



PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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Patronage Church at Abingdon: Liturgy schedule will be announced early in 2020

Church of St. Francis (Stone Chapel), Sunday Afternoons at 3:00 p.m.

1450 Abingdon Road, Abingdon, MD 21009

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Patronage Church at Hagerstown: Liturgy schedule will be announced early in 2020

Chapel of St. Ann's Church, Saturday Evenings at 6:45 pm

1525 Oak Hill Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742

Contact: Joseph and Marie Repasi: 301-797-5847

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Time	Location	
Sun Dec 22		8:30am	Arbutus	Mystery of Repentance
		9:00am	Arbutus	Divine Liturgy for living and deceased members of the parish
Tue Dec 24		5:45pm	Arbutus	Children's Nativity procession
		6:00pm	Arbutus	Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great for living and deceased members of the parish
Wed Dec 25		9:00am	Arbutus	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for living and deceased members of the parish
Thu Dec 26		9:00am	Arbutus	Synaxis of the Theotokos Divine Liturgy for living and deceased members of the parish

THE ENVELOPE STORY:

Arbutus - 12/15/19 - \$1,328.00

Sunday of the Holy Ancestors (Sunday Before the Nativity):

- Troparion** - Resurrection Tone 3 - **page 135**
 Sunday of the Holy Ancestors - **page 285**
 Of the Pre-Feast - **page 283**
- Kontakion** - of the Pre-Feast - **page 284** (Tone 2 - "As we see the One who")
- Prokeimenon** - Sunday of the Holy Ancestors - **page 287**
- Alleluia** - Sunday of the Holy Ancestors - **page 287**
- "Let us who mystically..."** - melody as for "Nova Radost' Stala..."
- Communion Hymn** - of Sunday, melody as for "Nova Radost' Stala..."; and of the Holy Ancestors - **page 287**

DECEMBER CANDLE REQUESTS IN FRONT OF THE ICONS:

- Elizabeth Russell - In memory of her birthday
- Eleanor Bird - In memory of her birthday
- Sam Amico - Anniversary of his death
- Fr. Conan Timoney - In memory of his birthday (12/31) and dedicated service to our parish

ECF CALENDAR 2019 (as of 9/15/19)

12/22/19	Practice for Christmas Eve
12/24/19	Tuesday - Christmas Eve Liturgy and procession
12/25/19	Wednesday - Christmas Liturgy at 9:15am
12/29/19	No Class
1/5/20	Classes resume - Epiphany (Blessing of Water)

LITURGY SCHEDULE (continued)

Day	Date	Time	Location	
Fri	Dec 27	6:00pm	Arbutus	The Holy Apostle, Protomartyr, and Archdeacon Stephen, Liturgy for living and deceased members of the parish
Sun	Dec 29	8:30 am	Arbutus	Mystery of Repentance
		9:00 am	Arbutus	Divine Liturgy for living and deceased members of the parish
Wed	Jan 1	6:00pm	Arbutus	Circumcision of Our Lord Divine Liturgy for living and deceased members of the parish
Sun	Jan 05	10:30	Arbutus	Matins
		11:30	Arbutus	Sunday Before Theophany Divine Liturgy for living and deceased members of the parish

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:

+Very Rev. Conan Timoney fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, 12/09/19. In Blessed repose, grant O Lord eternal rest to the soul of your servant, +Very Rev. Conan Timoney, and render eternal his memory!

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Fr. Sam Lupico, Fr. George Dobes, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Andy Turian, Doris Ruszin, Ann Gupman, Joseph and Marie Repasi of Hagerstown, Mary Beth Russell (sister of Jack Russell), Thelma Smolka (mother of Bonnie Bezila), Michael Vitka (cousin of Alex Demyan), Richard Cooley, Anna Martin, Rosa Maria Santos, Marge Dulina, Robert Eberhardt

PRAY FOR OUR SUFFERING CHURCH: The Chaldean Diocese of St. Thomas for the Church in Iraq and Syria requests prayers for the Church in Iraq and Syria. Many clergies, religious and laity have been killed by Islamic radicals.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

PARISH POT LUCK LUNCHEON:

Following the Divine Liturgy on 01/05 we will be having a pot luck lunch in the parish hall. This will be an excellent opportunity for the parishioners to meet and talk with our Fr. Sergij.

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PASSAIC – BISHOP’S APPEAL 2019:

Our parish goal is \$9,800. Pledges and payments will be accepted through May 31, 2020. Contributions received after 12/31/19 must be attributed to the 2020 tax year. Make checks payable to the **EPARCHY OF PASSAIC**. Checks can be mailed to 445 Lackawanna Ave., Woodland Park, NJ 07424-2969. Parishioners will be receiving the Bishop’s Appeal Pledge forms shortly.

PATRONAGE WEBSITE:

Our parish website is **patronagechurch.com**. The website is updated weekly with our most current bulletin as well as an archive of past bulletins. You can also find other relevant information on church history and activities.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS (continued)

NEW BYZANTINE PRAYER APP:

Eastern Christian Publications, the supplier of our Sunday bulletin covers, has just announced a new app for smartphones. It includes an icon and the troparia for the Saint of the Day, a short reflection from the book *Java with Jesus*, quotes for the day from a wide range of religious bulletin image and commentary, the monthly electronic version of *Theosis Magazine*, and an educational introduction to Byzantine Daily Prayer. The app is FREE and available in both the Apple Store for iPhone and iPads, and from Google Play for Android devices. Search for **ECPubs** and install with a few clicks!

GCU SCHOLARSHIP:

The GCU is now accepting applications for their annual scholarship awards through **December 31, 2019**. Scholarships are available for GCU members who are college students or those studying in any secondary education program. There are also two athletic scholarships (1 female and 1 male) available for high school students. For complete details and online application, please visit: **www.GCUusa.com/pages/scholarships**

PARISH E-MAIL PROGRAM:

If you would like to be notified of events and programs that are taking place in the parish please send an email to patronage.church@gmail.com. Also, please notify us at this address if your contact information changes.