



## PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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### ***DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE***

Confession will take place 20 minutes before or immediately after Divine Liturgy.

Date	Time	Service	Location	Intention
Sunday 12/27/2020	9:00am	Liturgy	Arbutus	For Living and Deceased Members of our Parish
Friday 1/1/2021	11:15am	Liturgy	Arbutus	In memory of: Richard Novotny, Sr. Requested by: M/M/ Ed Kucharski
Saturday 1/2/2021	10:00am	Liturgy	Hagerstown	In memory of: Joann Labbe Requested by: M/M/ Ed Kucharski
Sunday 1/3/2021	11:00am 11:15am	Matins Liturgy	Arbutus	In memory of: Michael Stashinko Requested by: The Kakalec Family
Sunday 1/3/2021	3:00pm	Liturgy	Abingdon	In memory of: Martha Nesser Requested by: Anna Esquela

This is the **Sunday After Christmas Memory of David, Joseph & James.**  
Propers begin on page 302, then page 146, 290, 303; Tone 5.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS – PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Fr. Sam Lupico, Keiko Suseck, Arlene Duda, 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, and Richard Cooley

*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: 12/20/20 - \$680.00  
Abingdon: 12/20/20 - \$295.00  
Hagerstown: 12/19/20 - \$20.00

We thank those who have contributed to 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 church's website for the Tithely link.

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

**DEAR BELIEVERS:** Christmas - angels sing, people rejoice, glorifying the Savior. On this bright holiday, dear believers, I wish you all peace and tranquility in every home, goodness, mutual understanding, prosperity, love, happiness, mental balance, success in all endeavors, more joy, good health, and all blessings!

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

Fr. Serhii Deiak

**GREEK CATHOLIC UNION (GCU) DONATION:** In “Promoting Faith and Fraternalism,” and in the spirit of St. Nicholas, the GCU has given Patronage Church a grant in the amount of \$1,000. (Noting that parishes have been impacted by the Pandemic.) We wish to thank the GCU for their generous donation to our parish during this Christmas season.

**EASTERN CATHOLIC LIFE (ECL):** We are in the process of updating our current ECL subscription list that we need to send to the Passaic Diocese. If you would like to subscribe or continue receiving the monthly ECL newspaper, the cost is \$15.00/year. Please let us know by 1/3/2021, if you would like to subscribe or continue receiving the newspaper. Send the church an email letting us know your wishes. Payments can either be put in the collection basket or mailed to the rectory. Thanks for your help!

**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).*

*Christos Razdajetsja! Slavite Jeho! Christ is Born! Glorify Him!*

**SPECIAL OFFER:** Mount St. Macrina, in Uniontown, PA, experienced a loss of revenue in their Religious Gift Shop due COVID-19 restrictions. In gratitude for a donation of \$25 or more, they will send you a lovely ***Our Lady of Perpetual Help*** battery candle (7.5 inches tall). To place an order call 724-439-6180.

**DAILY PRAYER GUIDE:** If you didn't pick up "***Do Something Beautiful for God***" on Christmas, make sure you take a copy when you come to Liturgy. This is a daily prayer guide containing the essential teachings of St. Theresa of Calcutta. The book is a gift to each of you from our church.

**THE LEGEND OF THE POINSETTIA:** "The reason we associate poinsettias with the holidays comes from an Old Mexican legend. A young girl, named Pepita, was sad that she didn't have a gift to leave for the baby Jesus at Christmas Eve services. Her cousin tried to comfort her and said that Jesus would love any present from her, even the smallest one. With no money to buy a real gift, Pepita picked a bouquet of weeds that she walked past on the way to church. (Other versions of the story say an angel came to her and instructed her to pick the plants.) When she got there, she left the weeds at the bottom of the nativity scene. All of a sudden, the weeds transformed into beautiful red flowers.... From that day on they became known as "Flores de Noche Buena," or "Flowers of the Holy Night." Poinsettias get their American name from Joel Roberts Poinsett, the first U.S. ambassador to Mexico, who brought them to the states from Mexico in the early 1800's (Claire Nowak, excerpted from Readers Digest).

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***Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me (Psalm 51:10).***