

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN



Icon of Jesus Healing the Paralytic Man



PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH - BALTIMORE

1260 Stevens Avenue, Arbutus, MD 21227-2644

www.patronagechurch.com / Facebook: [Patronagechurch](https://www.facebook.com/patronagechurch)
patronage.church@gmail.com

Office: (410) 247-4936

Administrator: Very Rev. Vasyl Symyon Phone: 412-713-4520
 Email: vasyl.symyon@gmail.com Cantor: Michael Kulka
 Rev. Deacon Anthony Kotlar, Sr. Cantor: Joseph Kotlar, Sr.
 Email: Kotlar@alum.mit.edu Cantor: Ann Marie Kotlar
 Office Assistant: Sharon Kotula; Email: d.kotula@comcast.net
<https://eparchyofpassaic.com/giving.html>

Patronage Church at Hagerstown:

St. Ann Catholic Church: 1525 Oak Hill Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742

Contact: Adam and Lauren Myers: (301) 791-0930 / axxearp@yahoo.com

Divine Liturgy Schedule: Saturday, April 27th, at 7:00pm

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday of the Paralytic Man 4.21.2024	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the repose of the soul of: +Dennis Kohlhoff, Sr. From: Dennis Kohlhoff, Jr.
The Holy Great – Martyr George Monday, 4.22.2024	6:00pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy	For: Living and Deceased Parishioners of Our Church
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman 4.28.2024	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For the repose of the souls of: +Eugene Kakalec, Sr., +Eugene Kakalec, Jr., +Elizabeth Kakalec, and +Paul Kakalec From: The Kakalec Family

Sunday of the Paralytic Man – Propers are included in the green Pascha booklets.

MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE: Confession is available beginning an hour before Divine Liturgy, and ending 15 minutes before the start of services.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Christós Voskrése! Voístinnu Voskrése!

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 contact either one.

LITURGY INTENTIONS: It is a beautiful part of our Byzantine Catholic tradition to have the Divine Liturgy celebrated for a special intention or for health and God's blessings upon a living person, or for the repose of the soul of a deceased person. Liturgy intention books and forms are available on the bookrack in the Narthex. Forms can also be found on our website. A donation or stipend is an offering made to the priest for the Divine Liturgy for such a request. **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. A special date may be requested, but it may not always be available. The date is assigned on a first come, first served basis, and are reserved upon receipt of the offering. **We currently have some dates open, beginning in May, if you would like to request an intention!**

THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC LITURGICAL PRACTICE OF OBSERVING ALL SOULS SATURDAYS:

Mark your calendar - the fifth and final service this year for "All Souls," will be held at 6:00pm, on **Friday May 17th**. Parishioners are encouraged to attend these services, for by your presence and personal prayers, it strengthens the bond with your departed loved ones, and indeed keeps their memory eternal! **VICNAJA PAMJAT!** Please join us!

THE DUAL ANNIVERSARIES - A Jubilee Weekend Celebration will take place October 12-13, 2024, in Washington D.C., and Annandale, VA. More details to follow.

- 1. 1924 CENTENNIAL 2024** - Establishment of the Byzantine Ruthenian Church Exarchate in the United States. The Ruthenian Exarchate was established on February 25, 1924. Pope Pius XI appointed Most Reverend Basil Takach, D.D., as the first Byzantine-Ruthenian Bishop in the United States on May 20, 1924. He arrived at New York Harbor on August 13, 1924, on the liner RMS Mauretania and offered a Moleben of Thanksgiving at St. Mary of the Protection Church, New York City.
- 2. 1974 GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY 2024** – Dedication of the Byzantine Ruthenian Chapel, Washington, D.C./Dedication of the Byzantine Ruthenian Church in the United States to the Protection of the Mother of God.

GOD WITH US - FREE ONLINE WEBINARS: You can register for the following events, or if you missed an event, there are hundreds of hours of free pre-recorded webinars, series, conferences, and lectures for inquirers, the faithful, and catechists which are available in video and audio format. Please visit www.godwithusonline.org, click on "online," and choose which webinar you would like to register for, or view one of the archived events.

- Explore the influences that formed, in the cauldron of first-millennium Constantinople, the Byzantine Church and its unique and profound perspective on the great truths of our Christian faith by reading Archbishop Joseph Raya's text with Fr. Deacons Anthony Dragani and Robert Klesko! This Byzantine Bookshelf Series 90-minute webinar, **"Byzantine Church & Culture – The Grace, Splendor, History, & Culture of Byzantium,"** will be take place tomorrow, **Monday, April 22nd, at 7:00pm.**
- People who desire communion with God can discover how the Postinia powerfully fulfills their yearning by reading Catherine Doherty's spiritual classic! In it we are invited to leave the noise and harried pace to enter a place of silence and solitude in the heart! Please join Fr. Michael Winn and Fr. Deacon Robert Klesko for this 90-minute webinar, **"Postinia: The Desert – Encountering God in Silence, Solitude & Prayer,"** on **Monday, May 20th, at 7:00pm.**

2024 BYZAN-TEEN YOUTH RALLY: The Byzan-Teen Youth Rally will take place **June 27-29, 2024, at the University of San Diego, in California.** The theme is *“Walking with Jesus on the stormy waters of the modern sea of life.”* This rally provides Eastern Catholic faith formation and fraternity for all teens ages 13-17 (*must be 13 by November 1, 2024, and not have reached the age of 18 by June 30, 2024*) growing up in the Byzantine Catholic Tradition. Together with their peers, Byzan-teens actively engage in living, growing in, and promoting the Byzantine Catholic tradition. All Byzan-teens are given the opportunity to gather from across the country for the biennial National Byzan-Teen Youth Rally. Keynote speakers are Fr. Christopher Zegger, Trent Hom, and Mother Iliana. **The registration deadline is Friday, May 31st.** If you are interested in attending, please see Fr. Vasyl, as soon as possible. Visit www.archpitt.org, and click on Byzan-Teen Youth Rally 2024, to download registration forms. **Attendance for this rally is limited, so reserve your spot!**

PRINTER CARTRIDGES: We continue to collect used printer cartridges to recycle, and earn rewards to help pay for new cartridges and paper 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 to those who have already contributed – we’ve now collected over 100 cartridges, so far!**

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Sunday of the Paralytic Man

“Jesus said to him, ‘Rise, take up your pallet, and walk.’

And at once, the man was healed and he took up his pallet and walked” (John 5:8-9).

The day commemorates the miracle of Christ healing a man who had been paralyzed for thirty-eight years. Read the biblical story of the event found in the Gospel of John 5:1-15.

Write the correct letter in the blank to find the coded words and phrase:

Code Key: A1 B2 C3 D4 E5 F6 G7 H8 I9 J10 K11 L12 M13 N14 O15 P16 Q17 R18
S19 T20 U21 V22 W23 X24 Y25 Z26

18 15 15 6

8 15 12 5

6 15 18 7 9 22 5

19 9 14 19

8 5 1 12

23 1 12 11

Who carried the man to Jesus?

8 9 19 6 15 21 18 6 18 9 5 14 4 19

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 and Joe Belensky, Kay Dinko, Doris Ruszin, Veronica Ruszin, Anna Martin, Joseph Repasi, Mary Jo Kelly Wilhelm, Howard Guba, Albert Ondrish, 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:

Patronage Church: April 14, 2024

Offertory: \$2,601.00

Easter \$100.00

Tithe.ly: \$275.00

Religious Articles: \$110.00

Hagerstown Mission: April 13, 2024

Offertory: \$185.00

You honor God and our Church by continuing to tithe each week. A collection basket is on the table in the back of our Temple for your weekly donation. You may also mail in your donation, or donate online at:

<https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733>. The link is also on our website. *“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. We love having socials, but it is necessary to share the work in cleaning up afterwards, and ensuring the coffee pot is unplugged, the counters cleaned, and the trash collected. Please help us continue our socials. All are welcome!

THANK YOU TO THE GREEK CATHOLIC UNION (GCU): After meeting the requirements from the GCU's "Matching Funds" program, we received a check last week for \$3,000 based on the profit from our Slavic Food Festival in March. *We truly appreciate the continued support and generosity from the GCU.* God grant the GCU many Blessed years! *Mnohaja l'ita!*

MOTHER'S DAY COMMEMORATION: On **Sunday, May 12th**, Fr. Vasyl will be having a Mother's Day commemoration for living and deceased mothers. Enclosed with this bulletin is a form to complete if you would like to submit names for this commemoration. Please return your form to our church no later than Sunday, May 5th.

RECTORY BASEMENT CLEAN-UP: Many thanks to those who took time out of their busy schedules, and arrived at our church yesterday morning, including ECF youth, and helped clean out the rectory basement. Your efforts were greatly appreciated! We will continue to make strides in preparation to paint, repair broken lights, and clean the area to eventually set up classrooms for our ECF Program. *The date for our next work day to be announced!*

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. We receive the Body and Blood of Christ in our mouth by spoon; please DO NOT stick out your tongue. All Catholics may receive the Eucharist if you are in good-standing and prepared. If you would like to be added to our parish email list, send us an email at patronage.church@gmail.com. If you want to make us your home church, parish registration is the OFFICIAL way we join a church. Simply complete a census form that is located either on the bookrack in the Narthex, or can be found on our website, and either mail it to the church, or place it in the collection basket in the back of our Temple. Donation information can be found under "Stewardship" in this bulletin. *“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples” (Isaiah 56:7).*

“OUR DAILY BREAD” CASSEROLE DONATIONS: Thank you to those who prepared casseroles for “Our Daily Bread.” Greg Calvitt will be delivering the casseroles today – **thank you Greg for your efforts!** The next casserole collection date will be **Sunday, June 9th**.

EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF): Our **next ECF class will take place on April 28th**, after Divine Liturgy. Loui's students will continue with their classes diving into our Byzantine Catholic faith. Kevin's students will be learning about Eastern Prayer (and how to make a Chotki). Future classes will be held on May 12th (learning about Pentecost), and June 2nd (Priestly vestments and tools with Fr. Deacon Tony), after which we will break for summer. ECF will resume on **Catechetical Sunday, September 15th**.

EPARCHY OF PASSAIC YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS: Registration is now open for the following camps, and will take place at The Carpathian Village, 802 Snow Hill Road, Cresco, PA 18326. Visit www.eparchyofpassaic.com, click on “Youth and Young Adult Ministries,” then “Youth Summer Camps” to download the forms. If you have any questions regarding Camp Theotokos or Camp Saint Nicholas, please contact Maria Kovach - camptheotokos@gmail.com, Jon Aponik - passaicyouthcamps@gmail.com, or Fr. Teras Lovska. **If you are interested in attending a camp, please let Fr. Vasyl know.** More information is forthcoming.

1. **Altar Server Congress:** July 21-25, 2024 – open to Altar Servers; cost is unknown at this time
2. **Camp Theotokos:** July 14-18, 2024 – open to girls ages 6-17; cost is \$175.00
3. **Camp Saint Nicholas** (pre-teen co-ed): August 11-15, 2024 – open to boys and girls ages 6-12; cost is \$175.00

SAVE THE DATE:

1. **PATRONAGE CHURCH PICNIC:** On **Sunday, July 21st**, after our 11:00am Divine Liturgy, our parish will be having a picnic at Holy Trinity Cemetery in Elkridge (only a few miles away from our church), at their pavilion/playground area. More details to follow.
2. **ANNUAL PATRONAGE CHURCH CRAB FEAST:** This year's Crab Feast will take place on **Saturday, September 21st**. Dann Karlson will be organizing this event. More details to follow.

PATRONAGE MAINTENANCE MINISTRY: We are looking for interested parishioners who are willing to assist with projects in need of repair or improvement, around our church and rectory, with approval from Fr. Vasyl. The group will meet quarterly (and as needed, via Zoom online) to prioritize projects needing attention. The ministry will also coordinate volunteers and/or recommended contractors for completion of a project. Please email Kevin Ross at keviross@gmail.com, if you are interested in joining this ministry. There are a few small projects, previously requested, that could be used to initiate the ministry.

1. The **rubber baseboard, in the entrance way to our social hall, needs to be re-glued, or replaced.**
2. The **air conditioner filters in the church and social hall need to be cleaned** before the warm weather comes, and we need to turn them on (volunteer identified).
3. The **aluminum trim on the eaves of the rectory** needs to be repaired. A few pieces came down during a storm.
4. We need to **add a hand rail to the steps** between the rectory and church, as well as one in front of the church coming up the steps from the sidewalk.

CELEBRATING THE “SPRING ST. NICHOLAS” FEAST DAY: Since 1992, the St. Nicholas of Myra Byzantine Chapel, which is a replica of the wooden Greek Catholic Churches in the Carpathian Mountains, has beautified the grounds of the GCU headquarters in Beaver, PA. This chapel is a new-world homage to the old-world faith of the GCU's Rusyn immigrant founders. GCU Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Val Michlik, is establishing a “Spring St. Nicholas Day.” On **Sunday, May 5th**, at the St. Nicholas Chapel, there will be Divine Liturgy at 3:00pm, followed by a banquet at Seven Oaks Country Club. Due to the Chapel's size, the Liturgical celebration is limited to the first 80 members who register. The banquet is open to all at a cost of \$40/person. For more information, and to register for the Liturgy and banquet, please visit www.gcuusa.com, and click on “Events.”

GCU MEMBERS 2024 DISCOUNTED TICKETS: Visit www.gcuusa.com for more information. You can also contact Chris Chamberlain at 724-495-3400, X3810, or cchamberlain@GCUusa.com, if you have any questions. You are a GCU member if you have a GCU life insurance or annuity product in your name.

1. **Hersheypark** – now through December 31, 2024. Tickets are offered to GCU members at \$38 per ticket and non-members at \$46 per ticket. Parking is \$25 per car.
2. **Knoebels Park** – now through November 1, 2024. \$20 ticket books are available to GCU members for \$16 each. Tickets are good for rides, pool, food, and games inside the park. No discount tickets will be available at the park.
3. **Kennywood Park** – now through September 14, 2024. Tickets are \$32 for GCU members, and \$39 for non-members.

GCU 2024 BYZANTINE FAMILY DAY AND LUNCHEON AT KNOEBELS PARK: Mark your calendar – **Sunday, June 9, 2024**, from 10:15am – 8:00pm in Pavilion Q. At 11:00am, there will be a Divine Liturgy – **Celebrant: Fr. Paul Varchola West.** The deadline to order ticket booklets is **Monday, May 20th**, and to order **luncheon tickets is Tuesday, May 21st**. Visit www.gcuusa.com for more information. You can also contact Chris Chamberlain at 724-495-3400, X3810, or cchamberlain@GCUusa.com, if you have any questions.

GCU 2024 BYZANTINE FAMILY DAY AND LUNCHEON AT KENNYWOOD: GCU & Kennywood...a partnership of family fun over a century in the making! **Thursday, July 25th** – ride all day! Order tickets at GCUusa.com or call 800-722-4428. Cost is \$27 (ages 4 and up); Free (ages 3 and under); \$20 kids lunch (ages 3-10); and \$25 adult lunch (ages 11+). Additional info to follow in the June issue of the GCU Magazine or available on the GCU website.

GCU HELPING HANDS DAY AT MT. ST. MACRINA IN UNIONTOWN, PA: This annual event assists the Sisters of St. Basil, and will take place on **Saturday, June 1st**. Work will be both inside and outdoors. They are requesting that you bring your own garden tools to assist with this effort. Lunch will be served. If you can't volunteer, but would still like to help by making a donation to purchase supplies and flowers, visit www.gcuusa.com, and click on “Events” to look for the link to donate. **The GCU will be matching total donations up to \$2,000 made by Tuesday, May 28th**. Please help support the Sisters of St. Basil – many thanks!

GCU CULINARY CHRONICLE COOKBOOK: This cookbook was first published in 1985, as a fundraising tool for the proposed construction of a wooden church on the GCU property in Beaver, PA. The dream was realized with the completion of the GCU St. Nicholas Chapel in 1992. The cookbook, over 270 pages of favorite family and ethnic recipes, submitted by GCU members, has continued to be very popular. If you are interested in purchasing a copy of this cookbook, they are available on the table in the back of our church. The cost is \$18 each.

The Cure of Baptism Foreshadowed

What manner of cure is this? What mystery does it signify to us? For these things are not written carelessly, or without a purpose, but as a figure and type they show in outline things to come, in order that what was exceedingly strange might not, by coming unexpectedly, do harm among the many the power of faith. What then is it that they show in outline? A Baptism was about to be given, possessing much power, and the greatest of gifts, a Baptism purging all sins and making men alive instead of dead. These things then are foreshown as in a picture by the pool, and by many other circumstances. And first is given a water which purges the stains of our bodies, and those defilements which are not, but seem to be, as those from touching the dead, those from leprosy, and other similar causes; under the old covenant one may see many things

done by water on this account. However, let us now proceed to the matter in hand.

First then, as I before said, He causes defilements of our bodies, and afterwards infirmities of different kinds, to be done away by water. Because God, desiring to bring us nearer to faith in Baptism, no longer heals defilements only, but diseases also. For those figures which came nearer [in time] to the reality, both as regarded Baptism, and the Passion, and the rest, were plainer than the more ancient. ... And this miracle was done in order that men, learning that it is possible by water to heal the diseases of the body, and being exercised in this for a long time, might more easily believe that it can also heal the diseases of the soul.

St. John Chrysostom

**For publications on Eastern spirituality, visit
www.ecpubs.com**