

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MARYLAND



SAINT GREGORY OF NYSSA

Byzantine Catholic Church - Washington community

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PATRONAGE MISSIONARY CHURCH IN HAGERSTOWN AND ABINGDON

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Next Liturgy: Sunday

November 20th at 3pm

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Pastor: Reverend Serhii Deiak

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Next Liturgy: Saturday

November 19th, 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: Charity Sweeney, Madeline Bender, Richard Cooley, 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>) Oct. 30

Offertory: \$1581.00

Tithe.ly: \$627.38

Patronage Church:

Stewardship: (Donate at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733>) Oct. 23

Offertory: \$1330.00

Tithe.ly: \$260.00

Hagerstown Mission:

Stewardship: Oct. 30

Tithe.ly \$19.00

Abingdon Mission:

Stewardship: Oct. 30

Offertory: \$205.00

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.

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)

Obstacles? Beat them!

The old farmer plowed the field every year. Each time he had to plow past a large stone lying in the middle. Because of it, he damaged more than one plow and tripped more than once. That stone annoyed him terribly.

One day, when another plow was bent due to a collision with the stone, the man finally decided to get rid of this obstacle. He took a crowbar and began to lift the stone with all his might. It turned out that the unfortunate stone was not as big as it seemed to the farmer. With the first blow of the sledgehammer, the man crushed the stone and only smiled at the thought of how many problems it had caused him all these years, and how easily he managed to get rid of it.

Maybe the same stone is blocking your way?

difficult life problems. Their life radiates the light of hope, which was lacking for the woman and the family of Jairus. Is it possible to help everyone and at once? God's mercy is different from human thinking. All of us are God's special, beloved children whom He is ready to accept and listen to at any time. Let's pay attention to the head of the synagogue, who does not put himself in front of everyone, but asks Jesus for help. Jesus supports him with the words: "Don't be afraid, just believe." Let's also note that sick woman who was older in years. She consulted many doctors, spending all her savings: no one helped her, yet she had a strong desire to be healthy, and during those long years of illness, she continued to fight. The thought of healing did not leave her, and after unsuccessful attempts by doctors, she decided to put all her hope in God. God did it according to each one's faith and without money. Reflecting on Jesus Christ's healing of Jairus' daughter and the bleeding woman, we should first pay attention to the words of the Apostle this Sunday. The Apostle Paul teaches the Ephesians that Christ is the one who can unite a person with God and himself, restore his inner unity, the unity of her thoughts and desires, to heal externally and internally, to help her overcome obstacles on the way to God. We see the fulfillment of these words in the events of today's Gospel. Christ, in resurrecting the dead daughter of Jairus and healing the woman from long-term bleeding, gave them a peaceful and happy life. The appeal of Jairus and the bleeding woman to Jesus is a manifestation of their faith in the omnipotence of Christ, His divine power, and thus a prayer for help. Jairus' appeal to Jesus Christ can be called a public prayer, and the woman's prayer a secret prayer of the heart, but both of these prayers, these appeals to Christ, have a solid foundation – firm faith. People put a lot of human effort into solving their life problems. But there are situations where human strength and capabilities are limited, so we should not forget about one important tool – the role and power of prayer. In solving any problems, a Christian should always combine all his or her actions with prayer. Although some difficulties require more human effort, others require more prayer, but in every situation, human actions must be combined with prayer, as if flying with two wings. A married couple lived in one city; they were very wealthy people, but in their mid-nineties, the wife fell ill. At first, this was not given much attention. Therefore, the treatment did not give any positive results, because her state of health worsened. The woman underwent four operations. Doctors changed the diagnosis three times. It cost a lot of money. And now, when medicine did not help, they began to turn to the greatest physician – Jesus Christ, and began to pray more. The woman was not expecting to be cured, but began to prepare herself for death with dignity. And a miracle happened. As secretly as the disease had come, it disappeared. The woman still cannot explain what she was sick with and how she was cured. The illness helped her revive faith and hope in God. Before the illness she believed that God existed and went to church, but it was a superficial, formal faith. There was no faith in the heart. Patience helped her to revive faith in her heart and this faith saved her. Dear believers! Both stories have several characteristics in common: in addition to the mention of the twelve years noted by the evangelist, he emphasizes both as daughters, so much that both are touched by salvation. The evangelist Luke wants to show that God came to everyone - Gentiles and Jews, rich and poor, to everyone, and most of all to those who no longer have hope.

Schedule of Divine Services:

SAINT GREGORY CHURCH

SUNDAY, Nov. 6, 2022

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost
Our Father Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople
 8:45 AM *Hymns from Matins*
 9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy*

TUESDAY, Nov. 8, 2022

Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Michael and All Angelic Powers
 5:00 PM *Divine Liturgy followed by Mirovanije*

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 9, 2022

Our Venerable Mother Matrona
The Venerable Theoctista of Lesbos
 9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy for peace in the world and in our families, followed by Prayer of Supplication to the Most Holy Theotokos*

SUNDAY, Nov. 13, 2022

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost
Our Holy Father John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople
 11:00 AM *Hymns from Matins*
 11:15 AM *Divine Liturgy for living and deceased veterans, followed by Mirovanije*

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ECF: Eastern Christian Formation for the children will be held after liturgy next Sunday, November 13 for both parishes..

Patronage Food Festival: Upcoming dates for the festival are Wednesday, November 16 at 9 am for kolachi making; Friday, November 18 at 9 am for festival preparation/potato peeling; and Saturday, November 19 at 9 am for the festival. An individual will be needed during that week to meet T&L Pierogies in Harrisburg to pick up a large order as they cannot deliver. Please let Mary Demyan know if you can help with this.

We are in need of baked goods to sell at the festival. Goods packaged for individual serving sales do best. We have containers available if you are in need of packages for cookies, brownies, cupcakes, individual pie or cake slices, or candies. Please price your items before bringing them for donation-this really helps our bake table staff! Thanks for all your help!

St. Gregory Kolachi Pickup: The first pickup for your kolachi will be this Saturday, November 12. Volunteers are needed to help with the sales. You can still order your kolachi (nut, poppyseed, or apricot) for pick-up on December 10 at <https://tinyurl.com/StGregoryKolachi>.

Liturgical Calendars for 2023: We have received our Liturgical calendars and are available on the book rack in the Narthex (Patronage) or in the hall (St. Gregory). Please take a calendar to use at home.

Veterans Day Celebration in Our Church: On Sunday, November 13th, Fr. Serhii will be having a Veteran's Day commemoration for living and deceased members of our parish during Divine Liturgy. If you would like to include living or deceased names of our parish veterans, that will be read aloud during the commemoration, you can fill out a form and return to our church no later than today, November 6. Completed forms can either be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the church rectory.

Patronage Church - Decorating Our Church: For Christmas: Fr. Serhii would like to have our Church decorated before we celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas (December 4th), so we will be decorating after Liturgy on Sunday, November 27th. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Church of St. Gregory: In October -November, we start work on landscape design around our church. Our plans include planting flowers, bushes and building decorative areas. Larry Queen is responsible for the project, his email is Larryqueen6290@gmail.com. We invite everyone to participate in this project.

Patronage Church - Chalice Repair: We are in the process of having one of our beautiful chalice's re-plated, so it can be used again. We have been given an estimate of \$345.00 for the re-plating of the chalice, and it will take a few months for it to be completed. If you would like to contribute towards the cost of this repair, please let Fr. Serhii know.

Patronage Church - Eastern Catholic Life (ECL): If you currently subscribe to the ECL, and have not paid your \$15.00 yearly subscription fee for the 2022 calendar year, you can pay by either cash or check. Checks should be made payable to: Patronage Church. Also, if you are not a subscriber and would like to receive our Epararchy's newspaper, please send us an email at patronage.church@gmail.com and let us know. We will be happy to sign you up! The subscription fee for 2023, will remain the same. We are currently updating our ECL list, for our church, and need to submit it to the Epararchy within the next 2 weeks. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated!

Our Daily Bread Casseroles: We are collecting Casseroles for Our Daily Bread in Baltimore on Sunday, Dec 11th. Please mark your casserole with "Name of Casserole, Date Made and Patronage Church on it". Recipes, pans and labels are located next to the stack of empty casserole pans in the basement at Patronage for you to pickup to take home to make your casserole. 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 or Lisa Guba.

Again, thank you again for donating your time, supplies and talent to help those in need at Catholic Charities "Our Daily Bread Mission". Over 15 Casseroles were collected in October for Our Daily Bread. We appreciate everyone's assistance and especially kudos to Mike & Karen Kakalec for dropping off the casserole to Our Daily Bread.

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Dear brothers and sisters!

Today's Gospel reading describes for us a story when many needy people met Jesus at the same time. Especially, let's pay attention to the head of the synagogue, who had a dying twelve-year-old daughter, as well as observe the woman who lived for twelve years in the struggle with a serious illness. "I really need it," each of them said, because each believed that his or her need was the most important. Each thought that it was they who needed immediate help, because they no longer had the strength and opportunity to wait: Jairus comes to Christ, having lost hope for the healing of his daughter, as does the bleeding woman suffering from a serious illness at the expense of doctors. But they still had a drop of faith. Believing in Jesus, who came to their city, they knew that He works miracles. Probably, with the last of their spiritual strength, they go to Him: Jairus to ask for his daughter, and the bleeding woman, to somehow imperceptibly get closer to Christ – believed that suddenly He would help her.

The appearance of Christ in their lives changes them, giving them faith in the possibility of overcoming