s Slavic Food Festival: A most gracious thank you to everyone who participated in this year’s Slavic Food Festival—may God bless you for your efforts! The Mother of God is very blessed to have such a large amount of parishioners who participated in this most important fundraising event; from donating funds, time, talents, either at the church or from their personal kitchens. It is your love for God and the gift of salvation that He gives us—through the Church that He set up during His earthly ministry— which all of your efforts have striven to maintain. The actual totals should be available next week. Thank you again, and may God continue to bless you and your families!

St. Gregory Preparation: Thank you to everyone who turned out yesterday to help prepare the church, palms and branches, and to help sell the kolachi that was baked last week. We couldn’t have done it without your hard work and support.

Crafts to Support Ukraine: Father Serhii is selling decorated eggs left over from last year to help support a priest in Ukraine who is giving refuge to displaced families. A minimum suggested offering for the small eggs is \$5 and the large eggs is \$10. There are also hand-beaded images of Christ and the Mother of God with the Infant Jesus available.

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

Orthodox Scholars Preach: The Orthodox Christian Studies Center is pleased to present the 2022 installment of the Speaker Series: Orthodox Scholars Preach. Every week until Pascha, a different Orthodox Scholar will release a new 10-minute video. This Series provides a platform for Orthodox scholars to reflect on the spiritual themes of each Sunday's liturgical calendar while drawing on their expertise. Last year’s and this year’s videos can be found on their website <https://shrtm.nu/5XTz>

Palm Sunday: The Entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem.

Dear brothers and sisters!

We are entering today into the days of the Passion of the Lord, at a time when darkness has thickened and the star of new light is rising, the star of eternity, understood only by those who enter into darkness with Christ. It is darkness and gloom, where truth and untruth have mingled, where all that can be mingled has mingled: the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem is so solemn, so full of glory, yet all built on a terrible misunderstanding. The people of Jerusalem greet the Savior Christ solemnly and joyfully because they expect him to deliver His people from political oppression; and when it turns out that the Savior has come to deliver people and the whole world from sin, from untruth, from lack of love, from hatred, then they will turn away from him with bitterness, disappointment, and those who met him so solemnly will become enemies. And throughout the week, all the time, twilight darkness alternates with flashes of light.

Everything in this event came together to emphasize the solemnity of the entrance: crowds of people followed Jesus Christ from Bethany to Jerusalem, some spreading their clothes on the road, others cutting green palm branches and throwing them along the path of the Savior's walk or greeting Him. The picture observed by the inhabitants of Jerusalem seemed very solemn and touching. Accompanying and meeting Jesus Christ, greeting him with enthusiastic shouts, exclaiming: "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." Saint Nicholas of Serbia said: “No one in this world is happy except one who has opened the gates of his spiritual Jerusalem – his soul – and accepted God in himself. The atheist feels lonely to despair. Society does not banish his loneliness, but strengthens it. And he who has placed God in his soul, he does not feel lonely in the desert. No one dies an eternal death except in which God died.”