



## PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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### **DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Confession will take place 20 minutes before or immediately after Divine Liturgy.

Date	Time	Service	Location	Intention
Sunday 1/31/2021	11:00am 11:15am	Matins Liturgy	Arbutus	For Living and Deceased Members of our Parish
Friday 2/5/2021	6:00pm	Liturgy	Arbutus	For Living and Deceased Members of our Parish
Saturday 2/6/2021	10:00am	Liturgy	Hagerstown	For Living and Deceased Members of our Parish
Sunday 2/7/2021	8:45am 9:00am	Matins Liturgy	Arbutus	For Living and Deceased Members of our Parish

This is the **Sunday of the Prodigal Son**.  
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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., and Georgianna Kostak

*May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies,*

*grant them peace and good health for many blessed years!*

**CONTRIBUTIONS:** Patronage: 1/24/2021 - \$920.00 December Tithely: \$1,743.90

We thank those who have contributed to our church and for your dedication to our parish. If you would like to make a donation, using our online giving account, please visit our church's website for the Tithely link. *"Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth" (Dt. 8:18).*

**EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION (ECF):** Immediately after Divine Liturgy today, there will be an ECF religion lesson, in the church hall, for parents and their children.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:** +Elizabeth Basarab, mother of Fr. John Basarab, Pastor of Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church, in Annandale, VA, passed away in the morning on 1/29/21. Please remember her in your prayers. Eternal Memory!

**1<sup>ST</sup> ALL SOULS:** Please join us this Friday, 2/5/21, at 6pm, for the *All Souls* commemoration for the dead. We will have Divine Liturgy, followed by a Panachida (prayers for the deceased), with the reading of the Hramoty (names of our departed loved ones).

**GOD WITH US ONLINE:** A virtual program entitled, *"Dying to Sin, The First Steps in Askesis,"* will be presented by Deacon Thomas Moses, on Mondays, February 22, March 1 and 8 from 8-9pm. As we are called to askesis, or asceticism, or it is only the calling of a select few? Join us as we learn from the great ascetics of the Church, discovering how to apply the practice of askesis in our own lives. You can register for this free program at [EasternCatholic.org/Events](http://EasternCatholic.org/Events). For those unable to participate, lectures are recorded and available on-demand, free of charge, in the event library, currently offering many hours of adult faith formation in the Eastern Christian tradition.

**BYZANTEEN YOUTH RALLY:** ByzanTeens, ages 13-18, mark your calendar for this year's Rally at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD, on July 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The theme for this year's rally, is *"Soar as on Eagle's Wings."* The keynote address will be Superbowl Champion Matt Birk and the closing Hierarchical Liturgy will take place at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Basilica. **Please note: Those teens who were 18 last year, and planned to attend the cancelled 2020 San Diego Rally, will be allowed to attend the Rally in 2021. Guidelines will be provided for these attendees in a future email. If you are interested in attending the Rally, please send the church an email. More details to follow.**

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH:** We welcome all new visitors, to our parish family, and are happy you are joining us to share in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy 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). *"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7).*

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

**ST. NICHOLAS SERVICE PROJECT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT EMAIL:** We received an email this past week from the Children's Home in Catonsville, acknowledging and thanking us for the donations we collected from our annual ECF St. Nicholas Service Project in December. (The email is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.) Some of the residents wrote thank you letters and can be viewed on the Children's Home website. Visit [www.thechildrenshome.net](http://www.thechildrenshome.net) then click on Holiday Giving webpage. Thank you, again, to those who were able to contribute to this project!

**ASK THE DEACON: *What is meant by "Presanctified" Liturgy?***

**ANSWER:** The **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** (Slavonic: *Liturgija Preždeoscjaščěnych Darov*) is a service unique to the Byzantine Rite. It is celebrated during the Great Fast, and provides the faithful with the opportunity to receive Holy Communion on those days when the Eucharistic Sacrifice is not celebrated. The word "presanctified" indicates that the "gifts" (the Body and Blood of Christ), which are distributed at the service, are those consecrated at a previous celebration of the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom or the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great. The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is celebrated on Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast, the evenings of certain major feast days during the Fast, and the first three days of Great and Holy Week. Where there is a custom or pastoral need, it may be celebrated on any weekday (Monday through Friday) of the Great Fast. This service is not celebrated on Saturday or Sunday. From our Metropolitan Cantor Institute website (<https://mci.archpitt.org/liturgy/DivineLiturgyPresanctifiedGifts.html>):

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*Faith in God allows us to live fully in the moment while trusting that the future holds our good.*