



## PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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### Patronage Church at Abingdon:

Church of St. Francis (Stone Chapel)  
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**Contact:** Deacon Anthony and Theresa Kotlar: 410-734-6973  
**Next Liturgy:** Sunday, 12/20/2020 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, 12/19/2020 at 10am

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

Date	Time	Location	Intention
Sunday 12/06	11:00am 11:15am	Arbutus	Health and Blessings for the Parish Family of Patronage of the Mother of God Church
Tuesday 12/08	6:00pm	Arbutus	In memory of +George Kellner Requested by: M/M Edward Kucharski
Sunday 12/13	8:45am 9:00am	Arbutus	In memory of +Fr. Conan Timoney Requested by: Patronage Church

This is the **27th Sunday after Pentecost, Nicholas of Myra Archbishop.**

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

**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, and Paul Ruszin, Sr., and Georgianna Kostak

*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: 11/29/20 - \$1,140.00

### **NUMBER OF BELIEVERS:**

Patronage: Matins - 14; Liturgy - 24

During these challenging times, 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).*

**ST. NICHOLAS PROGRAM AND CARRY-OUT LUNCHEON:** Immediately following Divine Liturgy today, ECF will be having a short St. Nicholas program in our Temple.

**CARRY-OUT LUNCHEON** after the program and any donations will be happily accepted!

**THE CHILDREN'S HOME SERVICE PROJECT:** Please visit our website, and click on **“News,”** to view information on this service project that was included in the bulletin last week. If you have any questions, please email the church. Donations can be left in the church hall on the table marked **“Children's Home Donation.”** Many thanks for your donations to this worthy cause!

**CLOSING OF HOLY DORMITION FRIARY, SYBERTSVILLE, PA:** Due mainly to the lack of available friars, the friary will be closing at the end of January. If you are on the friary mailing list, details will be in their Christmas letter to be mailed later this week. They will send the same letter to anyone who asks, 570-788-1212, ext. 407, [holydormition@gmail.com](mailto:holydormition@gmail.com). On January 31, at 2pm, they will have a final prayer service to close the chapel, with a reception, if conditions permit. The chapel has been a prayerful blessing for many people and they want to make sure you have a chance to make a final visit before it closes. The friars are still able to honor all intentions and memorials and continue to pray for all of the benefactors, and they appreciate your prayers for them at this difficult time. †

**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).**

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

**FEAST OF THE MATERNITY OF THE HOLY ANNA:** Fr. Serhii will be having Divine Liturgy, in both Slavonic and English, Tuesday evening, 12/8/2020, at 6pm. Please join us!

**PRAYER FOR THE CORONAVIRUS:** Visit [www.parma.org](http://www.parma.org), click on *Evangelization, Prayers and Devotions*, then *Coronavirus Prayer Resources*, to view the prayer.

**“ASK THE DEACON” – THIS WEEK’S QUESTION: *Why is St. Nicholas so important for us?***

**ANSWER: *St. Nicholas, Patron of the Byzantine Catholic Church*** is one of the most popular and venerated Saints among the Ruthenian people. St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, the Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, Asia Minor, died in the middle of the fourth century. His name is equally honored among the Christians of the East, where he lived and died, and of the West.... According to tradition, St. Nicholas of Myra was born about 270 A.D. in Patara, a small town in the province of Lycia (presently in Turkey), the only son of a rich family. Attracted to the religious life, he spurned his inherited wealth and used it for charitable work, for which he became famous in his youth....

As a Spiritual Shepherd, St. Nicholas distinguished himself for his pastoral zeal and uncommon goodness of heart. He also worked miracles which made people consider him a Saint even before his death. He strongly defended the Faith at the Nicean Council (325).... He assisted the poor, protected the innocent, comforted the suffering and the sick. Several times during his episcopacy, St. Nicholas saved his people from imminent starvation. He died on December 6, 345 or 352, and is commemorated in the liturgical calendar on the anniversary of his holy death.... The Ruthenian people, who were always poor and oppressed, admired St. Nicholas especially for his works of charity.... We extol you, Holy Father Nicholas, and we celebrate your memory, for you intercede for us with Christ our God. (From the Matins for the Feast of St. Nicholas.) Excerpted from: **Byzantine Leaflet Series No. 15** at <https://mci.archpitt.org/leaflets/L015SaintNicholas.html>.