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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Location	Intention
Sunday 6/21	11:30am	Arbutus	In memory of +William and Martha Rudy Requested by: Dennis and Sharon Kotula and Family
Sunday 6/28	11:30am	Arbutus	In memory of +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: John Caparso

This week is the **3rd Sunday After Pentecost**. If you cannot attend Liturgy, please go on our Facebook page to participate in our Live-Stream service. The PDF version of The Divine Liturgies of our Holy Fathers John Chrysostom and Basil the Great book, as well as this week's Propers, can be downloaded and found on our parish website.

DEAR PARISHIONERS: Bishop Kurt Burnette announced that churches may reopen for public worship according to the directives of the public health authorities. Having also completed the Eparchial Checklist and gotten approval from the Eparchy, we will begin having public services starting Sunday, 6/21/20. Included in this bulletin, is a ***DIRECTIVES FOR ATTENDING DIVINE LITURGY AND THE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION***. Please take some time and read this directive to better understand what everyone needs to do to maintain and continue precautionary measures to ensure we protect one another from the spread of COVID-19. Bishop Kurt continues to dispense from the obligation to assist at Sunday Divine Liturgy so those who are at risk or feel unsafe may remain at home. Further, the Bishop has encouraged all to make a good confession later in the year when it is safe.

ALTAR SERVERS: In an abundance of caution to keep everyone safe and healthy, the use of altar servers has been suspended until further notice. Fr. Serhii will announce when he feels it is best to continue having altar servers. Thank you for your patience!

PRAYER INTENTIONS – PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Fr. Sam Lupico, Arlene Duda, Betty Mastrounni, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Andy Turian, Doris Ruszin, Anne Gupman, Joseph and Marie Repasi, 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!

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Please remember to support our parish. Many thanks to all who have contributed to our church. When attending Liturgy, a basket will be in the back of church to place your donation in. You can also continue to mail in your donation or donate online through the Passaic Diocese's website, www.eparchyofpassaic.com and click on on-line parish offering.

2020 CARPATHO-RUSYN EVENT: The Carpatho-Rusyn Research Center is offering 2020 Summer Seminars, presented by the John and Helen Timo Foundation. This series features interactive presentations with some of the most prominent Carpatho-Rusyn American scholars working today. The seminars are free to attend, but registration is required. For more information please go to orders@c-rrc.org.

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na viki!

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

“ASK THE DEACON” – THIS WEEK’S QUESTION: *Why do we put our three fingers together while blessing ourselves and why do we go to the right shoulder first then the left when blessing ourselves?*

ANSWER: The three fingers together signify the Holy Trinity, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; the remaining two fingers held against the palm signify the two natures, divine and human, in the one person, Jesus the Son. These are signs of the two fundamental dogmas of our faith. When the priest makes the Sign of the Cross in giving a blessing, the movement he makes is from left to right. This is also the way the deacon makes the sign of the Cross with the Holy Gifts at the elevation. When the priest goes from left to right while facing us in giving the blessing, however, and we **follow** his movement making the Sign of the Cross on ourselves, we first go to the right and then the left.

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 and Deacon Tony will answer it! All are welcome to email the church a question. We would love to hear from the youth in our parish!