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Next Liturgy: TBD

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

| Date | Time | Service | Intention |
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| 18 th Sunday After Pentecost Protection of the Theotokos 10.1.2023 | 11:00am | Divine Liturgy 50 th Anniversary Celebration Followed by a Panachida Service at Holy Trinity Cemetery | For Living and Deceased Members of our Parish |
| 19 th Sunday After Pentecost 10.8.2023 | 9:00am | Divine Liturgy | For the Intention of the Giver |

Today is the **18th Sunday After Pentecost – Protection of the Theotokos.**

The Propers handout for today can be found on the table behind the last pew.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confession is available beginning an hour before the start of Divine Liturgy, and ending 15 minutes before the start of services.

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

LITURGY INTENTIONS: If you would like to request an Intention, please either call or email Fr. Vasyl, and let him know. Intention forms are available on the bookrack, in the Narthex, or on our website. Checks should be made payable to: Fr. Vasyl Symyon. You can either mail your Intention request to the rectory, or place it in the offertory basket in the back of our Temple.

The Eparchy of Passaic is still accepting Stipends for Ukrainian priests. Stipend forms can be found on the bookrack in the Narthex, or on our church website. Make checks payable to: "Eparchy of Passaic." Our Eparchy will pay the administrative costs, so that 100% goes to a Ukrainian priest, and his family, who needs the help. Mail the Stipend sheet and your check to: Eparchy of Passaic, 445 Lackawanna Ave., Woodland Park, NJ 07424.

METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY: Most Rev. William Skurla, Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh, have invited all clergy and faithful to the Assembly of the Byzantine (Ruthenian) Metropolitan Church at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, 1900 Brooks Boulevard, Hillsboro, NJ, 08844, **November 2-5, 2023.** The theme of this Assembly is *"Living Our Faith, Moving Forward, Appreciating Our Past."* Registration is now open. The Assembly cost is \$250 for individuals and \$400 for couples. The fee includes meals, breaks, presentations, materials, and the gala on Saturday evening. The Maria Theresa Foundation will underwrite the registration fees of individuals and couples between the ages of 18 and 35. Special rates for hotel accommodations have been arranged at the Hilton Garden Inn, 500 Promenade Boulevard, Bridgewater, NJ, 08807, and is a 15-minute drive to St. Mary's Church. Hotel registration deadline is September 30th. For more information, contact the Assembly coordinators, Fr. Ed Cimbala, at 212-677-0516 or Fr. Yuriy Oros at 609-394-5004. The assembly website is byzantineassembly2023.org, and the email address is byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com. **Registration deadline is October 1st!**

MID-ATLANTIC STATES SYNCOLLATE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: For those who submitted their names to receive an invitation for this event, at Epiphany Church in Annandale, VA, the celebration will take place on Sunday, **November 12th**, at 10am. Bishop Kurt will be in attendance and accompanied by Bishop Nil Luschak, OFM, Apostolic Administrator of the Eparchy of Mukachevo. Bishop Nil will be in the United States because he is scheduled to be a speaker at the Metropolitan Church Assembly and then for the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-elect Robert Pipta, and Enthronement as Sixth Eparchial Bishop of Parma.

A DOUBLE BLESSING: Mark your calendar! On **December 17th**, the Eparchy of Passaic will be celebrating two milestones. First, is the 60th Anniversary of the Canonical Establishment of the Eparchy of Passaic; and second is the 10th Anniversary of the Consecration of Bishop Kurt and his Installation as the 5th Bishop of Passaic! The day will begin at 3pm with gratitude and prayer through the celebration of a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel in Passaic, NJ, followed by a cocktail hour and dinner at the nearby Venetian Banquet Facility, in Garfield, NJ. **All the faithful in the Eparchy of Passaic are invited to attend. RSVP is due by November 17th. Please see the attached flyer, with this bulletin, for more information, and the form to return to the Eparchy with payment for this event.**

PARISH GREETER: At our last parish meeting, Deacon Tony brought up the idea of bringing back our church having a parish greeter in the Narthex prior to the beginning of services. Seeing a friendly face, when coming to our church, presents a welcoming environment. If you would like to volunteer, and welcome parishioners to our church, by passing out bulletins, and showing newcomers where our special liturgical booklets and Propers handouts are located, along with answering any questions they may have, please let Deacon Tony know. If a few parishioners volunteered, we could do this on a rotational basis, and perhaps you would only need to volunteer, to do this task, once a month. ***Please consider volunteering!***

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos



Use the following words to fill in the blanks:

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Today, _____, our Church celebrates the Feast of the _____ of the _____. The Theotokos hovers over the _____ protecting them with her _____.

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION PROGRAM: Next Sunday, October 8th, following Divine Liturgy, ECF will be meeting in our social hall. The theme of the class is "Introduction to the Church." If you have any questions, please email Loui Villanueva at villanuevaluxmundi@yahoo.com.

GOD WITH US ONLINE FREE WEBINARS: *Mark your calendars -*

"Speaking Truth to Power; An Introduction to the Holy Prophets," will take place on Wednesdays, October 5th – 19th, from 8-9pm. Rev. Sebastian Carnazzo will be the presenter. *"Who were these holy prophets that "through faith conquered kingdoms... received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire... put armies to flight" (Cf Heb. 13:32-34)?* Join them as you learn the stories of these great Old Testament saints with Fr. Sebastian. To register, visit www.godwithusonline.org.

"O Joyful Light; An Introduction to Evening Prayer," will take place on Wednesdays, November 2nd & 9th, from 8-9pm. Rev. David Anderson will be the presenter. *"From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised" (Ps. 113:3).* The setting of the sun has always inspired the Church to turn to the Lord in prayer. Join us as Fr. David will teach us the importance and unique character of this special hour in the Church's life of prayer. To register, visit www.godwithusonline.org.

HELP WANTED - PATRONAGE CHURCH SLAVIC FOOD FESTIVAL - Saturday, November 18th: In order to continue with the success of our festivals, we will need many volunteers. If you have any questions or can volunteer, please contact Mary Demyan at mdemya1@verizon.net. Many hands make light work, so any help will be much appreciated. Please mark your calendar with the following festival dates/times:

- Friday, October 6th, 12 noon - cabbage preparation (boil and remove spine on cabbage leaves)
- Saturday, October 7th, 9am – make balls, roll the balls in cabbage leaves, cook, and freeze Holupki
- Wednesday, November 15th, 9am – make and package Kolachi
- Friday, November 17th, 9am – set-up for festival (including peeling and cubing potatoes)
- Saturday, November 18th, 10am – 2pm – festival (we will also need help in cleaning up afterwards)

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR OUR UPCOMING FESTIVAL:

1. In looking ahead to our upcoming Slavic Food Festival, and to help offset costs, **we are currently asking for donations of walnuts. We will need 40 pounds.** They are \$7.98 for a 3lb bag at Sam's Club, if you happen to be a member, and can purchase them there. If not, walnuts can be purchased at a store of your choice. If you do not want to shop, we will do the shopping for you with your donation of either cash or a check made payable to: Patronage Church. Thank you for any support you can provide!
2. **Festival Bake Sale:** We also **need lots of donations of baked goods**, so start gathering your recipes. Specific details as to labeling, packaging, and pricing will follow closer to our festival. We are looking forward to another great festival!

SOCIAL HALL FREEZER: We are in the process of replacing one of our social hall freezers in time for our church festival. It has been repaired multiple times, and has become unreliable. We will keep you updated as to when we get a new one installed. **If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of this freezer, we would appreciate any amount you could give. Many thanks to those who have already made a donation!**

BYZANTINE ICON PAINTING WORKSHOP (UPDATED INFORMATION): Patronage Church is planning a Byzantine Icon Painting Workshop with Iconographer, Wayne Hajos. Wayne wrote many icons in our church. This workshop is an excellent opportunity for spiritual growth in our faith!

The class will be held on Saturday, February 3rd and 10th, from 9am – 5pm, and Sunday, February 4th and 11th, from 11:30am – 7:30pm. The class fee will be \$250 with all supplies included.

No art experience is necessary, and we will paint an icon of our church's patron, the Theotokos to register, please send a deposit of \$50, by check, along with your name, and mail it to: Wayne Hajos, 400 Symphony Circle #555, Hunt Valley, MD 21030. The balance of \$200 will be due on the first day of class. Class size is limited to 20 students max, and will be first come, first serve! Registration deadline is January 1st, 2024!

If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Ross at keviross@gmail.com, or by text/phone at 570-561-6540.

sometime in the beginning of 2024. Wayne was the Iconographer who wrote the icons in our Holy Place and below our choir loft many years ago. The class will be 4 days long (9am - 4:30pm). The class fee will be \$275 with all supplies and lunch provided. No art experience necessary, and we will paint/write the icon of the Virgin Mary. We'd love to have our teenage parishioners (recommended minimum age is 15) participate in this great opportunity! At the moment, we are trying to pin down exact dates for the class, but are looking at a JAN, FEB, or MAR timeframe. We would also like to hear if you have a preference for doing the class in a single week (Wednesday - Saturday) or would prefer four consecutive Saturdays? **Please email Kevin Ross at keviross@gmail.com if you are interested along with any preference on dates/timing.** Class size is limited to 20 students. More details regarding payment, will be forthcoming.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: The people of Ukraine, that peace may be soon be restored to their land, our parishioners, the founders of our parish, our benefactors, those who are sick, and those who cannot make it to church. Also, Fr. Vasyl Symyon, Matthew Skovran, Mike Skovran, James DeWolfe, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Kay Dinko, Doris Ruszin, Veronica Ruszin, Anna Martin, Joseph and Marie Repasi, Mary Jo Kelly Wilhelm, Howard Guba, Missy Kakalec, Albert Ondrish, 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!*

STEWARDSHIP: (Donate at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733> – the link is also on our website)

Patronage Church (9.24.2023):
Offertory: \$467.00 Tithely: \$180.00

“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).

PATRONAGE CHURCH'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY: We welcome everyone today in our celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the dedication of our church, here in Baltimore, which took place on October 7, 1973. Everyone is welcome to join us in our social hall. After Divine Liturgy, everyone is welcome to join us in our social hall for a luncheon that our church will be providing. After the conclusion of our luncheon, Fr. Vasyl will be having a Panachida service at Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Cemetery (also known as Cathedral Gardens Cemetery), just a few miles from our church, for those parishioners who are interred there. The address is 6480 Elibank Drive, in Elkridge. We hope you can also attend this service, as well.

PATRONAGE FACEBOOK PAGE: If anyone takes any **pictures today during our parish's 50 Anniversary Celebration**, that they would like to share, and have them posted on the church's Facebook page, please send them to Kevin Ross at keviross@gmail.com. Thank you!

GREEK CATHOLIC UNION (GCU) SCHOLARSHIPS: The 2023-2024 GCU Scholarship Program is now open for both high school and college students. Please visit www.GCUusa.com, then click on “Scholarships for Students,” to access the applications. All applications must be competed online. To be eligible for a scholarship, the student must be a GCU member as of December 31, 2022, with either a permanent life certificate, or an annuity with a minimum balance of \$2,000.

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.