



PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Location	Intention
Sunday 9/13	11:15am Matins	Arbutus Confession	In memory of +Betty Mastroinni Requested by: Anne Marie Elwell
Monday 9/14	11:15am	Arbutus Confession	In memory of +Mike Skovira Requested by: Joann Kucharski
Friday 9/18	6:00pm Slavonic	Arbutus Confession	In memory of +Richard Skovira Requested by: Joann Kucharski
Sunday 9/20	11:15am Matins	Arbutus Confession	A Special Intention for: ECF Catechists and Students

This is the ***Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross.***
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PRAYER INTENTIONS – PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Fr. Sam Lupico, Keiko Suseck, Arlene Duda, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Andy Turian, Doris Ruszin, Anne Gupman, Joseph and Marie Repasi, Anna Martin, Marge Dulina, Paul Ruszin, Sr., Clyde Wood, and Matthew Skovran

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

CONTRIBUTIONS: 9/6/2020 - \$1,335.00 **NUMBER OF BELIEVERS:** Matins - 18; Liturgy - 27
During these challenging times, we thank those who have contributed to our church and for your dedication to our parish. ***“Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth” (Dt. 8:18).***

DEAR BELIEVERS: Since I love all of you parishioners equally, as in the church of St. Gregory and in the Patronage Church. Then, taking into account your suggestions and your wishes, from the beginning of next month, our temples will have the same schedule of Sunday services. Therefore, beginning 10/4/20, at Patronage Church, the service will begin at 8:45am, and in the church of St. Gregory at 11:15am. On 10/11/20, worship will begin at 8:45am in the church of St. Gregory, and at 11:15am at Patronage Church. The schedule will change every other Sunday. This way, each of you will be able to sleep in longer on Sunday, on the weekend.

Fr. Serhii Deiak

ECF AT HOME: Next Sunday, 9/20/20, an important event will take place in our parish. The importance of religious instruction will be emphasized. Special prayers for the beginning of the school year will be included during the Divine Liturgy. We will give authority to our catechists and implore God's wisdom upon them and their students, for whom we will also pray and bless. All instructors and students are asked to either watch our live-stream Liturgy, or be present in our Temple. There is an old proverb: ***“Teacher only opens the door (to knowledge), but you must enter by yourself.”*** We invite and encourage all of you to enter that door, to take a step further in your learning about God.

CATECHESIS IN THE PANDEMIC: This coming year will present many unique challenges to the religious formation of our children. Join this online roundtable discussion for parents, catechists, and pastors on **Tuesday, 9/15/20, from 8-9pm**, for a practical discussion on how to make this unique catechetical year more productive. There will also be opportunity for Q&A. Visit www.godwithusonline.org to register. If you are unable to be part of this roundtable discussion, a recording will be posted within a few days of the completion of this webinar session.

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na viki!

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

ONLINE GIVING: Patronage Church now has an online giving account with Tithely and can be accessed on our parish website. To make an online donation, simply visit our website, www.patronagechurch.com, and on the home page, at the bottom, there is a link that says Giving to Patronage Church. Click on that and you will be directed to our Tithely account. Please note that where you see Sunday Offering, there is a drop-down menu that allows the donor to specify what the donation is for. Your choices are Sunday Offering, Holy Days, Flowers, Special Offering, Liturgy Intention, or Other. There will be times throughout the year when another choice may be added or removed. Please show care in the category "Recurring Giving." If it is not a donation to be given each week or month, please make that adjustment that this is a one-time donation.

"ASK THE DEACON" – THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: *What is the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and why is it on September 14th?*

ANSWER: The feast of the Exaltation of the Precious and Life-creating Cross commemorates the finding of the True Cross in 326 by Saint Helena, the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great, the dedication of churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulcher and Mount Calvary and the recovery of the cross from the Persians in 628. It is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Byzantine Church and is observed as a penitential day of fasting and prayer. The Feast of the Exaltation has a one-day forefeast and is then commemorated for eight days. It was on September 14, 335, that the True Cross was first presented for veneration after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.