

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saints Cosmas and Damian -- November 1st



PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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Next Liturgy: TBD

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
22 nd Sunday After Pentecost 10.29.2023	9:00am	Typika Service	For: Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish
Blessed Theodore Romza Monday - 10.30.2023	6:00pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy	For the Intention of the Giver
23 rd Sunday After Pentecost 11.5.2023	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the Intention of the Giver

Today is the **22nd Sunday After Pentecost.**

The Propers for today are on page 146, Tone 5, in the teal Liturgy book located in the pews.

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

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.

ATTENTION GREEK CATHOLIC UNION (GCU) MEMBERS: Dennis Kotula is Patronage Church's GCU Parish Coordinator, and is working on compiling a list of Patronage Church parishioners who are GCU members. If you are a member, please send him an email at dennis.kotula@gmail.com, and let him know. Our parish has benefited from the GCU Matching Funds Program based on proceeds from our Slavic Food Festivals, and the GCU Parish Social Program (for example, so far this year, the GCU paid for Pysanky Workshop materials, food for our Ice Cream Social, and the cake for our 50th Anniversary Celebration. They also supply pamphlets, flyers, and booklets for our St. Nicholas Program and Pascha. If you are interested in becoming a GCU member, a flyer with information, is available on the bookrack, in the Narthex.

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.

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 hpsm@verizon.net.

1. **"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.
2. **"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.
3. **"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.

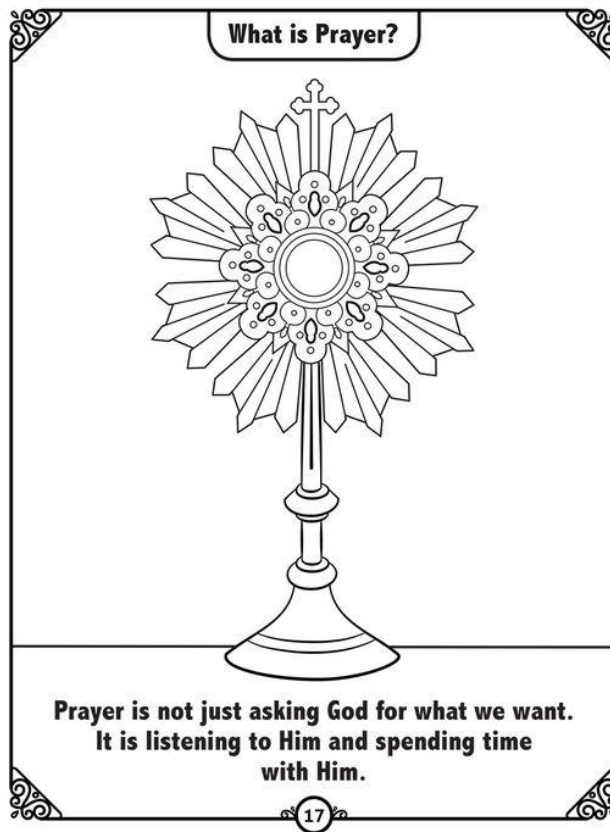
LITURGICAL PAMPHLETS: Deacon Tony is updating our Liturgical pamphlets. They are a wealth of information about the Byzantine Catholic Church. As they become available, you can pick one up on the table in the back of our Temple. If you know of someone who may be interested in the Byzantine Rite, please share this information with them, and extend an invitation to come to Liturgy.

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. The flyer is posted on our bulletin board in the Narthex, and also on our website included with the 10.15.2023, bulletin.***

PRINTER CARTRIDGES: We are collecting used printer cartridges to recycle, and earn rewards to help pay for new cartridges we use to print our weekly bulletins and Liturgical information. You can place your cartridges in the labeled box in the cry room. Many thanks!

FREE BOOKS: We have a basket of books behind the last pew in our Temple. Please feel free to help yourself. Give one to a family member or a friend!

CHILDREN'S CORNER



“If we don’t teach our children who God is,

someone will teach them everything He is not.” - Author Unknown

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION (ECF) PROGRAM: Mark your calendar with the following upcoming dates:

- Sunday, November 5th – Topic: The Church as The Body of Christ
- Sunday, December 10th - St. Nicholas visit and presentation
- Sunday, December 17th - ECF Confession opportunity before Christmas
- Sunday, December 24th - Nativity presentation

Any questions, please contact Loui Villanueva at villanuevaluxmundi@gmail.com.

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

Please mark your calendar with the following baking/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 greatly 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 also need help cleaning up after the festival)

We are also looking for a volunteer to fill vases, with flowers, the day before the festival when we will be setting up. You can be creative what you put in each vase. It would also be nice to also play music during the festival, so if you plan on attending, and would like to volunteer, and make sure we have continuous music, please let Mary Demyan know. There are some CD's available in the widow well by the TV in the social hall.

THANK YOU FOR ADDITIONAL FESTIVAL DONATIONS: Many thanks to the following parishioners who donated an item or made a monetary donation for our festival. Your generosity is great appreciated!

1. **Kluski Noodles** to make Holushki for the festival – Nancy & Dan Bobby
2. **Monetary funds** to support items needed for the festival – Dennis Kohlhoff, William & Dana Tomcannin

So that we can get a complete accounting of non-monetary donations to our parish, please provide a receipt for your donation, so that we can maintain accurate festival cost records, as well as provide donators a more complete accounting of donations at the end of the year for tax purposes. Please include your name, and mark “festival” on your receipt, and kindly give it to Dennis Kotula. If you have any questions, please email him at dennis.kotula@gmail.com. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

ADDITIONAL DONATIONS NEEDED FOR OUR SLAVIC FOOD FESTIVAL:

1. **Festival Bake Table** - we 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.
2. **Cash/Check Donations** – helps purchase additional ingredients needed to make our recipes for the festival, and purchase paper goods, plastic silverware, etc., used on the day of the festival

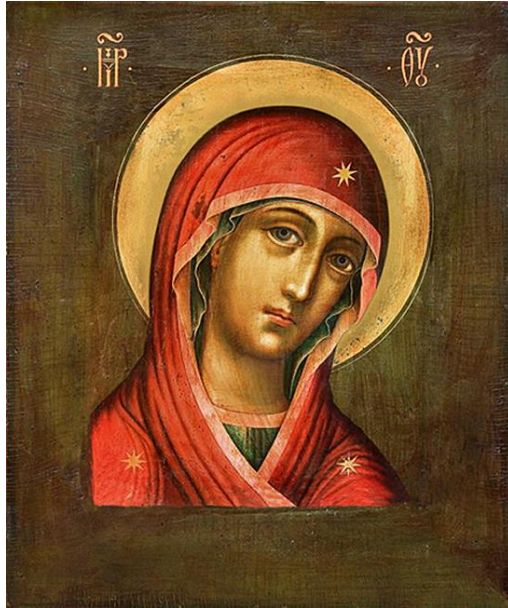
No donation is too small, and we appreciate whatever you can give! Our church festivals greatly assist in paying our bills and the upkeep/maintenance of our church! If you are able to make a donation of items needed, please contact Mary Demyan at mdemya1@verizon.net. If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can either mail it to the church, or drop it in our offertory basket in the back of our Temple. Please mark your contribution, “Festival Donation,” payable to: Patronage Church, if you write a check. Thank you!

GREEK CATHOLIC UNION (GCU) MAGAZINE: There are limited number of copies of the October issue of the GCU Magazine now available on the bookrack in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one home with you.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS: Daylight Saving Time officially ends at 2am on Sunday, November 5th, when clocks “fall back” one hour. Please make a note of this.

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.



HISTORY OF THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES: To understand the Byzantine Catholic people and their church, it is necessary to know who they were and from where they came. Thus, the journey of faith started in their homeland, the “Old Country,” of Central Europe. If you would like to learn more, visit www.archpitt.net, click on “Resources/About,” “History,” then “Archeparchy of Pittsburgh.”

GREEK CATHOLIC UNION (GCU) ST. NICHOLAS VIRTUALTHON BENEFITING SEMINARY: This year's St. Nicholas Celebration to benefit the Ss. Cyril & Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA, is having a Virtualthon **effective now through December 6th, 11:45pm**. The GCU Board of Directors has established the St. Nicholas Virtualthon - A Community Outreach Event to Benefit the Ss. Cyril & Methodius Seminary. The GCU will match up to \$5,000 of total donations to the Virtualthon. If you would like to donate to this effort, please visit www.GCUusa.com, and click on the “St. Nicholas 2023 Virtualthon,” and follow the prompts, if you would like to use a credit card. If you prefer to pay by check, please make payable and mail to: St. Nicholas Virtualthon, 5400 Tuscarawas Road, Beaver, PA 15009. Your support of this event is greatly appreciated!

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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, Loretta Kotula, 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, Robin Sevachko, 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:

October 22, 2023

Offertory: \$835.00 Tithe.ly: \$200.00

“Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth” (Dt. 8:18).

PARISH SOCIAL: Please join us in our social hall after Divine Liturgy today for some festive treats, and parish fellowship! **Many thanks to Deacon Tony and Theresa Kotlar for donating the treats!** We will also be making cards for our homebound parishioners. All are welcome to participate in this project. **Many thanks to the GCU for donating the materials for the cards!**

BLESSED THEODORE G. ROMZHA: We will be celebrating Blessed Theodore Romzha during a Vigil Divine Liturgy on **October 30th at 6pm**. Please join us. To learn more about Bishop Romzha, visit www.eparchyofpassaic.com, then click on “Home,” “About,” then Blessed Theodore Romzha.

VETERAN'S DAY COMMEMORATION: On **Sunday, November 12th**, Fr. Vasyl will be having a Veteran's Day commemoration for living and deceased members of our parish during Divine Liturgy. If you would like to include living or deceased names, of our parish veterans, that will be read aloud during Liturgy and posted in our bulletin, please complete the form included with this bulletin, and return it to our church by either placing it in the offertory basket, or mailing it to the rectory **no later than Sunday, November 5th**.

2023 BISHOP'S APPEAL: You will be receiving information in the mail shortly, regarding this year's Appeal. Pledges and payments will be accepted through June 30, 2024. Any contributions received after December 31, 2023, must be attributed to the 2024 tax year. All checks must be made payable to: Eparchy of Passaic, and not Patronage Church. You may also pledge/donate online at: www.eparchyofpassaic.com. Our parish goal is \$9,800.00, and if we achieve or exceed this amount, our parish will receive a 40% refund of the total received. Contributions from the Hagerstown Mission will also be attributed to Patronage Church's total.

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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Veteran's Day Commemoration
All Living and Deceased Military Veterans will be
Remembered at the Divine Liturgy on
Sunday, November 12, 2023

Living Veterans:

Deceased Veterans:

Your Name: _____

Donation: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Very Reverend Vasyl Symyon

Physicians Who Work for Free

On November 1st, we celebrate the feast of two remarkable brothers who lived during the early years of the Christian Church. Cosmas and Damian were born of wealthy parents in Asia Minor who gave their sons the best education in the Roman Empire. They were interested in medicine and became physicians at an early age. During this same time, the two brothers also became Christians. Their unique combination of medicine and prayer attracted the attention of many. Through their commitment to Christ they endeavored to become healers not only of the body, but of the soul as well. Consequently, their fame spread and they soon developed a reputation as being miracle-workers who could heal with an herb as well as with a prayer.

About this same time, the brothers made a most unique pledge: they pledged not to take

any money for their services. They healed thousands of people from diseases of body and soul and never accepted anything for their efforts. Their reputation spread even more rapidly as they became known as “unmercenaries” – someone who does not expect payment of any kind in return for services rendered.

In a sense, each of us can become unmercenaries in the same spirit as were Saints Cosmas and Damian. Each of us can freely give something of ourselves without expecting anything in return. Perhaps we can give our time to a person in need without expecting an equal favor in return. Perhaps we can freely give advice without being offended if it is not followed. Or, perhaps we can give the gift of forgiveness without receiving an apology in return.

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