



## PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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### ***DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE***

Date	Time	Location	Intention
Sunday 9/20	11:15am Matins	Arbutus Confession	A Special Intention for: ECF Teachers and Students
Friday 9/25	6:00pm Slavonic	Arbutus Confession	In memory of +Martha Kulke Requested by: Ann Russ
Sunday 9/27	11:15am Matins	Arbutus Confession	In memory of +Phyllis Skovran Requested by: The Skovran Family

This is the ***Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross***. Propers begin on page 258, Tone 7.

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

**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!*

**DEAR BELIEVERS:** Today, I bless all of our children. May the Holy Spirit fill their hearts and minds with God's wisdom. This year is unique because parents will be the catechists-teachers of their children. I ask you, dear parents, to approach this task with great responsibility! Dear parents, if your child attends a Roman Catholic school, remember that at least once a month, you need to attend the Divine Liturgy of the Byzantine Rite. Our first joint meeting will take place on 10/25/20, after the Liturgy! **Please remember the new schedule of our services!** Beginning Sunday, 10/4/20, Matins will begin at 8:45am following by the Divine Liturgy at 9:00am. On Sunday, 10/11/20, Matins will begin at 10:00am followed by Liturgy at 11:15am. On Sunday, 10/18/20, Matins will begin at 8:45am following by Divine Liturgy at 9:00am. On Sunday, 10/25/20, Matins will begin at 10:00am, followed by Divine Liturgy at 11:15am. We have such a schedule for several months, and if we like it, we will leave it at that.

Fr. Serhii

**CONTRIBUTIONS:** 9/13/2020 - \$995.00 **NUMBER OF BELIEVERS:** Matins - 25; Liturgy - 33  
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).***

**ONLINE GIVING:** You now have an option when making a donation to our church, using our online giving account with Tithely. Simply visit our website, [www.patronagechurch.com](http://www.patronagechurch.com), and on the bottom of our home page, there is a link that says “Giving to Patronage Church.” Click on that and you will be directed to our Tithely account. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

**ECF AT HOME:** Today we are pleased to celebrate an important event in our parish life as we begin our new catechetical year. The children and the catechists, who will teach them, are here to pray together and to be blessed at the start of a new school year, helping all to realize how Christ lives in each one of us, and the church as a whole. This sentiment is not merely a group of words, but an incentive for all the faithful to grow in faith. We join in this ceremony today to ask God to grant to his servants, our students, our catechists, and ourselves, *“many blessed years!”* Also new at-home catechesis resources, structured for ECF, are currently available. Visit [www.godwithusonline.org](http://www.godwithusonline.org) then click on Catechetical Resources, then choose Ruthenian. Each week new information will be added on this website and will help assist you with teaching your weekly lessons.

***“There is no greater calling than the education of our youth in the faith.”***  
**St. John Chrysostom**

**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. If you would like to be added to our parish email list, send us an email at [patronage.church@gmail.com](mailto:patronage.church@gmail.com).

**PATRONAGE SOCIAL HOUR:** Starting next month on 10/11/20, on Sundays when Matins begin at 10:00am, followed by Divine Liturgy at 11:15am, we will be serving lunch in the church hall. We invite everyone to join us.

**2020 NATIONAL BYZANTINE CATHOLIC VIRTUAL CONVENTION:** The theme is "Growing a Vibrant Byzantine Church" and this year's convention will have two parts. 1. A pre-recorded convention presentation will be available to watch beginning 11/1/20. 2. A live event panel discussion, via zoom, will take place on Saturday, 11/14/20. Please visit [www.byzantineconvention.com](http://www.byzantineconvention.com) for more information and to register.

**"ASK THE DEACON" – THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:** *Why do Eastern Rite Churches have a three-bar cross, and what is its significance?*

**ANSWER:** A cross with three horizontal crossbeams existed already in the 6<sup>th</sup> century. Variations of this cross, especially with a slanted bottom beam, have been in use by some Slav churches since the 15<sup>th</sup> century. The cross is stylized: The top bar represents the placing of Pilate's inscription (John 19:19-20); the middle crossbeam, the main bar, is where the hands were nailed; the bottom crossbeam is where the feet were nailed. Some Slav and other Eastern churches use variations of the "Greek cross" (looking like a +).