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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Location	Intention
Sunday 7/26	11:30am Confession	Arbutus	In memory of +Sister Patricia Huesman, S.S.N.D. Requested by: Kelley Wood
Friday 7/31	6:00pm Confession	Arbutus	In memory of +Michael Hresko Requested by: Sons of Michael Hresko
Sunday 8/02	11:30am Confession	Arbutus	In memory of +Phyllis Skovran Requested by: Marge Dulina

This week is the **8th Sunday After Pentecost.**

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na viki! Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: We welcome all new visitors, to our parish family, and hope you will become an active part of our parish community. Check out both our website and Facebook page. If you would like to be added to our parish email list, send us an email at patronage.church@gmail.com.

DEAR BELIEVERS: In connection with the death of Bishop Milan, we cannot fail to mention the active participation in the life of the church, inter-church relations, and a stable pastoral position on important socio-political issues. Bishop Milan was an example of a man who loved Christ, and His Church, and showed this love through acts of charity for each of us. During his 18 years of episcopal ministry in the Greek Catholic Diocese of Mukachevo, Bishop Milan consecrated 156 priests. Under his leadership, more than 250 new temples and chapels were built. He was fluent in six languages. In his will, Bishop Milan bequeathed all his property to the Mukachevo diocese. He asked, "Dress me in the old episcopal vestments. Put a wooden scepter in my left hand, and remove the golden episcopal ring from my right hand and place the rosary in my hand. Put some old miter in my grave that you will not mind. Also, bury me in the crypt of the Uzhorod Cathedral near the Blessed Martyr Theodore Romzha." Thanks to his zealous work in God's vineyard, Bishop Milan did not leave our Byzantine Catholic Diocese in the United States in great difficulty. He delegated many missionaries to missionary work throughout the United States. We pray that the good deeds instituted by Bishop Milan, with the blessing and help of the Holy Spirit, may be poured out with abundant graces on the Church of Christ. May the merciful Lord embrace him and grant him the Kingdom of Heaven!

Fr. Serhii Deiak

PRAYER INTENTIONS – PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Fr. Sam Lupico, Keiko Suseck, Arlene Duda, Betty Mastroouni, 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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NUMBER OF BELIEVERS: 33

Many thanks to all who have contributed to our church and for your dedication to our parish. May God continue to bless you and your families!

ON-LINE GIVING: When the COVID pandemic began, Bishop Kurt set up a temporary on-line giving platform as a way for parishioners to be able to donate when churches could not have public services. Because this was only temporary, the on-line giving platform, for regular parish donations, will end as of **August 31, 2020**. We wanted to make you aware of the Passaic Diocese's change so those of you, who use this service, could plan accordingly. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

ECF AT HOME: Build a prayer garden outside. A prayer garden allows a person time to pray and reflect on this sacred space that can include flowers, a cross, and an icon. If you have the space in your yard, or even on a porch/balcony, carve out some time in the summer to make this a family endeavor of transforming a particular space into one that is dedicated to prayer. You can add special touches to this space like a bench or chair, or perhaps a water feature. Once it's complete, pray as a family together, and encourage everyone to spend time to pray outside.

BYZAN-TEEN YOUTH RALLY 2021: Mark your calendar for next year's Rally. The theme will be "Soar as on Eagle's Wings" and will be held at Mt. St. Mary University in Emmittsburg, MD on July 1-4, 2021. The teens who were 18 this year, and planned to attend the San Diego Rally, will be allowed to attend the 2021 Rally even if they are 19 at the time of the Rally (per Metropolitan William). Final details are being decided, and will be made available as soon as we receive them.

ANNUAL ST. NICHOLAS PILGRIMAGE AND THE ALTAR SERVER RETREAT CONGRESS: Due to COVID-19 concerns, this year's retreat has been, unfortunately, cancelled.

"ASK THE DEACON" – THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: *What is the significance of the bells on the kadilo?*

ANSWER: On a fine point first, as noted in last week's answer, kadilo means the incense itself. The traditional bells are on the kadil'nitsa (censer/thurible). Our liturgical books do not say anything about these bells. One of those books called for short the *Ordo* only says, "The thurible has short chains so that it may be swung at full length more easily." In one English edition (the *Ordo* is in Latin), a note adds "The *Ordo* does not mention it, but in many places, it is common to have small bells on the chains of the thurible." So, my answer here is conjecture. As with the topic of the church bell(s), these small bells are another call to worship. They direct our attention in an audible way to the rite of incensing. Our Byzantine worship is very sensual, that is, it engages all of our senses. In this case, added to our smelling the incense, and seeing the smoke, and the censer being swung, we all hear it also.