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Next Liturgy: Sunday, January 16th, at 3pm

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St. Ann Catholic Church

1525 Oak Hill Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742

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Next Liturgy: Saturday, January 22nd, at 10am

DIVINE LITURGY - PATRONAGE CHURCH

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday 1.09.2022	8:45am 9:00am	Matins Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Sean Albert
Tuesday 1.11.2022		Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Sean Albert
Friday 1.14.2022		Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Sean Albert
Sunday 1.16.2022	11:00am 11:15am	Matins Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Larry Helms Requested by: The Guba Family

This is the *Sunday After Theophany*.

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HARAMOTY (ALL SOULS): As we remember our living family members in our prayers, we should not forget our departed loved ones. According to the Byzantine liturgical tradition, we remember our departed loved ones during our five "All Souls" services. Family members are encouraged to attend these "All Souls" services. Your presence and prayers strengthen the bond of love with your departed loved ones and help keep their memory eternal. What more can we give our deceased loved ones than prayers. Enclosed with this bulletin is a flyer to submit names for our "Hramoty" list of deceased family and friends. These names will be read during the petitions of the Litany at the "All Souls" services. You can either give a cash donation, or write a check payable to: Patronage Church, and include it with your flyer, and either mail it to the rectory or place it in the collection basket. You can also download a form on our church website. **Deadline for submission is Sunday, February 6th.**

2021 BISHOP'S APPEAL: The Bishop's Appeal began on November 1, 2021. Pledges and payments will be accepted through June 30, 2021. Any contributions received after December 31, 2021, must be attributed to the 2022 tax year. Our parish goal, for this year's campaign, is \$9,800.00. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to: The Eparchy of Passaic, and mail it to: The Eparchy of Passaic, 445 Lackawanna Avenue, Woodland Park, NJ 07424. You can also make your pledge online at www.eparchyofpassaic.com and make either one payment or 5 monthly payments. All payment plans must be completed no later than June 30, 2022, to count toward our parish goal. If you didn't receive a pledge form in the mail, there are a few extra copies on the shelf in the Narthex. Please take one!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Fr. Serhii is available 15 minutes before or immediately after Divine Liturgy to hear confession.

2022 LITURGICAL CALENDARS: Liturgical wall calendars for 2022, are available on the book rack in the Narthex. Please take one for use in your home.

2022 CHURCH ENVELOPES: If you would like to receive church envelopes, instead of donating online via Tithe.ly, please email your request to our church so that we may update our list.

EASTERN CATHOLIC LIFE (ECL) SUBSCRIPTION: If you want to continue your subscription to the ECL for this monthly newspaper, or to newly subscribe, the yearly subscription is \$15.00. You can email your payment to the rectory or place it in the collection basket. Please send the church an email letting us know your wishes no later than Sunday, January 30th. We plan on sending the Eparchy an updated list by the end of January.

2021 GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS: Your donation amount will be provided in a letter and will be available by the end of January.

GOD WITH US ONLINE FREE WEBINAR: "Orthodoxy & Heterodoxy; The History of the Ecumenical Councils." This program takes place on Wednesdays, January 12-26 & February 9-16, from 8-9pm. Rev. Christiaan Kappes, Ph.D., SLD, will be the presenter. Join Rev. Christiaan as he leads us through the breathtaking story of the battle of the Holy Fathers of the Ecumenical Councils to preserve the integrity of the faith against heresy in the decisive first centuries of Church history. To register, visit www.godwithusonline.org.

Christ is Baptized! In the Jordan! Christos Kreshdaetza! V'lordani!

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HOLY HUMOR: At a weekly Bible study, the leader asked an elderly gentleman to open the meeting with a prayer. The elderly gentleman did so in a soft voice. Another man, straining to hear, shouted, "I can't hear you!" The elderly gentleman replied, "I wasn't talking to you."

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My Parish

My parish is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am.

It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work. It will be prayerful, if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them in.

*It will be a place of loyalty and love,
of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy,
if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.*

*Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to
the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be.*

Amen

Sunday After Theophany

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

The baptism of Jesus Christ, and this Sunday after Theophany, introduces us to the Savior's adult life. Jesus received baptism from the Forerunner and began his sermon.

Jesus' words and deeds became a light for people, showing them the true image of God and man's relationship with Him as a bond of love. Through this spiritual light, the Lord brought people a true understanding of God. Through his life and activity, Christ gave people the opportunity to really see and feel what the kingdom of God is. It is a community of God's love for man, the Creator, with his beloved children of God, in an atmosphere of love, peace, and mercy.

As the apostles sought an explanation of the kingdom of heaven, Jesus replied, "...The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; nor will they say 'Behold, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst" (Luke 17:20-21). "The kingdom of heaven is obtained by force, and he who exerts himself obtains it, but seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

Spiritual life, like our whole life, is a process. In one service during Lent, a person's sinful state is called the winter of sin. In winter, everyone sleeps. The rivers are covered with ice. Nutrients that flow in plants is stopped. The grass is deep under the snow. The branches of trees, without leaves, remain dry and dead. Then, here comes spring. Everything comes to life. "Repent," is a call to us that we should wake up from hibernation. Repentance is always spring for a person.

The call to repentance is relevant to each of us. We ask that this gracious word may prevail over our sinful slumber and bear great fruit for the good of the Church.

Once, only adults were baptized. They had to learn the basics of the Christian faith before baptism, they had to study prayers, listen to sermons, participate in services, and only when they were fully prepared, could they begin baptism on the eve of Theophany, and it was very solemn. Heaven rejoiced at this event, because "the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light" (Matt. 4:16). The temples of God, on the day of their baptism, of the "proclaimed," shone with many lights, and far beyond the Churches were heard the beautiful songs of festive services. The song, "All you who have been baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ," was heard loudly. All those who began Baptism wore white robes and wore them until the following Sunday after Theophany. Because the "proclamations" embraced Christianity and were enlightened by the faith of Christ, this day is called the Feast of Enlightenment, and this Sunday, on which the newly baptized last came to church in white robes, is called the Sunday after Enlightenment.

Dear believers! Jesus Christ came to earth to open the eyes of the blind and to give light to those who were in the darkness of sin. That is why we, Christians, are called in a special way to follow God's Light, so that it may enlighten us at all times on the path we are leading to the realization of eternal life. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16).

INTENTIONS – PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Our parishioners, the founders of our parish, our benefactors, those who are sick, those who cannot make it to church, also: Fr. Serhii, and his family, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Andy Turian, Doris Ruszin, Anne Gupman, Joseph and Marie Repasi, Anna Martin, Marge Dulina, Georgianna Kostak, Betty Rankin, Sandra Suseck, our first responders, and all military service men and women throughout the world.

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: 1.2.2022 - \$1,065.00 Abingdon: 1.2.2022 - \$ 263.00

You honor God and our Church by continue to tithe each week. A collection basket is on the table in the back of our Temple. You may also mail in your donation or donate online via our website and click on the Tithely link. Thank you to those who continue to support 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).

MASK REQUIREMENT: The Baltimore County Executive has declared a COVID-related state of emergency and has reinstated the indoor mask mandate. Please remember to have your mask on upon entering our church. Hand sanitizer is available throughout the church building, for your use.

PATRONAGE CHURCH SOCIALS/LUNCHEONS: Due to Baltimore County's COVID-related state of emergency, ***all socials and luncheons have been suspended during the month of January.***

HOLY WATER: The Holy Water blessed on Thursday is available in the font. There are a few jars available for those who did not bring one to church.

2022 HOUSE BLESSING: Due to the increased number of COVID cases, the Blessing of Homes has been suspended, again, this year. Hopefully, we will be able to resume this custom next year.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: We are in need of volunteers to remove and pack away the Christmas decorations from our Temple and church hall after Liturgy today. Many thanks to any assistance you can give.

PATRONAGE FREEZER SALE: The following are available for purchase:

1. Frozen Pirohi – cost is \$7/dozen or a bag of 4 dozen/\$25.00
2. Frozen Kolachi - \$15 each (nut, raspberry, apricot, or poppy seed) – supply is limited

Please see Mary Demyan if you are interested in purchasing any of the above items.

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.***

“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples” (Isaiah 56:7).

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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1 Kings	Exodus	Joel	Numbers
1 Samuel	Ezekiel	Jonah	Obadiah
2 Chronicles	Ezra	Joshua	Proverbs
2 Kings	Genesis	Judges	Psalms
2 Samuel	Habakkuk	Lamentations	Ruth
Amos	Haggai	Leviticus	Song of Solomon
Daniel	Hosea	Malachi	Zechariah
Deuteronomy	Isaiah	Micah	Zephaniah
Ecclesiastes	Jeremiah	Nahum	

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION (ECF) PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN: Please visit www.godwithusononlineorg, and be sure to click on "Ruthenian," for this week's catechetical resources, including the Gospel summary and discussion questions, that you can use in your catechesis.

2021 FALL SLAVIC FESTIVAL RESULTS: Thanks to everyone who generously donated their time and energy in making our festival a huge success. We are happy to report after tallying all expenses, we had a total profit of \$6,204.00.

2022 LITURGY INTENTIONS: Fr. Serhii is accepting Liturgy intention requests. Forms can be found in the Narthex on the book rack or you can print one out from our church website. Cash is acceptable, as well as your check made payable to: Patronage Church, and can either be mailed to the rectory or placed in our collection basket.

PRINTER CARTRIDGES: If anyone has used printer cartridges, you can leave them in the "cry room." We recycle them and earn rewards to put towards supplies for the church office. Many thanks!

BECOMING BYZANTINE: The Eparchy of Phoenix and Vineyard of the Lord Catholic Ministries are sponsoring a free webinar and video series on Byzantine Catholic faith, worship, and life based upon the "*Christ Our Pascha Catechism*." Are you a Western Christian (Catholic or Protestant) who is interested in exploring the Byzantine Catholic faith for your own development in faith? Are you contemplating joining or have you recently joined a Byzantine or Greek Catholic parish? Are you a Byzantine Christian who wants to learn more about your own rich tradition? Visit BECOMING BYZANTINE: An Introduction to Byzantine Catholicism for more information. Sessions will be held on the 4th Sunday of the month beginning September 26, 2021 through August, 2022, from 7-8:30pm. You can view prior videos on the Becoming Byzantine YouTube channel.

GREEK CATHOLIC UNION (GCU) 2022 ART & PHOTO CONTEST: The theme is, "My favorite vacation spot!" The contest runs from January 1st – April 4th, 2022. For more information, visit GCU.usa.com. You can also contact Chris Chamberlain at 724-495-3400, x3810 or events@GCUusa.com. Entries should be mailed to: GCU Art Contest, 5400 Tuscarawas Road, Beaver, PA 15009. **There is a limit of one entry per member, and all contestants must have been a GCU member for one year.**

1. If you are 12 or younger, enter your artwork! Submission must be original on paper or art board (maximum size 12"X18"). Include a short description of your art, name, age, address, phone number, and email address on the back of your submission.
2. If you are 13 and up (age divisions are: 13-21 and age 22 and older) enter your photo! Include a short description, name, age, address, phone number, and email address with your submission. Photos that include identifiable people require a model release. The model release form is available for download at GCUusa.com/events.

2022 PARISH CENSUS FORM: It has been a very long time since a census has been completed in our church. Included in the bulletin is a census form and we are requesting that each household complete this and either mail it to the rectory, or place it in the collection basket **no later than Sunday, January 30th**. This will become part of our church records. Thanks for your help!