

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



Icon of Parable of the Sower and Seed



PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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Next Liturgy: TBD

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday of the Fathers of the 7 th Ecumenical Council 10.15.2023	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the Intention of the Giver
21 st Sunday After Pentecost 10.22.2023	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Michael Varanell From: Richard & Olimpia Baldi

Today is the **Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council**.

The Propers for today are on page 135, Tone 3, then page 263, in the teal Liturgy book.

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!

MID-ATLANTIC STATES SYNCCELLATE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION UPDATE:

Invitations have been mailed to parishioners who requested one for this event at Epiphany Church in Annandale, VA, on November 12th. Please complete the response card, and return it in the self-addressed stamped envelope that was provided with the invitation. If you did not receive your invitation, please send our church an email and let us know.

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 completed 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.

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.

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.**

THANK YOU to all who continue to serve our church with their time, talent, and treasure. We appreciate everyone. There are many ways to be of service; because if not me, then who?

MOUNT ST. MACRINA HOUSE OF PRAYER EVENTS: The following events will take place at Mount St. Macrina, 510 W. Main Street, Uniontown, PA. To register for programs or for more information, please call 724-438-7149 or email hpmsm@verizon.net.

1. Women's Weekend Retreat, "**Opening Your Eyes to a Deeper Faith**," will take place beginning at 7pm on Friday, October 27th to Sunday Morning, October 29th, and presented by Sister Barbara Jean Mihalchick, OSBM, and Heleanne Hochendoner, MAT. The offering is \$100, and registration is due by October 21st.
2. "**Overnight Silent Retreat for Women**," will take place beginning at 7pm on Friday, November 10th to after lunch Saturday, November 11th, and presented by Sister Carol, OSBM. The offering is \$40, and registration is due by November 4th.
3. "**Christmas Preparation Retreat Morning**," will take place on Saturday, December 9th from 9:30am - 1pm, and presented by Fr. Valerian Michlik. The offering is \$40, and includes the conference, Sacrament of Reconciliation, reflection times, prayer service, and lunch. Registration is due by December 4th.
4. "**Sanctuary Sessions for Sanity**," will take place from 10:30am – noon on Tuesdays, December 12th, and 19th. Guided prayer and quiet medication time in the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Free-will offering. No registration required.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Can you help Noah?

Noah needs to finish building his ark before the flood waters come. Can you help him by connecting the dots together and completing his ark?



SundaySchoolResources.co.uk

HELP WANTED - PATRONAGE CHURCH SLAVIC FOOD FESTIVAL - Saturday, November 18th:

Many thanks to the following volunteers who assisted with making **488 holupki** for our upcoming festival last weekend: Mary and Alex Demyan, Rose Paczkowski, Joe Belensky, Kevin Ross, Theresa Kotlar, Katie McClelland, Kelley Wood, Regina Yackanicz, and Dave Kernich. Your efforts were greatly appreciated!

Please mark your calendar with the following festival dates/times that volunteers are needed next. 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.

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!**

MT. ST. MACRINA CEMETERY, UNIONTOWN, PA, ANNOUNCEMENT: Dormition East and West Sections are now open for single or double plot purchase. Current pricing for each Dormition plot is \$1,500.00 through November 30, 2023. The required minimum down payment per plot is \$500.00. Full payment must be made 2 years from initial contract date, and prior to burial in plot(s). If interested in making a plot(s) purchase, please visit www.mtstmacrinacemetery.org, Menu; Offerings: Dormition. If you are in agreement with the policies, contact Sr. Seraphim at 412-559-8861 for purchase arrangements.

“COME AND SEE:” Produced by the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic, this is a resource which aims to share the “Good News” – the transforming message of the Gospel within the context of the Byzantine Catholic tradition, and was designed with a two-fold goal in mind: 1) to be beneficial to all the existing Byzantine Catholics, and serve as the ABCs about our church and tradition, and 2) it is also 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 friendship with Him. It is an introduction about who are and what we believe and it aims to grow awareness and participation in the great Christian richness of our Byzantine tradition and speak about its practices. It is an invitation to a journey to experience the Mystery of God. The cost of this book is only \$5.00, and is located in the book rack in the Narthex. You can place your money in the marked envelope next to the books.

BYZANTINE ICON PAINTING WORKSHOP: Patronage Church is having a Byzantine Icon Painting Workshop with iconographer Wayne Hajos. Wayne painted many of our icons in our church and this 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 1, 2024! Those who register will receive periodic updates by email. As we get closer to the date, we'll figure out if there is interest in providing a meal each day of the class.

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



CARPATHO-RUSYN WORKSHOP: You are invited to participate in a *free virtual "Sauerkraut Workshop" on Saturday, October 21st at 10am ET*. Participants can make a fresh batch of sauerkraut (kvasna kapusta), in the comfort of their own kitchen, with the camaraderie of other participants, and with the guidance of three leaders on various aspects of what goes into the making of sauerkraut, an annual undertaking of our ancestors. We will discuss the importance of this invaluable food in our predecessors' lives, as well as our own. Each person who registers will receive a list of items needed in the making of sauerkraut to have ready at the time of the workshop. Attendees are encouraged to share stories of growing up Rusyn and any kapusta (cabbage) or kvasna kapusta-related memories, tales, or songs. Please register on the Carpatho-Rusyn Society website: <https://c-rs.org/event-5449330>. A zoom link will be sent prior to the event. Any questions, please contact Andrea Kaufman at ak@c-rs.org.

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 (10.8.2023):
Donation amounts will be posted in next Sunday's bulletin.**

"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).

GOD WITH US RADIO: Visit www.godwithusonline.org, and click on "Radio," to listen to an amazing variety of engaging online audio content from Eastern Christian sources, inclusive of a weekly **GOD WITH US LIVE** podcast, a **Daily Orientale Lumen** podcast, and a monthly **Voice of the Shepherd** podcast.

GOD WITH US INSTITUTE: "The House of the Lord: A Biblical Catechesis on the Temple" – Join us November 2023 – August 2024, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, from 7-8pm, starting November 7th, for a free and exciting bible study course on the theology of God's dwelling with us in the temples of the Old and New Testaments! Visit www.godwithusonline.org, and click on "Institute," to register, and for more information.

GOD WITH US ONLINE: Hundreds of hours of free live and pre-recorded webinars, series, conferences, and lectures for inquirers, the faithful, and catechists are available in video and audio format. A fall online webinar entitled, "Synodality and the Christian East: Past, Present, & Future," will take place the 2nd Thursday of the month, 7-8pm, October-December 2023, starting October 12th. What is the meaning of Synodality in the Christian East? How are Eastern Catholic Churches called to faithfully follow the synodal way in Christ? Join the for this engaging discussion. Visit www.godwithusonline.org, and click on "Online," to register, and for more information.

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).

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All the Faithful in the Eparchy of Passaic are invited to attend and join their voices in prayers of gratitude for our past and prayers of hope for our future - as well as to celebrate with our Chief Shepherd, Bishop Kurt on his 10th anniversary!

See the invitation below for additional information. Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to Him Forever!



The Faithful of the Eparchy of Passaic
Are invited to attend:

*the 60th Anniversary of the Canonical Establishment of the
Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic
and*

*The 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Episcopal Consecration and Installation of
Bishop Kurt Burnette as the 5th Bishop of Passaic*



Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 3:00PM
Sunday, December 17, 2023
Cathedral of Saint Michael the Archangel
96 1st Street, Passaic, NJ 07055

Cocktail Hour and Dinner to Follow at
5:00 in the evening at
The Venetian
546 River Drive
Garfield, NJ 07026

Please Respond below:

Name(s) _____ will attend the Anniversary Celebration

Email: _____ Phone# _____

_____ number attending at \$100.00 per person (Confirmation will be emailed)

Please make check for the total, payable to **Eparchy of Passaic** and return by November 17, 2023
Eparchy of Passaic Anniversary Committee
445 Lackawanna Avenue
Woodland Park, NJ 07424

A Word of Warning

Store up in your minds the Lord's words which you receive through your ears, for the word of the Lord is the nourishment of the mind. When His word is heard but not stored away in the memory, it is like food which has been eaten and then rejected by an upset stomach. A person's life is despaired of if he cannot retain his food. So if you receive the food of holy exhortations, but fail to store in your memory those words of life which nurture righteousness, you have good reason to fear the danger of everlasting death. Be careful, then, that the word you have received through your ears remains in your heart. Be careful that the seed does not fall along the path, for fear that the evil spirit may come and take it from your memory. Be careful that the seed is not received in stony ground, so that it produces a harvest of good works without the roots of perseverance. Many people are pleased with what they hear and resolve to undertake some good work, but as soon as difficulties begin to arise and hinder them they leave the work

unfinished. The stony ground lacked the necessary moisture for the sprouting seed to yield the fruit of perseverance.

Good earth, on the other hand, brings forth fruit by patience. The reason for this is that nothing we do is good unless we also bear with equanimity the injuries done us by our neighbors. In fact, the more we progress, the more hardships we shall have to endure in this world; for when our love for the present world dies, its sufferings increase. This is why we see many people doing good works and at the same time struggling under a heavy burden of afflictions. They now shun earthly desires, and yet they are tormented by greater sufferings. But, as the Lord said, they bring forth fruit by patience, because, since they humbly endure misfortunes, they are welcomed when these are over into a place of rest in heaven.

St. Gregory the Great

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