

# BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MARYLAND



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## PATRONAGE MISSIONARY CHURCH IN HAGERSTOWN AND ABINGDON

### St. Francis Chapel

1450 Abingdon Road, Abingdon, MD 21009

**Pastor: Reverend Serhii Deiak**

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**Next Liturgy: Sunday**

September 25th at 3pm

### St. Ann Catholic Church

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**Next Liturgy: Saturday**

October 1st and 15th, 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: Christine Szewczyk, Kathleen Lynch, 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, Doris Ruszin, Anne Gupman, Joseph and Marie Repasi, Anna Martin, Marge Dulina, Georgianna Kostak, Betty Rankin, Sandra Suseck. 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>) Sep. 18

Offertory: \$1538.00

### Patronage Church:

Stewardship: (Donate at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733>) Sep. 18

Offertory: \$585.00

Tithe.ly: \$280.00

### Hagerstown Mission:

Stewardship: Sep. 18

Tithe.ly: \$19.00

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

### **Copper kettle of Christianity**

This happened in Bible school. One woman said that she recently noticed something strange in the basement. There, in the darkest corner, a potato sprouted. At first, the woman had no idea where the light was falling on the plant. And then she noticed that a polished copper kettle was hanging on a hook near the basement window. The sun's rays, reflecting off it, fell on the potatoes.

The woman concluded: "When I saw that reflection, it occurred to me: let me not become a preacher or a teacher capable of explaining all the nuances of the Holy Scriptures. But at least I can be a kind of copper kettle of Christianity, that is, catch the rays of the Son of God and reflect His light on those who are in a dark corner."

people engaged in life's problems, who are at work, earning a living for themselves and their families.

Jesus' call is preceded by His look directed at the two brothers. Jesus looks at them with a look of love and deep trust. This view is directed at specific persons.

Saint Maximus of Turin wrote: By faith, Peter casts the nets of Christ's science. As you probably understand, the Lord spoke about spiritual fishing, however, Peter says: "Teacher, we worked all night and caught nothing, but at Your word I will let down the nets." It is the same as if he said: "We fished all night and caught nothing and worked in vain. Now I will no longer catch with nets, but with grace, not with efforts for a profession, but with perseverance for a vocation."

When Peter casts his nets for the Word, thus he casts the teaching of Christ. When he unfolds the densely woven and well-ordered webs at the Master's command, he unfolds the words in the Savior's name in an appropriate and clear manner. With these words, he is able to save not creatures, but souls. "We worked all night," he says, "and didn't catch anything." Peter, who previously could not see how to fish properly, living in darkness without Christ, really worked all night. But when the Savior's light shone upon him, the darkness dissipated, and through his faith he saw in the depths what he could never have seen with his own eyes. (Maximus of Turin, Sermon 110.2).

"Sail to the depths!" - these words of Jesus Christ, once spoken to the apostle Peter, are also a call for every person on a daily basis. We live in a world. We take care of many different things. We look at everything that happens around us. We think about various aspects of our human life, be it political, economic or cultural, and it causes us a feeling of anxiety. The needs of modern people are infinitely great, because the perspectives of living spaces are opening up. The desire for thrills encourages travel, search, conquest and victory. But it often happens that, despite considerable efforts, abandoned nets of desires turn out to be almost empty. The best technique does not guarantee a successful "catch"; although the nets are cast wide, the results are insufficient, and the compromised daily choices do not give a ray of hope. We care about it because it is very close to our daily existence.

Our Christian vocation is an experience of God. This is the friendship that arises between God and His people. In order to know the Lamb of God, it is not enough for us to simply come, see and follow Him, we need to find Him, surrender to Him, and trust Him at the same time. "You wouldn't be looking for Me if you hadn't already found Me," says Christ to St. Augustine.

Dear believers! There are various ways of salvation. All true Christians receive one Spirit, serve one Lord, hope in one Savior, believe in one truth and obey one Law. However, each conversion is individual for God, each Christian has his or her own experience. The Holy Spirit acts in each person at His discretion. He calls everyone exactly as He sees fit.

Schedule of Divine Services:

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SUNDAY, Sep. 25, 2022

**Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Our Venerable Mother Euphrosyna**  
8:45 AM *Hymns from Matins*  
9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy*

SUNDAY, Oct. 2, 2022

**Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**The Holy Bishop-Martyr Cyprian**  
**The Holy Martyr Justina**  
**The Holy Andrew, Fool for Christ**  
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11:15 AM *Divine Liturgy in memory of +Phyllis Skovran as requested by Michael Skovran*

SATURDAY, Oct. 1, 2022

– *Patronal Feast Day* –  
**The Protection of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary**  
**The Holy Apostle Ananias**  
**Our Venerable Father Romanos the Hymnographer**  
4:00 PM *Divine Liturgy*

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**Protection of the Theotokos:** This Friday, October 1, is the \_Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos\_. This feast commemorates in the year 911 when the city of Constantinople was under siege by the still-pagan Russians. On October 1 of that year, people were gathered in Blachernae, the church dedicated to the Mother of God, when St. Andrew, the Fool for Christ, saw the Theotokos appear above the city and spread her mantle over it as a sign of her protection. That night a great storm developed and drove the Russians away. This feast reminds us that even in the most distressing and dangerous of times, the Mother of God is always there to offer her protection. Liturgy will be celebrated at Patronage Church at 4 PM followed by their Crab Feast.

**Patronage Feast Day Crab Fest!** Saturday, October 1, 2022 Divine Liturgy at 4:00 PM with crab fest immediately following! Price is \$35 for all you can eat and drink (soda, water, beer, & wine will be provided) Teens 13-18 only \$10! Children under 12 (and non-crab eaters) eat free! Please bring a side dish or a dessert. RSVP by September 30th to Dan Karlson at: ds.karlson@gmail.com. More information can be found at the Church's website.

**From the Editor of the ECL:** The staff of the ECL apologizes for the recent lapse in production and plans to resume production on a monthly basis beginning with the November issue. Some members of the staff had family situations to address, which required their immediate attention. The ECL can now return to its previous production schedule and the copy deadline for the November issue is Friday, October 21. Thank you very much for your patience and understanding.

**Patronage Church 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, October 9. 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 abode 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.*

**Patronage Food Festival:** In preparation for our upcoming festival, we will be having the following preparation dates: Saturday October 8 at 9 AM, holupki making and envelope stuffing; Wednesday November 16 at 9 AM, kolachi making; Friday November 18 at 9 AM. Festival set-up. The festival will be Saturday November 19 from 10 AM to 2 PM Volunteers will be needed during the festival and for clean-up afterwards as well. Additionally, we are in need of someone to drive to Johnstown PA to pick-up kielbasa the week prior to the festival. Please

contact Mary Demyan at 410-591-5654 (text preferred) or mdemya1@verizon.net with questions or for information. Thank you!

We also have many dozens of pirohi in our freezer that will need to be removed prior to the purchase of the supplies for our upcoming festival in November. If anyone is interested in getting pirohi, or knows of a place that may take some for use, please let Mary Demyan know. The product is still good for use but will pass the “sell by” date before our next festival, so cannot be sold to the public!

**Our Daily Bread:** Patronage will be continuing to participate in donating Casseroles for "Our Daily Bread", a Catholic Charities facility in Baltimore which serves 250,000 hot meals each year to homeless and needy persons. Our Daily Bread relies on churches to help with this important mission by supplying premade casseroles. The casseroles are due October 2nd.

How it works:

- If you are able to donate your time, ingredients and supplies (pans will be available at Patronage in the kitchen) you would take pans home and prepare the casseroles per the recipes supplied

-Please use ½ size aluminum pan, which is 10x12 inches and 2 9/16 inches deep.

-The casseroles need to be dropped off at Patronage (put in the freezer at Patronage) and then they will be delivered (frozen) to Our Daily Bread

-Please Cover the tray completely with aluminum foil and FREEZE – (NO plastic wrap)

-Write the Name of Casserole (i.e. Zippy Beef), Patronage and Date on a label and place on foil

The recipes are listed here: <http://www.catholiccharities-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/casserolerecipes.pdf> - please don't substitute

For questions, please contact Mike Skovran or Lisa Guba.

### 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Dear brothers and sisters!

The initiative to call disciples belongs to Jesus himself. It is not the disciples who find a teacher for themselves – as was accepted at that time – but Jesus himself chooses and calls his disciples. This calling can be seen reaching back to the tradition of the Old Testament, which describes the calling of Elisha by the prophet Elijah (1 Kings 19:19-21).

Jesus called Simon, whom he renamed Peter, and Andrew, his brother. Jesus personally directs His invitation to these two fishermen brothers. Simon lived in Capernaum. His brother Andrew, according to the Evangelist Mark (cf. Mark 1:29), also lived in Capernaum, while according to the Evangelist John (cf. 1,35-49) he came from Bethsaida. For some time, he was a disciple of John the Baptist. Jesus finds these people at work, casting nets into the Sea of Galilee. He calls