

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of the Healing of Jarius' Daughter*



## PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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Next Liturgy: TBD

### PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost 11.5.2023	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the Intention of the Giver
Archangel Michael and All Angels Wednesday 11.7.2023	6:00pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy	For the Intention of the Giver
24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost 11.12.2023	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the Intention of the Giver

Today is the **23<sup>rd</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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."

**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](http://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](mailto: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 50<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

**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 [hpmsm@verizon.net](mailto:hpmsm@verizon.net).

1. "Christmas Preparation Retreat Morning," will take place on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>.
2. "Sanctuary Sessions for Sanity," will take place from 10:30am – noon on Tuesdays, December 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>. Guided prayer and quiet medication time in the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Free-will offering. No registration required.

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**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](http://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.

**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!

**2024 ALTAR SERVER CONGRESS:** This event will take place at the Carpathian Village, Cresco, PA. Date to be announced.

# CHILDREN'S CORNER

## God's Creation



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| ANIMALS<br>CREATED | BEGINNING<br>EARTH | BIRDS<br>FEMALE | BLESSED<br>FISH |
| FRUITFUL<br>LAND   | GOD<br>LIGHT       | HEAVENS<br>MAN  | IMAGE<br>MOON   |
| NIGHT              | PLANTS<br>WATER    | SKY<br>SUN      | STARS           |

**EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION (ECF) PROGRAM:** After Divine Liturgy today, a class will be held in our social hall. The topic is: "The Church as The Body of Christ." All are invited to attend. Please mark your calendar with these additional upcoming dates.

- Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> - St. Nicholas visit and presentation
- Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> - ECF Confession opportunity before Christmas
- Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - Nativity presentation

Any questions, please contact Loui Villanueva at [villanuevaluxmundi@gmail.com](mailto:villanuevaluxmundi@gmail.com).

*"A Church without youth is a Church without a future.*

*Moreover, youth without a Church is youth without a future!" – Author Unknown*

**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. Vasyi, or Deacon Tony, you can send the church an email or call either one. Their contact information is on page 1 of this bulletin.

### HELP WANTED - PATRONAGE CHURCH SLAVIC FOOD FESTIVAL - *Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>:*

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](mailto:mdemya1@verizon.net). **Many hands make light work, so any help will be greatly appreciated.**

**Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 9am** – make and package Kolachi

**Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 9am** – set-up for festival (including peeling and cubing potatoes)

**Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 last week. Your generosity is great appreciated!

1. **Kielbasi for the festival** – Greg and Sandy Calvitt
2. **Monetary funds** to support items needed for the festival – Sean Metcalf

*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 donors 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](mailto:dennis.kotula@gmail.com). Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

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

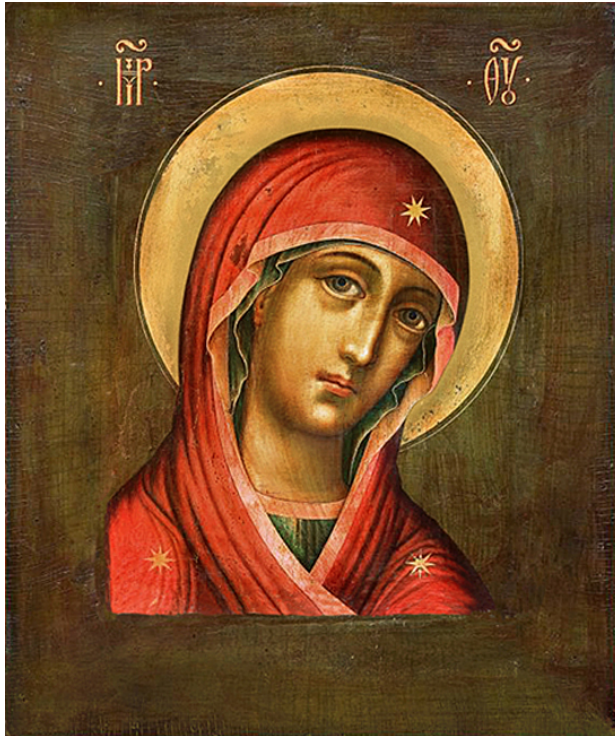
### ADDITIONAL DONATIONS NEEDED FOR OUR SLAVIC FOOD FESTIVAL:

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](mailto: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!*

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, from 9am – 5pm, and Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 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<sup>st</sup>, 2024! If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Ross at [keviross@gmail.com](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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:**

**October 29, 2023**

**Offertory: \$1,500.00      Tithe.ly: \$190.00**

*“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 light refreshments, and parish fellowship. *In order to build up our parish social fund, there will be a donation basket set out where the refreshments are. We use this money to pay for our parish social food and drinks. Please be generous – thank you!*

**VETERAN'S DAY COMMEMORATION:** On **Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**, 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 today, Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**.

**A GIFT FROM ST. NICHOLAS:** This fundraiser is for the seminarians in Uzhhorod, Ukraine. **Starting Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, and ending Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 in advance for your support!

**SPAM EMAILS:** Please be aware of any email or text you receive from "Father Vasyl," asking that he needs assistance with something. Please be aware that these emails are a scam. Fr. Vasyl's email and phone number are posted on the top of the first page of our bulletin. Please compare the email and phone number on the message received with that posted on the first page of our bulletin. If it doesn't look right, delete it!

**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).*

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## *Two Miracles Attest that Jesus is the Resurrection and Life*

Christ foreknew His mystery, even before the foundations of the world. It was in the last ages of the world that He arose for the inhabitants of earth. Having borne the sin of the world, He abolished both it and death, which is its consequence and was brought upon us by its means. He plainly said, "I am the resurrection and the life," and "he who believes in me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death unto life." We will see this fulfilled in facts. The ruler of the synagogue of the Jews came near and, embracing the Savior's knees, begged Him to deliver his daughter from the bonds of death. Look, she already was brought down to this and was in extreme danger! The Savior consented and set out with

him. He was even hurrying on to the house of the one who invited Him and was aware that what was being done would profit many of those who followed Him and would also be for His own glory. On the way, He saved the woman who was the victim of a severe and incurable malady. No one could stop her issue of blood that ruined the art of physicians. No sooner had she touched the hem in faith, than He immediately healed her. A miracle so glorious and revealed was, so to speak, the work merely of Christ's journey.

*St. Cyril of Alexandria*

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