

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MARYLAND



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Next Liturgy: Sunday

June 5th at 3pm

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Next Liturgy: Saturday

June 4th, 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: Ken Demianchik, Michael Fitzgibbon, 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>) May 22

Offertory: \$710.00

Ascension: \$100.00

Refreshments: \$28.00

Patronage Church:

Stewardship: (Donate at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733>) May 22

Offertory: \$668.00

Tithe.ly: \$90.00

Hagerstown Mission:

Stewardship: May 21

Offertory: \$285.00

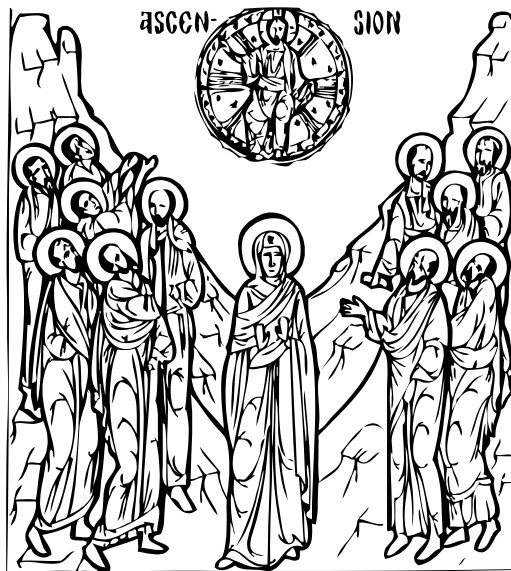
St. Gregory Lector Signup: A signup sheet for lectors for Sunday's Divine Liturgies is on the table in the back of the hall. Please consider signing up for this important service. If you have never chanted the Epistle, the cantors will be happy to work with you to make you feel comfortable.

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. 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)

simply, setting an example for us not to care about worldly glory. At the foot of the Mount of Olives, the Lord wept over Jerusalem. He foresaw the terrible unbelief and cruel indignation of the people of the city during His crucifixion and death, when all the people would shout, "Crucify Him!"

The Feast of the Ascension is the day on which we commemorate the event that took place two thousand years ago. The Lord's Ascension is of great importance to people of different times and has a deep dogmatic meaning. Christ was both God and man and ascended to heaven where He sat at the right hand of God the Father. Thus, He raised our human nature to the Divine abode in heaven, where our lives should be based. The Apostle Paul says, "Our life is in heaven, from whence we look for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." (Phil. 3:20)

Dear believers! In today's reading of the Apostle, we heard that we must glorify God not only in our souls but also in our bodies. He proclaims that the time will come when the Son will subdue all things, and then, submitting to the Father, the Father will give everything to Him, and God will be "all in all." Today, we can all feel that Jesus ascended to heaven and does not leave the earth. He cares for his Church and endows it with the graces and generous gifts of the Holy Spirit.



Schedule of Divine Services:

SAINT GREGORY CHURCH

SUNDAY, May 29, 2022

**Sunday of the Fathers at the First Nicean Council
Postfestive Day of the Ascension
The Holy Venerable Martyr and Virgin Theodosia
Our Holy Father Paul VI, Pope of Rome
10:00 AM Matins
11:15 AM Divine Liturgy in memory of +Norman Dennis, Jr.
followed by Panachida as requested by Christine Dennis. (Mirovanije)**

WEDNESDAY, Jun. 1, 2022

**Postfestive Day of the Ascension
The Holy Martyr Justin and His Companions
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by recitation of the Holy Rosary**

SATURDAY, Jun. 4, 2022

**Memory of all the Faithful Departed
5:00 PM Divine Liturgy followed by Panachida and the reading of the Hramoty/Diptychs**

SUNDAY, Jun. 5, 2022

**Pentecost Sunday
8:45 AM Hymns from Matins
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Mirovanije**

PATRONAGE CHURCH

SUNDAY, May 29, 2022

**Sunday of the Fathers at the First Nicean Council
8:45 AM Hymns from Matins
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy in memory of +Hank Zabka as requested by Linda Jeane Stoll. (Mirovanije)**

FRIDAY, June 3, 2022

**Leave-taking (Otdanije) of Ascension
The Holy Martyr Lucillian and His Companions
6:30 PM Divine Liturgy followed by Panachida**

SUNDAY, Jun. 5, 2022

**Pentecost Sunday
10:00 AM Matins
11:15 AM Divine Liturgy in memory of +Rev. Conan Timoney as requested by Sean Albert followed by Mirovanije**

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Fathers of the First Council of Nicea: Today we remember the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council in 325. This council condemned the heresy of Arius who claimed that there was a time when the Son of God did not exist. The Council proclaimed that the Son is indeed co-eternal with the Father and of the same essence/substance as the Father (*consubstantial*). The Son of God became incarnate in the person of Jesus of Nazareth without leaving the presence of the Father. Even though the heresy was condemned, it gained ascendancy under the next two emperors. Some of the fathers of the council were persecuted for their maintaining their fidelity to the true faith.

We celebrate this feast every year during Pentecost because only as the Word Incarnate could the Death and Resurrection of Jesus be effective for all mankind. Man cannot save himself, only God can save us.

Father's Day Remembrance: On Father's Day, June 19, we will remember our fathers both living and deceased during the liturgy. A form to list the names of those you wish to remember is available. Please submit your names by June 12.

Patronage Parish is planning a hike! Youth, families, and friends are welcome to attend. It will take place Saturday, June 4th at 10:00 am, beginning at Soapstone Trail Head (1288 S Rolling Rd, Halethorpe, MD 21227). Contact Jeremy Romanik Romano at zasderjrr123@gmail.com for more information.

The Orientale Lumen XXVI Conference will be held as a "virtual" conference in June 2022 on the theme of *Nicaea and the Date of Pascha/Easter*. Speakers will pre-record their lectures for viewing on YouTube in early June, and two 2-hour live, interactive panel discussions will be held on Wednesday, June 22 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm EDT, and on Thursday, June 23 from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon EDT via Zoom video conference. There will also be archive lectures with other background video material.

Instead of the usual conference fee, the Orientale Lumen Foundation is asking that each participant make a minimum contribution of \$50. All contributions will be sent to the Eparchy of Mukačevo in Transcarpathia, Ukraine to help with relief efforts there. All registrations must be completed by June 20. To register visit <https://olfoundation.net/conferences/ol-xxvi/>.

Becoming Byzantine is a free video and webinar series on Byzantine Catholic faith, worship, and life based on the *Christ Our Pascha* catechism. Their videos are available on the Becoming Byzantine YouTube channel at <https://shrtnu.com/hxjH>.

Patronage Potluck: Our next lunch be held on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19 after the Divine Liturgy. We plan to serve grilled kielbasa and hot dogs, with kraut for those who want it, provided by the parish. We would ask those who plan to join us to bring either a side dish or dessert. Please plan to join us in June as this will be our last planned event until the fall. Hope to see everyone there!

Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Dear brothers and sisters!

Today we remember the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council, which took place in 325 A.D. in the city of Nicaea, under Emperor Constantine the Great. This Council was convened against the false teachings of the Alexandrian priest Arius, who denied the Deity and the eternal birth of the second Person of the Holy Trinity, the Son of God. Arius taught that the Son of God is only a higher creation. In his speech, Constantine, in response to the greetings of Bishop Eusebius of Caesarea, said: "God has helped me to overthrow the wicked power of the persecutors against Christians. And today, with great sadness, I watch the internal struggle in the Church."

Also, today we want to remember the Feast of the Ascension of Our Savior, Jesus Christ into heaven. After the Resurrection from the dead until the Ascension, Christ continued to teach His disciples to understand the Scriptures, telling them about the Kingdom of God. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to keep all that I have commanded you, and behold, I will be with you forever and ever." (Matt. 27: 18-20) After the Resurrection and before the Ascension, the Lord prepared His disciples for the great vocation of apostolic ministry, instructing them to do their work. During one of the revelations to His disciples, Jesus told them to gather in Jerusalem. Christ appeared to them in secret. At this meeting, the Savior explained to them why He needed to suffer and die. He then commanded them to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the Comforter, the Holy Spirit. Talking to the disciples, Christ led them out of the city and went to Bethany, where on the top of the Mount of Olives, He stopped and raised His hands and blessed the apostles. The disciples were amazed that before their eyes Christ began to move away from them, rising higher and higher into heaven. Suddenly, two brightly dressed angels appeared beside them and said, "Why are you standing and staring at the sky? That Jesus who ascended into heaven from you will come as you saw Him ascend into heaven!" (Acts 1:11)

On the Mount of Olives, the Savior set an example of meekness and humility as He sat on a young donkey on his way to Jerusalem. He was expected as a king, and He appeared very