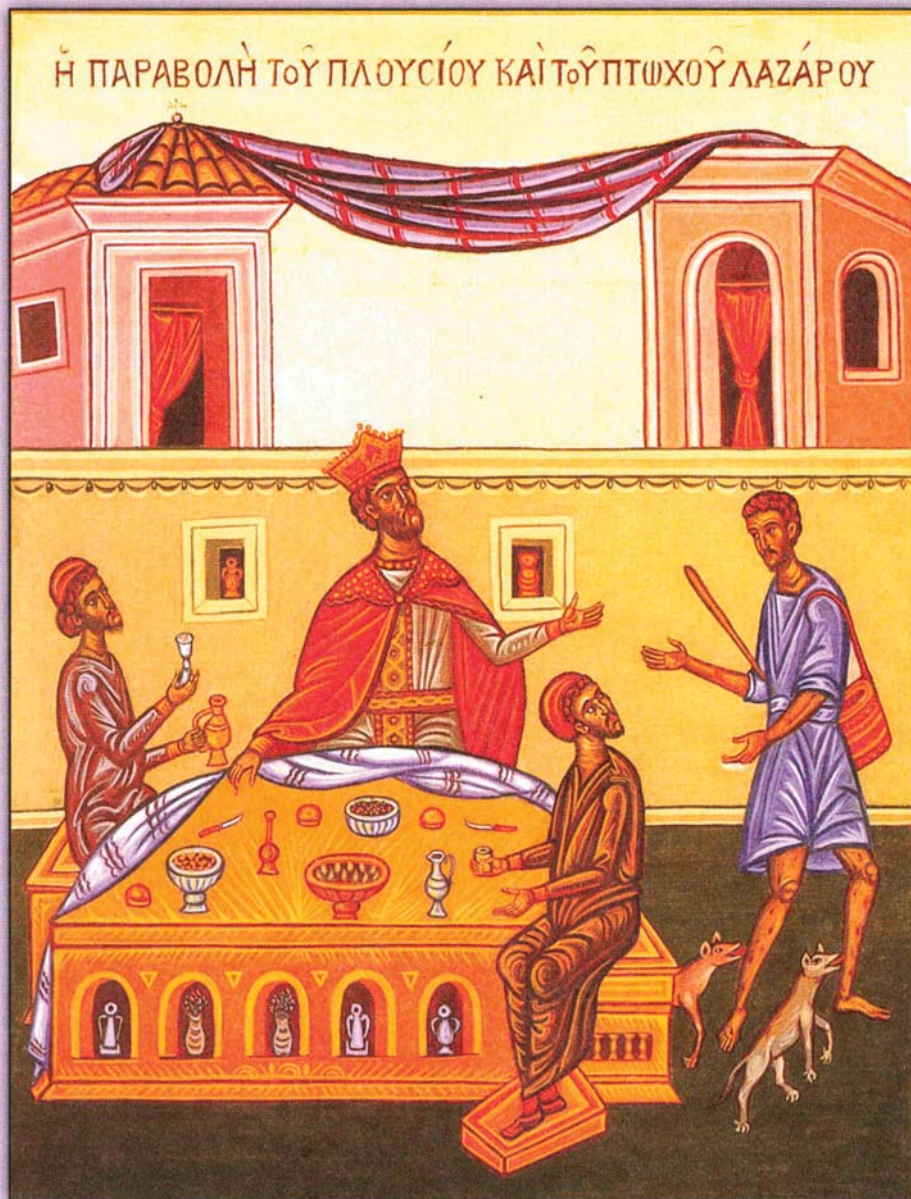


## TWENTY-SECOND AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31)*

### *Lazarus and the Rich Man*

In the 1940's, France was known for its extensive collection of Egyptian artifacts. Many forgotten treasures were holed up in the basement of a Paris museum. One day, some workmen uncovered a forgotten burial case pushed into a dark corner of the basement. They decided that the box would be an excellent storage container for many of the smaller artifacts. So, without consulting any of the museum authorities, the workmen took it upon themselves to empty the contents of the box into the sewer. They then filled the empty box with odds and ends. Some time later, they made the unhappy discovery that they had mistakenly discarded the remains of Cleopatra, one of the most famous women of ancient Egypt!

In ignorance, people regularly discard things of great value. One of the more valuable

things that people discard are opportunities. We see this in today's Gospel reading of the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man. The rich man had everything he needed in the world, while Lazarus was in constant need. Each day, the rich man had the opportunity to attend to the need of Lazarus who wanted nothing more than to eat the crumbs which fell from his table. The rich man, for his part, never abused Lazarus or mistreated him – he simply ignored him and for this he was condemned. The sin of the rich man was not his wealth, it was his blindness – blindness to the needs of others.

Let us not forget that "the truly rich man is not one who possesses much, but one who gives much." (Saint John Chrysostom)



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Church of St. Francis (Stone Chapel)

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Next Liturgy: Sunday, November 7th, at 3pm

### Patronage Church at Hagerstown:

St. Ann Catholic Church

1525 Oak Hill Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742

Contact: Adam and Lauren Myers: 301-791-0930

Next Liturgy: Saturday, October 30th, at 10am

### DIVINE LITURGY - PATRONAGE CHURCH

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday 10.24.2021	11:00am 11:15am	Matins Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +William Rudy Requested by: M/M Dennis Kotula and Family
Tuesday 10.26.2021	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Louis Pescatore Requested by: Richard & Olympia Baldi
Friday 10.29.2021	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Herb Markowski Requested by: Mrs. Cathy Johnson
Sunday 10.29.2021	8:45am 9:00am	Matins Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Sean Albert

This is the **22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost.**

Propers begin on page 146, Tone 5.

**2022 BUS TRIP:** *We are trying to see if there would be enough interest in taking a Saturday day trip.* We would be traveling by bus for an approximately 3-hour ride beginning with the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA. There would be a ½ hour guided tour with some time on your own to explore the grounds and a visit to the gift shop. Our next stop would be Mt. St. Macrina for a tour of the grounds and a visit to their gift shop. Then, a short drive to Fort Necessity and Jumonville, where there is a large cross that is lit up at night. The cost of this day trip would be approximately \$75.00 (depending on the number of people, the price could decrease). This cost only covers transportation and tip. We are also trying to plan this trip either the end of April or the beginning of May. More details will be worked out if there is enough interest. Please contact Mike Skovran at 410-979-4791, if you are interested.

**OUR DAILY BREAD CASSEROLE DONATIONS:** Our next casserole collection date is Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Casseroles need to be dropped off at our church and can be put into the freezer after our church festival (November 20<sup>th</sup>). Aluminum pans, for the casseroles, are available on the table, in our church hall, to use for this project. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Skovran.

**VETERANS DAY COMMEMORATION:** On November 7<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Serhii will be having a Veteran's Day commemoration during Divine Liturgy. If you would like to include living or deceased names of veterans, that will be read aloud during the commemoration, you can fill out a paper (located on the shelf next to the bulletins), and return it no later than October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**LITURGY INTENTION BOOKS:** Liturgy intention books are available, on the bookshelf, in the Narthex, for your use. A mailing envelope is included with the book along with an intention form to complete with your request. You can either mail your request to the rectory, or place it in the collection basket in the back of our Temple.

**ALPINE EUROPE PILGRIMAGE:** An 11-day trip to Heidelberg, Rhine Valley, Lucerne, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Altötting, Markt Am Inn, Munich, and Rothenburg is being planned for August 29 - September 8, 2022. It is hosted by Fr. Edward Cimbala and Fr. James Spera. For more information, or to receive a brochure, with full details of this trip, please contact Fr. Cimbala at 908-872-2928, or you can email him at [fredcimbala@gmail.com](mailto:fredcimbala@gmail.com). Space is limited.

**"COME AND SEE":** This is a resource which can be beneficial to all the existing Byzantine Catholics and serve them as the ABCs about our church and Tradition, but we also see it as an invitation to all those who are in search of a new spiritual home, who want to learn more about God, and build a lasting personal relationship with Him. This program also serves as an invitation to learn more about us. In the chaos of today, it is an exciting opportunity to share with you what we have. If you haven't gotten your copy of this information book, produced by the Passaic Diocese, copies are available. You can purchase your copy after Divine Liturgy, every Sunday. The cost is \$5.00/book. Please see Sharon Kotula, if you are interested. This makes a great holiday gift!

**2021 BISHOP'S APPEAL:** In the coming weeks, you will be receiving this year's 2021 Bishop's Appeal. Please be generous. You will, again, be able to make a donation on the Passaic Eparchy's website or you can mail your donation directly to the Eparchy. More information will be available soon.

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

**HOLY HUMOR:** A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally, she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago." "Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

**PRINTER CARTRIDGES:** If anyone has used printer cartridges, we will happily accept them. You can leave them in the Narthex. We plan on recycling them and earning rewards to put towards new cartridges for use in the church office. We appreciate your donations!

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**Everyday**

God thinks of you (Psalm 68:15)

**Every hour**

God looks after you (2 Thessalonica 3:3)

**Every minute**

God cares for you (1 Peter 5:7).

**Because every second**

**HE LOVES YOU** (Jeremiah 31:3).

- Author Unknown

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Remember, my son, that you have received your blessings during your life, and it was Lazarus who experienced many misfortunes. So now he is happy here, and you are suffering (Luke 16:19-31).

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Today, we heard about the parable of a rich man and Lazarus, which illuminates the carefree and luxurious life of one and the poor and unhappy life of another. When death comes, everything that was here in temporary existence comes to an end. And what is next?

In this parable, the Lord does not condemn the rich for their wealth, but exposes the misuse of God's blessings. The Savior sets the example of poor Lazarus for his humility.

This Gospel parable, according to John of Kronstadt, is a good, instructive lesson for all those mad intellectuals who do not believe in the existence of human souls after death, in the true existence of eternal fire, or in the eternity of the torments of unrepentant sinners and future bliss. And indeed, very often, people do not think about the meaning of their lives, or about why they came into this world. They live without thinking about the future trial and the retribution that awaits everyone. But you and I, beloved, must remember that we owe our whole being to our Creator, He who created the whole world out of nothing, visible and invisible, and gives us both breath and life. Everything we achieve and everything we have in life is given to us by God. Unfortunately, this was forgotten by the evangelical rich man, who in spiritual inaction spent the days of his life in vain, not even noticing the suffering of poor Lazarus.

Saint Nicholas of Serbia teaches that: "The rich man went to hell not only because he was not merciful to Lazarus, but also because he set an example to his brothers by a frivolous life, and thus destroyed them, paving the way for them to hell, as well. Temptation is a terrible sin: "to slip on one's own and lead others means to deserve incomparably heavier condemnation than a person who has just slipped."

According to Blessed Theophylact, Bishop of Bulgaria: "The Lord wants to use this parable to teach us to manage well the wealth entrusted to us. First, we learn that we do not possess wealth and various possessions, because we have nothing of our own, but only manage that which is entrusted to us by our Lord. Secondly, if we do not manage wealth in the Lord's good will, then we are unworthy, careless managers, because we waste the good entrusted to us, living according to our own whims and pleasures."

A pious man had this dream: he dreamed that he had arrived at the Gates of Heaven. He came for the reward, because he fought for a long time in his life, had overcome all evil tendencies, boldly stood in defense of Christ's faith, and feared sin as the greatest misfortune. Therefore, he was convinced that he would enter the Kingdom of God. But, he saw that to each of those who came before, an angel opened a book and read something from it, and then sent some to Heaven and turned others to Hades. He did not know what it was, but then, it was his turn. Here before him, the angel opened the book and proceeded to read, but saw that nothing was written in the book.

Surprised that nothing was written in his book, he asked the angel, "What is the reason?" And the angel answered him, "You see, brother, it is good that you have fought evil, so there is no sin written in your book, but there is also no good deed, so your book is not full. Did you not know that there is no use in a land that has not been cultivated by weeds and sown with good grain? Have you forgotten what the holy Apostle James said, 'Faith without works is dead?'"

So, brothers and sisters, let us not be quick to evil, but be quick to good. Let us not be disappointed with evil in the world, let us not lose heart from the lack of abundance, but let us care above all for the good and joy of the soul. The Apostle Paul exhorts us to do this and gives us the following counsel: "And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Gal. 6:9-10). For even the smallest good - "a glass of water," as Christ taught, will be a great treasure for the soul in heaven and a source of lasting joy. "For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ, means lose his reward" (Mark 9:41).

**THE OBSERVANCE OF SUNDAY ACCORDING TO THE RUTHENIAN TRADITION:** "The assistance at the Divine Liturgy on Sunday was always a serious obligation in the church. This obligation was considered so important for the early Christians that they were ready to expose themselves to persecution rather than to miss the celebration of the Holy Liturgy." Visit [www.archpitt.org](http://www.archpitt.org) and click on Resources/About, then Our Faith, then scroll down to read the article, marked as noted above.

***"Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work..." (Exodus 9-10).***

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

**"COME AND SEE" WEEKEND OF DISCOVERY:** A *free* retreat weekend hosted by the Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA, is scheduled for November 5–7, 2021, for men, ages 18-35, single or married, who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood in the Byzantine Catholic Church. The retreat will be conducted in a "no pressure, no hard-sell" environment. The atmosphere will be prayerful, positive, and fraternal. All registrants must be fully COVID vaccinated to attend. **For more information and to register, no later than October 13, 2021, please visit [www.bcs.edu](http://www.bcs.edu).**

**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](http://www.becomingbyzantine.org) for more information. Sessions will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month beginning September 26, 2021 through August, 2022, from 7-8:30pm.

**ASSEMBLY OF THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC METROPOLITAN CHURCH 2021:** The Archeparchial Office of Religious Education has announced an in-person event entitled, "**One Body in Christ: Re-emerging from the Pandemic.**" This event will take place November 5-6, 2021, at the Cathedral in Munhall, PA. Visit [www.archpitt.org](http://www.archpitt.org) for more information.

**GOD WITH US ONLINE:** The third webinar of this curriculum year will be "*Genesis; An Eastern Christian Perspective*." This is a free program and takes place on Wednesdays, November 3-17, from 8-9pm. Andrew Hayes, Ph.D., will be the presenter. Join us as we immerse ourselves in the study of Genesis, which St. Ephrem the Syrian called "the treasure house of the Ark, the crown of the Law." With Saints Ephrem, John Chrysostom, Basil the Great & Gregory of Nyssa, as our guides, we will dive deeply into the Sacred Word which created the world in the beginning. To register, visit [www.godwithusonline.org](http://www.godwithusonline.org).

If you missed the second webinar, "*Singing our Faith*," on October 13<sup>th</sup>, it is now available in the event library, along with other past webinars, on the God With Us website. You can also view the schedule for the rest of the **Fall/Winter 2021 Webinars**. Please be sure to share this with others!

**CHILDREN'S CORNER**



How do we run the race?

Find words on the grid to fill in the blanks. The location of the first letter is given. All words follow in order either across or down.



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2g	6a	12f	2c	2f
8a	11g	12a		



**EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION (ECF) PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN:** A fall craft project is being planned for Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, along with a snack. Please let us know, by today, if you will be participating. Also, visit [www.godwithusononline.org](http://www.godwithusononline.org), 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. It is not too late to register, a child, for our ECF Program. Please send Fr. Serhii an email and let him know.

*"If we don't teach our children who God is, someone will teach them everything He is not!"*

-Author Unknown

**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, 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., Georgianna Kostak, Betty Rankin, Fr. Joseph Borodach (he is a priest in the Pittsburgh Diocese and recovering from surgery – Uncle of Alex Demyan), Greg Rudy, 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: 10.17.2021 - \$1,126.00 Hagerstown: 10.16.2021 - \$203.00

Thank you to those who continue to support 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 and click on the Tithely link. **"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work"** (2 Corinthians 9:6-8).

**2021 "FALL" SLAVIC FOOD FESTIVAL – Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 2pm:** *Many thanks to those who volunteered to make holupki yesterday for our festival.* Contact Mary Demyan, [mdemya1@verizon.net](mailto:mdemya1@verizon.net) or 410-591-5654, if you are able to volunteer for kolachi making. If you would like to place a festival food order, forms are available on our website, under "News," or you can pick one up on the shelf, in the Narthex, next to the bulletins. Orders can either be submitted on our church website, mailed to the church rectory, or left in the collection basket, in the back of our Temple. **The pre-order date deadline is Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Wednesday, November 17, 2021,** at 9am – kolachi making (we plan on making 400+ kolachi and need as many volunteers as possible to help roll, bake, package them up, and help in clean-up)  
**Friday, November 19, 2021,** at 9am – volunteers needed to peel potatoes, cut onions, and set the hall up for the festival  
**Saturday, November 20, 2021,** from 10am-2pm – volunteers needed to work the festival, as well as help is needed to clean up after the festival

**BAKED GOOD DONATIONS NEEDED:** Gather up your favorite recipes and get the whole family involved! **We will be having a bake table, at our upcoming festival next month.** We welcome all kinds of baked goods. Please wrap/package your baked goods in sellable portions. **We also need someone to manage the bake table.** You can contact Mary Demyan, and let her know you will take on this task. Thank you in advance for your help!

**KIELBASI FREEZER SALE:** We have a limited supply of frozen **"smoked kielbasi"** for sale and available to take home after Liturgy today. If you are interested in purchasing any, please see Mary Demyan or Sharon Kotula. Price and size vary.

**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).

**Veteran's Day Commemoration 2021**

**All military veterans, living or deceased,  
will be remembered at the Divine Liturgy on:  
Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Living Veterans:**

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**Deceased Veterans:**

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