

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Good Samaritan



PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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Next Liturgy: TBD

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
24 th Sunday After Pentecost 11.5.2023	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For Living and Deceased Veterans
25 th Sunday After Pentecost 11.19.2023	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For: +Michael & Elizabeth Bobby From: Dan & Nancy Bobby

Today is the **23rd Sunday After Pentecost.**

The Propers for today are on page 152, Tone 6,
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.

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

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THEOSIS IN ACTION & THE EPARCHY OF PASSAIC PRESENTS "POUSTINIA:" An evening of encounter and hospitality in the Light of the Byzantine East, featuring the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, 1900 Brooks Boulevard, Hillsborough, NJ 08844. This event will take place on **November 18th, from 7:00-10:00pm, and is open to young adults ages 18-35.** The program will include Compline, Confession, silent prayer/reflection, and a social & fellowship. For more information, serve Byzantine Catholic young adults from the Eparchy of Passaic and beyond, as well as inquirers of goodwill by providing them with resources to grow in their faith and opportunities for fellowship as they navigate through adulthood." Saint John Paul the Great said, "Dear young people, let yourselves be taken over by the light of Christ, and spread that light wherever you are." For more information, contact FatherTomByz@gmail.com, or facebook.com/theosisinaction.

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.

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. "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.
2. "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.

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.

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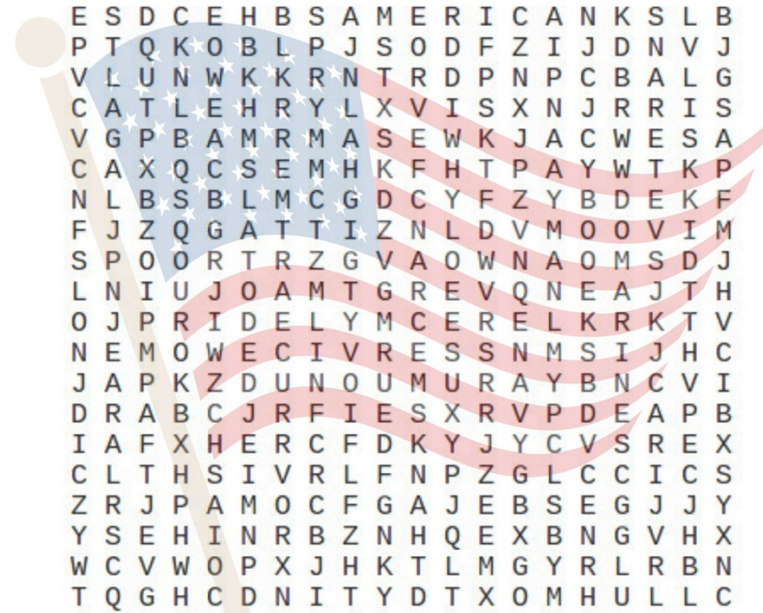
PRINTER CARTRIDGES: We are collecting used printer cartridges to recycle, and earn rewards to help pay for new cartridges we use to print our weekly bulletins and Liturgical information. You can place your cartridges in the labeled box in the cry room. Many thanks!

CHURCH HUMOR:



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Veteran's Day word search



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| AIRFORCE | PRIDE |
| AMERICAN | RESPECT |
| ARMY | SALUTE |
| FLAG | SERVICEMEN |
| HONOR | SERVICEWOMEN |
| MARINES | THANKS |
| NAVY | TROOPS |
| NOVEMBER | VETERANS |

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION (ECF) PROGRAM: Please mark your calendar with these additional upcoming dates.

- 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. 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)

THANK YOU FOR FESTIVAL DONATIONS: Many thanks, again, to those who have donated items or monetary funds to help support our upcoming festival on Saturday. **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!

BAKED GOODS DONATIONS NEEDED FOR OUR FESTIVAL: We need all kinds of baked goods, and would like to have them portioned, packaged, and priced, if possible. Also, label your donation being sure to include content details (nuts/no nuts, low fat, gluten free, etc.). Your assistance will save time when setting up the baked good table, and any donation will be greatly appreciated and benefit our church!

Please help us fill our table with your donated baked goods!

FESTIVAL ORDERS: All orders are due by tomorrow, Monday, November 13th! Extra order forms are available either on the shelf in the Narthex, or on the kitchen counter in our social hall.

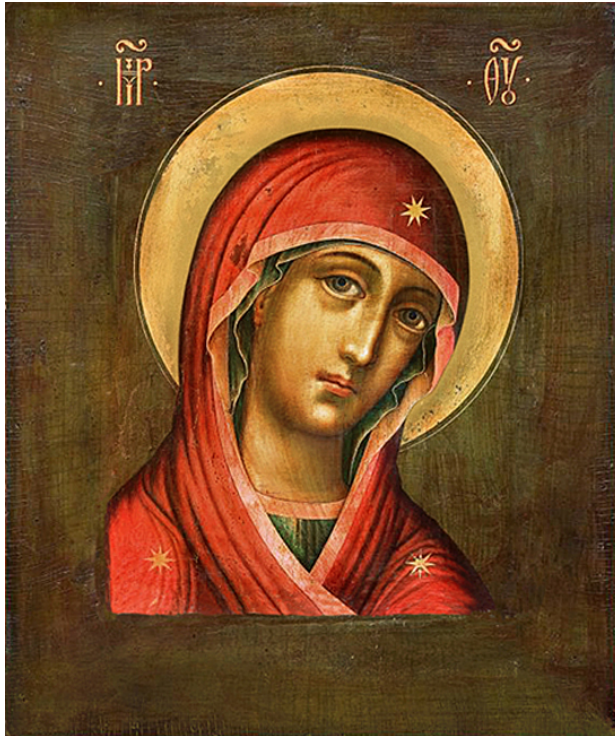
SOCIAL HALL FREEZER UPDATE: We are still working on purchasing a freezer (shopping around), and hope to have it ordered and installed this week. We'll keep you updated!

“COME AND SEE:” A great holiday gift! 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 on the book rack in the Narthex. You can place your money in the marked envelope next to the books.

THANK YOU: We appreciate everyone who sees trash on the grounds of our church, and picks it up and puts it in the receptacle; who takes the trash out from our parish socials and puts it in the cans behind the rectory; who notices that the bathroom needs some attention; who notices and tends to any spills or crumbs in our social hall and kitchen; and who takes the time to neaten the books, and removes old bulletins or handouts, in the pews of our Temple. What can you do to help our church?

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! Take advantage of this opportunity!

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.



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, 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:

November 5, 2023

Offertory: \$1,040.00 Tithe.ly: \$290.00

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

VETERANS DAY COMMEMORATION: Fr. Vasyl will be having a Veterans Day Commemoration today for living and deceased members of our parish during Divine Liturgy. There will also be a social after Divine Liturgy in our hall. **We would like to thank the GCU for providing refreshments on the occasion of our celebration of Veterans Day.**

OUR PEOPLE, CARPATHO-RUSYNS AND THEIR DESCENDANTS IN NORTH AMERICA: Looking for a great holiday gift! We have a *limited number of copies available* of this newly published book, if you would like to purchase one. The cost is \$45.00 and is signed by the author, Dr. Paul Robert Magocsi. We are making it available to parishioners first, and will sell the remaining books at our festival on Saturday. If you are interested in purchasing a copy of this book, please contact Sharon Kotula. We will accept cash or checks made payable to: Patronage Church.

A GIFT FROM ST. NICHOLAS: This fundraiser is for the seminarians in Uzhhorod, Ukraine. **Starting today, Sunday, November 12th, and ending Sunday, December 3rd, a special collection will be taken up.** Envelopes marked, “A Gift from St. Nicholas,” can be found at the entrances to our church, and all donations can either be mailed to our church, or placed in the offertory basket. Checks should be made payable to: Patronage Church. Cash is also acceptable. Thank you for your support!

HOLY COMMUNION AND VISITATION OF THE SICK: Holy Communion can be brought to parishioners who are ill, in the hospital, or at home. If you would like to receive Communion or a visit by either Fr. Vasyl, or Deacon Tony, you can send the church an email or call either one. Their contact information is on page 1 of this bulletin.

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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Patronage of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church

VETERANS DAY 2023

**Sending Our Blessings, Prayers, and
Honoring All Who Served**

**We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your bravery, and
dedication to our country.**

Thank you for your service!

Living Veterans:

Nicholas Kotula
Jonathan Mariotti
Nicholas Kotlar
Deacon Anthony Kotlar
Bryan Hansen

Clyde Wood, Jr.
Joseph Wood
William C. Hansen
William H. Hansen

Deceased Veterans:

Robert Elwell, Sr.
Joseph Kuchta, Sr.
John Kuchta
Jackie Kuchta
John Rudy
Michael Rudy
William Rudy
Joseph Carinci
Vasil Peles
Robert Peles
Robert Lyles
David Peles
Benjamin Breeze
Philip Kotula

Paul Yackanicz
John Hissick
Clyde Wood, Sr.
Bart Stolte
Walter Bodaj
Brennan Gibson
Shawn Murphy
Phillip Ford
James Lindsey
Julian Beresford
Ronald Toth
John Toth, Jr.
Richard Johnson

**“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage” (Psalm 33:12).**

HAPPY VETERANS DAY



**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SERVICE**

Reflection on the Good Samaritan

First, we must pity the ill fortune of the man who fell unarmed and helpless among robbers, and who was so rash and unwise as to choose the road in which he could not escape the attack of robbers. For the unarmed can never escape the armed, the heedless the villain, the unwary the malicious. Since malice is ever armed with guile, fenced round with cruelty, fortified with deceit, and ready for fierce attack...

He poured in wine, that is, the blood of His passion, and oil, that is, the anointing of the chrism, that pardon might be granted by His blood, sanctification be conferred by the chrism...

The wounded parts are bound up by the heavenly Physician, and containing a salve within themselves, are by the working of the remedy restored to their former soundness. Having

poured in wine and oil, he placed him upon His beast...

For the Inn is the Church, which receives travelers, who are tired with their journey through the world, and oppressed with the load of their sins; where the wearied traveler casting down the burden of his sins is relieved, and after being refreshed is restored with wholesome food. And this is what is here said, and took care of him. For outside is everything that is conflicting, hurtful and evil, while within the Inn is contained all rest and health...

He said, if you see any one oppressed, say not surely he is wicked; but be he Gentile or Jew and need help, dispute not, he has a claim to your assistance, into whatever evil he has fallen.

St. John Chrysostom