



PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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Next Liturgy: Sunday, December 19th, at 3pm

Patronage Church at Hagerstown:

St. Ann Catholic Church

1525 Oak Hill Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742

Contact: Adam and Lauren Myers: 301-791-0930

Next Liturgy: Saturday, December 18th, at 10am Intention – In Memory of: +William Cooley
Requested by: Richard Cooley

DIVINE LITURGY - PATRONAGE CHURCH

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday 12.05.2021	11:00am 11:15am	Matins Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Sean Albert
Monday 12.06.2021	9:00am	Divine Liturgy St. Nicholas of Myra Archbishop	In Memory of: +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Sean Albert
Wednesday 12.08.2021	9:00am	Divine Liturgy Maternity of the Holy Anna	In Memory of: +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Sean Albert
Sunday 12.12.2021	8:45am 9:00am	Matins Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Fr. Conan Timoney 2 nd Anniversary of his falling asleep in the Lord Requested by: Sean Albert

This is the **28th Sunday After Pentecost.**

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SUNDAY OBLIGATION: Bishop Kurt revoked the dispensation, regarding the Sunday precept or obligation to assist at Divine Liturgy, on June 6, 2021. Watching the live stream no longer fulfills the obligation to assist at Divine Liturgy. However, the Bishop reminds everyone that “just as before the pandemic, anyone is relieved of the obligation for serious reason such as sickness, immobility, fear, caring for someone else, to protect your own health, or the health of others.” Our parish continues to be cleaned and hand sanitizer is available throughout the church.

2021 BISHOP'S APPEAL: The Bishop's Appeal began on November 1, 2021. Pledges and payments will be accepted through June 30, 2021. Any contributions received after December 31, 2021, must be attributed to the 2022 tax year. Our parish goal, for this year's campaign, is \$9,800.00. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to: The Eparchy of Passaic, and mail it to: The Eparchy of Passaic, 445 Lackawanna Avenue, Woodland Park, NJ 07424. You can also make your pledge online at www.eparchyofpassaic.com and make either one payment or 5 monthly payments. All payment plans must be completed no later than June 30, 2022, to count toward our parish goal. If you didn't receive a pledge form in the mail, there are a few extra copies on the shelf in the Narthex. Please take one!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Fr. Serhii is available 15 minutes before or immediately after Divine Liturgy to hear confession.

2022 LITURGICAL CALENDARS: Liturgical wall calendars for 2022, are available on the book rack in the Narthex. Please take one for use in your home.

GOD WITH US ONLINE FREE WEBINARS: To register, visit www.godwithusonline.org.

“Rejoice All Ye Peoples; The Feasts of the Old Testament.” This program takes place on Wednesdays, December 1st and 8th, from 8-9pm. Rev. Sebastian Carnazzo, Ph.D., will be the presenter. Join us as we prepare for the Nativity of the Lord, we turn to the Feasts of the Old Testament, seeking to understand how they foreshadowed the coming of Christ and paved the way for salvation, and the restoration of mankind to paradise.

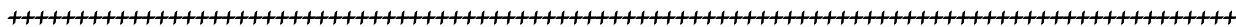
“Orthodoxy & Heterodoxy; The History of the Ecumenical Councils.” This program takes place on Wednesdays, January 12-26 & February 9-16, from 8-9pm. Rev. Christiaan Kappes, Ph.D., SLD, will be the presenter. Join Rev. Christiaan as he leads us through the breathtaking story of the battle of the Holy Fathers of the Ecumenical Councils to preserve the integrity of the faith against heresy in the decisive first centuries of Church history.

BECOMING BYZANTINE: The Eparchy of Phoenix and Vineyard of the Lord Catholic Ministries are sponsoring a free webinar and video series on Byzantine Catholic faith, worship, and life based upon the “*Christ Our Pascha Catechism*.” Are you a Western Christian (Catholic or Protestant) who is interested in exploring the Byzantine Catholic faith for your own development in faith? Are you contemplating joining or have you recently joined a Byzantine or Greek Catholic parish? Are you a Byzantine Christian who wants to learn more about your own rich tradition? Visit BECOMING BYZANTINE: An Introduction to Byzantine Catholicism for more information. Sessions will be held on the 4th Sunday of the month beginning September 26, 2021 through August, 2022, from 7-8:30pm. You can view prior videos on the Becoming Byzantine YouTube channel.

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

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“COME AND SEE:” With the holidays quickly approaching, why not share a book, produced by the Eparchy of Passaic, about our Byzantine Catholic Church and its traditions. This book makes a great gift and can also be an invitation to share with others who are in search of a new spiritual home, who may want to learn more about God, and also build a lasting personal relationship with Him. The cost is \$5/book, and is available on the book rack in the Narthex. Please see Sharon Kotula, if you have any questions.



***St. Nicholas
A Prayer for Children***

***God, Our Father,
we pray that through the intercession of St. Nicholas
You will protect all children.
Keep them safe from harm and help them grow in grace and
be pleasing in Your sight.
Give them strength to keep their Faith in You;
and to keep alive their joy in Your creation.
Through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen***

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

We constantly need to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a source of joy, peace, and tranquility. It is the condition of our salvation. Mercy is a word that reveals the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Charity is the final and supreme act by which God meets us. Charity is a fundamental law that is in the heart of every person when he or she looks sincerely at the brother he or she meets on the path of life. Charity is a way that unites God and man, because it opens the heart to hope that someone has loved us forever, despite our limitations through sin (Pope Francis. Bulla "Misericordiae Vultus").

Deeds of charity are deeds of practical love, through which we go to the aid of our neighbor in their physical and spiritual needs. To teach, to advise, to comfort, and to sustain in the spirit are acts of charity for the soul, as well as to forgive and to show patience. Deeds of mercy for the body are, first of all, to feed the hungry, to accept the homeless, to give clothes to the undressed, to visit the sick and those imprisoned, and to bury the dead. Among these deeds, alms given to the poor are one of the chief testimonies of brotherly love; it is the fulfillment of justice that pleases God (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2447).

Charity is not ordinary compassion for another's grief. It is the fullness of love, which in turn leads to the fullness of justice. Charity means having a living heart; a heart that responds with love - generous, passionate and sacrificial. Listen to how St. Paul sings of this virtue, "Love is long-suffering, love is gentle, it does not envy, love does not boast, does not swell, does not quarrel, does not seek its own, does not rush to anger, does not plot evil; does not rejoice when someone does wrong, rejoices in the truth; he endures everything, believes in everything, hopes for everything, endures everything" (Saint Josemaría. "Friends of God," 232).

You cannot think of others as if they were units or steps that serve to lift you up; or as a mass that may be exalted or humiliated, glorified, or despised depending on the circumstances. First of all, think of others as those who are close to you, as those who they really are, children of God who realize the full dignity of this wonderful title. We must behave like children of God with the children of God, our love must be sacrificial, daily, full of understanding, silent sacrifice, invisible devotion. This is the "bonus odor Christi" that made others say, those who lived near our first brothers in the faith: "Look how they love each other!" (St. Josemaría. "Christ passes by," 36).

He who does works of charity receives grace. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus says, "Give, and it shall be given you." Thus, in doing works of charity, we do the Will of God, give something of ourselves to others, and the Lord in turn promises to give us what we need.

St. Matthew quotes the following words of Christ: "Gather up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor wormwood destroys, and where thieves do not break through walls or steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Following the teachings of the Lord, we exchange earthly goods for eternal ones that are truly valuable.

The letter of James encourages us to be generous: "When a brother or sister is naked and deprived of the means of daily subsistence, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and nourished,' and does not give them what they need for the body, then what will it help" (James 2: 15-16)?

A person or society who does not respond to suffering or injustice, who makes no effort to alleviate or help to avoid it, is not a person or a society of the love of the Heart of Christ. Christians should always have complete freedom in finding out and solving various problems, but this must coincide with serving humanity. Otherwise, their Christianity will not be the Christianity of the Word and Life of Jesus, but will remain only a mask, a deception before God and men (St. Josemaría. "Christ passes by," 167).

Let our lives accompany the lives of others so that no one feels lonely. Our love must be warm and human love (St. Josemaría. "Christ Passes by," 36).

Thank you, my Jesus! After all, You wanted to become a perfect Man with a Heart that loves until death and suffers, that is filled with joy and pain, that cares about human ways and points us to that which leads to Heaven, which heroically fulfills duty and is guided by mercy, which worries cares for the poor and the rich, cares for sinners and the righteous. - Thank you, my Jesus, give me a heart like yours (Saint Josemaría. "Furrow," 813).

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INTENTIONS – PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Our parishioners, the founders of our parish, our benefactors, those who are sick, those who cannot make it to church, also: Fr. Serhii, and his family, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Andy Turian, Doris Ruszin, Anne Gupman, Joseph and Marie Repasi, Anna Martin, Marge Dulina, Paul Ruszin, Sr., Georgianna Kostak, Alexandra Kotula Mariotti, Betty Rankin, Greg Rudy, 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!

CONTRIBUTIONS: Patronage: 11.28.2021 - \$693.00 Hagerstown: 11.27.2021 - \$250.00

Thank you to those who continue to support our church and for your dedication to our parish. If you would like to make a donation, using our online giving account, please visit our website and click on the Tithely link.

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

ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION: St. Nicholas is the Patron Saint of our Byzantine Catholic Church. His Feast Day is December 6th. Please join us today, as we **welcome St. Nicholas** in our church hall, after Divine Liturgy, for a pot-luck luncheon. ***“The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic His giving, by grace, through faith, and this is not of ourselves.”*** -St. Nicholas of Myra

PIROHI/KOLACHI FREEZER SALE: The following are available for purchase:

1. Frozen Pirohi – cost is \$7/dozen or a bag of 4 dozen/\$25.00
2. Frozen Kolachi - \$15 each (nut, raspberry, apricot, or poppy seed) – supply is limited

Please see Mary Demyan or Sharon Kotula if you are interested in purchasing any of the above items.

SPECIAL THANK YOU: You may not know this, but Deacon Anthony Kotlar has been making Prospora for our church for many years. Unfortunately, at this time, he is unable to continue making it. We want to thank him for his many years of service. May God grant Deacon Anthony many blessed years! **If you would be interested in making Prospora, for our church, please send Fr. Serhii an email.**

DECORATING OUR TEMPLE/CHURCH HALL FOR CHRISTMAS: Many thanks to those who took the time to help decorate our church for the upcoming Christmas season. Your assistance was greatly appreciated! Many thanks to Kelley Wood's daughter for her donation of a Christmas tree for the church hall.

OUR DAILY BREAD: Our next collection date is **Sunday, December 12th**. Casseroles need to be dropped off at our church and put into the freezer. Aluminum pans, for the casseroles, are available for this project in the church hall. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Skovran.

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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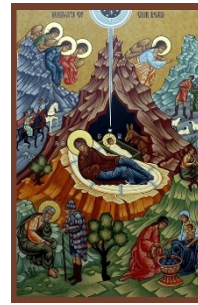
CHILDREN'S CORNER

St Nicholas

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MIRACLES
 DECEMBER
 SHOES
 CANDY
 FRUIT
 PRESENTS
 NICHOLAS
 BAGS OF GOLD
 NATIVITY
 CHRISTMAS
 BISHOP
 GIFTS

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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Our parish is once again sponsoring a Christmas poinsettia sale. The flowers will be placed within the church and altar for Christmas Divine Liturgy. Each commemoration will be published in a special insert of the Christmas Bulletin.

Plants may be taken by the giver after Christmas Liturgy. Please place the order form and payment in the offering basket or mail to the rectory by **Sunday, December 19th**. Make checks payable to: *Patronage Church*.

Name of Giver: _____
 In Honor of: _____
 In Memory of: _____

Type of poinsettia (*check one*): \$13.00 each
 Red ___ White ___ Pink ___ Marble ___

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TOTAL AMOUNT ORDERED: ___ x \$13.00 = \$ _____

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION (ECF) PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN:

1. Please visit www.godwithusonline.org, and be sure to click on "Ruthenian," for this week's catechetical resources, including the Gospel summary and discussion questions, that you can use in your catechesis.
2. **On December 19th, Fr. Serhii will be hearing confession for the children in ECF, immediately after Divine Liturgy.** Children should gather in the front of church after Liturgy. Parents, please review the confession prayer with your children. If you need another confession pamphlet, please email the church and let Fr. Serhii know.

"Children, I beseech you to correct your hearts and thoughts, so that you may be pleasing to God. Consider that although we may reckon ourselves to be righteous and frequently succeed in deceiving men, we can conceal nothing from God." - St. Nicholas of Myra