



## PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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Chapel of St. Ann's Church

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## DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Location	Intention
Sunday 5/31	11:30am	Arbutus – Live stream on www.facebook.com/patronagechurch	For living and deceased members of the parish
Sunday 6/07	11:30am	Arbutus – Live stream on www.facebook.com/patronagechurch	For living and deceased members of the parish

This week is **Pentecost Sunday**. You can participate in our Live-Stream Liturgy, at home, by singing or reading along with Fr. Serhii, and the cantor, using The Divine Liturgies of our Holy Fathers John Chrysostom and Basil the Great book. The PDF version, of this book, can be downloaded and found on our parish website. Please remember to scroll down past the previous videos on our Facebook page to where you see LIVE, and then click on that.

**DEAR PARISHIONERS:** In an abundance of caution and to keep our parishioners safe and healthy, all church and parish activities have been suspended until further notice. Although there will be no public Divine Liturgy, the priests of the eparchy are directed to persolve the scheduled intentions for each week.

**THE ENVELOPE STORY:** 5/17/20 - \$533.35      5/24/20 - \$1,420.00

Thank you to all who have continued to send in their weekly donations to help support our parish during this pandemic.

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Fr. Sam Lupico, Arlene Duda, Betty Mastroinni, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Andy Turian, Doris Ruszin, Anne Gupman, Joseph and Marie Repasi of Hagerstown, Anna Martin, Marge Dulina, and Paul Ruszin, Sr.

*May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years!*

**ASK THE DEACON - This week's question:** Why does the deacon read the Gospel?

**Answer:** The proclaiming of scripture in church is assigned to the order of reader. Because the Gospels have a special importance as representing Christ, the Gospel proclamation is assigned to the deacon. The deacon has received a sacramental order but not a priestly (presbyters and bishops) order. So, it is fitting for the deacon to be the herald of the Gospel since it is the focus of the first part of the Divine Liturgy, the service of the word. This is then followed by the Eucharistic sacrifice, offered by all but with and through the presbyter/bishop who is ordained as priest. At other services (e.g. Matins, Moleben) where the Eucharist is not offered, it is the priest (not the deacon, usually) who reads the Gospel.

Do you have a question pertaining to our Divine Liturgy, holy day, or perhaps something we do in the Byzantine Church, please email it to [patronage.church@gmail.com](mailto:patronage.church@gmail.com) and Deacon Tony will answer it! All are welcome to email the church a question.

*Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na viki!*

*Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!*

## **PATRONAGE IMPROVEMENTS:**

1. Drywall was installed in the small closet in the church hall and painted.
2. Summer flowers and perennials were planted around the church/rectory.
3. Carpeting was installed in front of the altar.

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