

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS



Icon of All Saints



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Next Liturgy: Saturday, June 17th, at 10am

DIVINE LITURGY - PATRONAGE CHURCH

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday of All Saints 6.4.2023	8:45am 9:00am	Matins Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Lisa Guba Requested by: The Kakalec Family
2 nd Sunday After Pentecost 6.11.2023	11.00am 11:15am	Matins Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Robert Dirda, Sr. Request by: Mike Skovran

This is the **Sunday of All Saints.**

Propers for today begin on page 161 (Tone 8), then page 211.

CONFESSION: Fr. Serhii is available 20 minutes before or immediately after Divine Liturgy.

Saint Gregory of Nyssa Church: Sunday, June 4th, at 9am

Gaithersburg Mission: Sunday, June 4th, at 4pm

2023 BYZANTEEN EPARCHIAL YOUTH RALLY UPDATE: This year's rally will take place from **Thursday, June 22nd to Sunday, June 25th**, at the Carpathian Village in Cresco, PA. This rally is open to youth ages 12-17. There will be many fun activities and changes to meet new teens from around the eparchy while learning more about the Byzantine faith. We will be going to Camelback Aquatopia Indoor Waterpark during the rally. The cost for this rally is \$200 per youth. They are also looking for safe environment certified adults to be chaperones at the rally. To register, please visit www.eparchyofpassaic.com, click on the "Youth and Young Adult Ministries" tab at the top of the page, then "Byzanteens Youth Ministry." If you have any questions, please email passaicteenrally@gmail.com. Registration for this event is due by Monday, June 19th. If you are enrolled in ECF, our church will cover the registration fee. Parents, please encourage your children to attend this event!

2023 EPARCHIAL ALTAR SERVER CONGRESS UPDATE: This year's congress (camp) will be held from **Sunday, July 16th to Thursday, July 20th**, at the Carpathian Village in Cresco, PA. This camp is open to any active altar servers in the Eparchy of Passaic ages 6-17. Servers who are 18 and older and are safe environment certified, may be counselors. This is a great opportunity for altar servers to meet other servers from around the eparchy and have fun while learning about their role serving on God's altar. One of the activities will be going to Camelback Aquatopia Indoor Waterpark. Registration cost is \$25 per server and will be covered by our parish. To register, please go to www.eparchyofpassaic.com, click on the "Youth and Young Adult Ministries" tab at the top of the page, then "Altar Server Congress." If you have any questions, please email passaicservercongress@gmail.com. Registration is due by Friday, July 14th. Parents, please encourage your son(s) to attend this event!

2023 GCU BYZANTINE FAMILY DAY AT KENNYWOOD AMUSEMENT PARK – 101 YEARS: Join the GCU on **Thursday, July 27, 2023**, from 11am – 9pm for unforgettable fun. The park is located in West Mifflin, PA. For tickets, or more information, please contact the Fraternal Communications Department at 1-800-722-4428 X3927, or email mkullen@GCUusa.com. You can also visit the GCU's website – www.gcuusa.com.

WORLD YOUTH DAY (WYD) 2023: The Eparchy of Passaic will be offering generous scholarships to qualified parishioners interested in attending this year's World Youth Day activities in Lisbon, Portugal. Options include attending just WYD **August 1st – 8th**, or chaperoning at an English Summer Camp in Slovakia beginning on July 22nd, followed by a road tour of Europe to WYD. The recommended age for attending this event is 18+. More information and registration forms can be found at www.eparchyofpassaic.com, click on "News & Events," then "World Youth Day." Please let Fr. Serhii know if you are interested in attending.

FAMILY RETREAT DAY: Families are welcome to join us for a day full of personal reflection and fun for the whole family. This family retreat day will be held on **Saturday, August 12th**, at the Carpathian Village in Cresco, PA. There will be presentations for parents and children. There will also be games and crafts. Cost for this retreat is \$50 per family with 2 parents and 2 children. Each additional person is \$10 each. Please RSVP to Jon Aponick by emailing him at passaicfamilycamp@gmail.com.

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

God's Boxes

I have in my hands two boxes, which God gave me to hold. He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black box, and all your joys into the gold."

I heeded His words, and in the two boxes both my joys and sorrows I stored, but the gold became heavier each day. The black was as light as before.

With curiosity, I opened the black. I wanted to find out why, and I saw, in the base of the box, a hole which my sorrows had fallen out by.

I showed the hole to God and mused, "I wonder where my sorrows could be?" He smiled a gentle smile and said, "My child, they're here with me."

I asked God why He gave me the boxes, why the gold and the black with the hole? "My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings. The black is for you to let go."

Sermon on All Saints Sunday

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Today is a special day for each of us. Our hearts are filled with indescribable Christian joy, which unites all believers. After all, today the Holy Church honors the memory of All Saints; that is why we all have birthdays today, each of us has an Angel's Day.

How many saints are there in heaven? After all, every day the Holy Church honors the memory of one or another saint. Let us recall that it is impossible to enumerate the martyrs and confessors who gave their lives for Christ and the Church. And in order to remember each of the holy saints of God, it was established to celebrate the memory of all the saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

Indeed, there are people of various professions and status in the congregation of the holy saints of God. Among them are rich and poor, simple and noble, laymen, and priests. For the Lord, people are divided not according to their social and material situation, but according to their desire to get closer to the Kingdom of God. After all, some try to achieve earthly benefits, and others - spiritual.

One Christian woman diligently attended services at the local church, never missing a single service. This greatly displeased her unbelieving husband, who was an ideological communist and held a high position. He constantly demanded that she stay at home and sometimes even threatened to restrain her by force. One Sunday morning, the woman was about to go to the service, when her angry husband jumped up and shouted: "You are not going anywhere, today you are staying at home!" When the woman insisted that she was going to church, the man grabbed a gun, pointed it at his wife, and said, "Well, where are you going now?" The woman calmly answered: "If you press the trigger, I will go to heaven right away. If you don't click it, I'm going to church."

There is another good story, a parable. There was one man who helped everyone, found time for everyone, looked at every person as Jesus. And he saw in each person not what he has, but who he really was. He tried to be happy and honest with everyone. One day God called an angel and said: "Go to him and give him whatever he asks."

The angel came to the man and said: "God sent me to you; tell me what you want in your life. I can fulfill any of your wishes. Do you want to have the gift of healing?" And the man answered: "Let God heal." "Maybe you want people to convert at your word?" But the man replied: "Let God's word do it; I don't want to do it." So, the angel asked, "Maybe you want others to know about your good deeds, so that you become famous?" But the man replied, "Don't do it, because I am a great sinner." Still, the angel did not give up, but continued to say: "I have to give you some kind of gift." Then the man said: "Do something that even I won't

know about." So, this man received the gift that his shadow received a certain power. Then, when the shadow of this man fell on the sick, they became healthy; when it fell on the sad, they became joyful; when it fell on the dry, barren earth, it began to give birth. And this man, traveling the world, brought good and blessings to many, without even knowing when or how.

Dear believers! The main thing in the life of the saints was great love for our neighbor, because if we love our neighbor who is so close to us, then we can say with certainty that we love God who is in heaven. "...if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us" (1 John 4:12). This holiday reminds us of our vocation to holiness. So let the example of Christ and all the saints inspire us to live a life full of love for God and neighbor. There are saints, and thanks to them, the world continues its existence.

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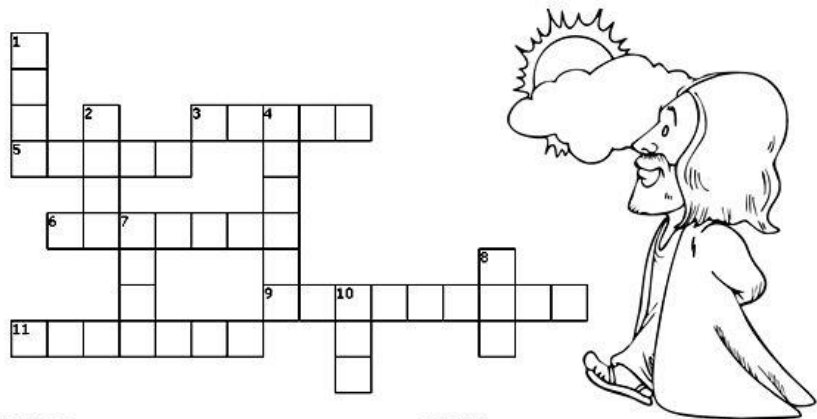
DC/DOX PREMIER OF A NEW FILM ABOUT MOTHER NATALIA: The premiere of [NATALIA](#), an exceptional new film debuting in Washington, D.C., will be on *screen Friday, June 16th*, from 12:00 – 1:45pm, at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, 5th Floor Auditorium, 901 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001. At the age of 29, Natalia made the life-altering decision to become a nun in the Byzantine Catholic Church, leaving behind her exciting life as a single woman, and an engineering student, to dedicate herself to God. Natalia is a captivating exploration of one woman's quandry to walk away from the world or return to it, delving into the depths of what individuals are willing to sacrifice for a higher calling. The best way to purchase tickets is to use this link: <https://dcdoxfest.eventive.org/films/645e858caf4d9b002c9b0c01> and at check out, use code NATALIADOC15, to get 15% off the cost of the ticket. They are grateful for your support and hope to have many people interested in this film about Mother Natalia. The auditorium seats 230 people. There is metered parking on streets near the library, or you can park in any nearby paid parking lot. The closest lots to the library are on 8th Street between G and H streets (PEPCO building), and H Street between 9th and 10th streets. Those who require handicapped accessible spaces may park at designated spaces in front of the library on G Street. Also, anyone with a valid handicapped sticker may park on the street for free in any legal space. If metro is an option, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library is located near the Gallery Place-Chinatown Station. Gallery Place has three exits; leave through the "9th Street" Exit.

METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY: Most Rev. William Skurla, Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh, has invited all clergy and faithful to the Assembly of the Byzantine (Ruthenian) Metropolitan Church at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsboro, NJ, **November 2-5, 2023**. The theme of this Assembly is "*Living Our Faith, Moving Forward, Appreciating Our Past*." *Registration begins June 15th*. The Assembly cost is \$250 for individuals and \$400 for couples. The Maria Theresa Foundation will underwrite the registration fees of individuals and couples between the ages of 18 and 35. Special rates for hotel accommodations have been arranged at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bridgewater, NJ. For more information, contact the Assembly coordinators, Fr. Ed Cimbala, at 212-677-0516 or Fr. Yuriy Oros at 609-394-5004. The assembly website is byzantineassembly2023.org, and the email is byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com.

OUR DAILY BREAD CASSEROLE DONATIONS: We are in need of someone to organize future casserole collection dates. If you would like to assist with this task, please contact Mike Skovran at michaelskovran@aol.com. Also, if you are a high school student, you can earn 2.0 service hours for making a casserole. Mike Skovran or Fr. Serhii can sign off for these volunteer hours. Let's keep this service project going!

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Got Jesus?



ACROSS

- 3. The organ in the body that pumps the blood
- 5. To make letters and words with a pen or pencil
- 6. To accept as true, genuine, or real
- 9. Evidence given by witness in court
- 11. Something that continues forever

DOWN

- 1. To understand something
- 2. The period from birth to death
- 4. To receive something willingly, such as a gift
- 7. Someone who doesn't tell the truth
- 8. The creator and ruler of the universe
- 10. A male child

Check your answers

accept	believe	eternal	write
testimony	heart	life	know
God	liar	son	

ECF – HELP NEEDED: Please mark your calendars – on June 25th, immediately after Divine Liturgy, we will need help moving the remaining ECF books and materials from the rectory basement over to the social hall and organized on the existing shelves. Please let Loui Villanueva know if you are able to assist.

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. Serhii, and his family, Marge Dulina, Mike Skovran, James DeWolfe, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Doris Ruszin, Anne Gupman, Anna Martin, Joseph and Marie Repasi, Mary Jo Kelly Wilhelm, Howard Guba, 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:

May 21, 2023 - Offertory: \$1,313.25
Tithe.ly: \$60.00
Ascension: \$55.00

Hagerstown Mission:

May 20, 2023 - Offertory: \$142.00
Tithe.ly: \$19.00

May 28, 2023 - Offertory: \$1,470.00
Tithe.ly: \$175.00
Sts. Peter & Paul: \$20.25
Candles: \$42.50

May 28, 2023 – Tithe.ly: \$19.00

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

FATHER'S DAY COMMEMORATION: On **Sunday, June 18th**, we will be remembering living and deceased fathers during Divine Liturgy. If you would like to include names for this commemoration, please complete the form, included with this bulletin or on our website, and you can either place it in the offertory basket or mail it to the church. We will also be having refreshments in the social hall immediately after Liturgy. Please join us!

CARPATHO-RYSYN SOCIETY: Enjoy a free virtual event entitled, *“A Glimpse into Our Own (Mythical?) Ancestral Carpathian Past: Researchers and Writers in a Liminal Space and Time,”* on **Monday, June 26th**, from 7:30- 9:00pm. The presenter is Patricia A. Krafcik, Ph.D., and the webinar link is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89170512251>.

STIPEND CAMPAIGN: Bishop Kurt is renewing the Stipend Campaign for the Priests in Mukachevo. The Intention request form is included with this bulletin, and on our church website. If you would like to submit an intention, please fill out the form and make your check payable to: “Eparchy of Passaic.” Please mail the completed form along with your check to the Eparchy of Passaic, 445 Lackawanna Ave., Woodland Park, NJ 07424. Thank you for your support.

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).

All Saints

God is wonderful in his saints. He will give strength and power to his people. Consider the meaning of these prophetic words and try to understand them. The psalm says that God gives strength and power to all his people, for with God there is no partiality; nevertheless it is only in his saints that he fills us with wonder.

The Church of Christ honors even after their death those who have lived a truly godly life. Every day of the year it commemorates the saints who departed hence on that day, leaving this mortal life. It sets the life of each of them before us for our benefit, and also shows us how each died, whether they fell asleep in peace or ended their lives in martyrdom. On this day, however, the Church gathers them all together and sends up a common hymn in their honor.

My brothers and sisters, let us too honor the saints of God. How shall we honor them? By imitating them, by purifying ourselves from every stain of body and spirit and by ceasing to sin until, by this abstinence, we are brought to a sanctity like theirs. On these festival days at least let us offer God bodies and souls that are acceptable to him, so that we too, by the prayers of the saints, may gain a share in their glory and eternal bliss. May we all attain to this by the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with his eternal Father and the most holy, good, and life-giving Spirit belongs glory now and always and for endless ages. Amen.

From a sermon by St. Gregory of Palamas

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