

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Christ Healing the Gadarenes



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Next Liturgy: TBD

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES

Date	Time	Service	Intention
5 th Sunday After Pentecost 7.2.2023	8:45am 9:00am	Hymns from Matins Typika	In Memory of: Lisa Guba Requested by: M/M Dennis Kotula
6 th Sunday After Pentecost 7.9.2023	8:45am 9:00am	Hymns from Matins Typika	In Memory of: Marge Dulina Requested by: Ann Marie Elwell

This is the **5th Sunday After Pentecost.**

We will be having Hymns from Matins, followed by a Typika service today.
 Booklets and Propers handouts are available on the table in the back of our Temple.

Saint Gregory of Nyssa Church: Sunday, July 2nd, at 10am Matins, 10:15am Typika

Sunday, July 9th, at 10am Matins, 10:15am Typika **1**

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.**

2023 GCU BYZANTINE CATHOLIC 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.

HERSHEY PARK, PA: GCU members can purchase discounted single visit tickets that can be used any day during the 2023 operating season at Hersheypark now through December 29, 2023. Tickets are \$35 and can be ordered at www.gcuusa.com. Any questions can be directed to Chris Chamberlain, at the GCU Home Office, at 1-724-495-3400 or cchamberlain@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.

THE DISCALCED CARMELITES OF SUGARLOAF, PA: Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurla and Most Revered Kurt Burnette have both graciously accepted to officiate at a Pontifical Divine Liturgy, principal Service of our proposed Pilgrimage honoring Saint Therese of Lisieux. We hope for your presence at the *First Pilgrimage to Saint Therese of Lisieux*, **Saturday, September 30, 2023**, Holy Annunciation Monastery Grounds, 403 West County Road, Sugarloaf, PA. More details to follow.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN: Don't miss this trip of a lifetime. Hosted by Fr. Ed Cimbala. Visit Haifa, Tiberias, Nazareth, Mt. Nebo, Madaba, Amman, Petra, Jericho, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem, **January 21-31, 2024**. For more information, please contact Fr. Ed at 908-872-2928 or fredcimbala@gmail.com.

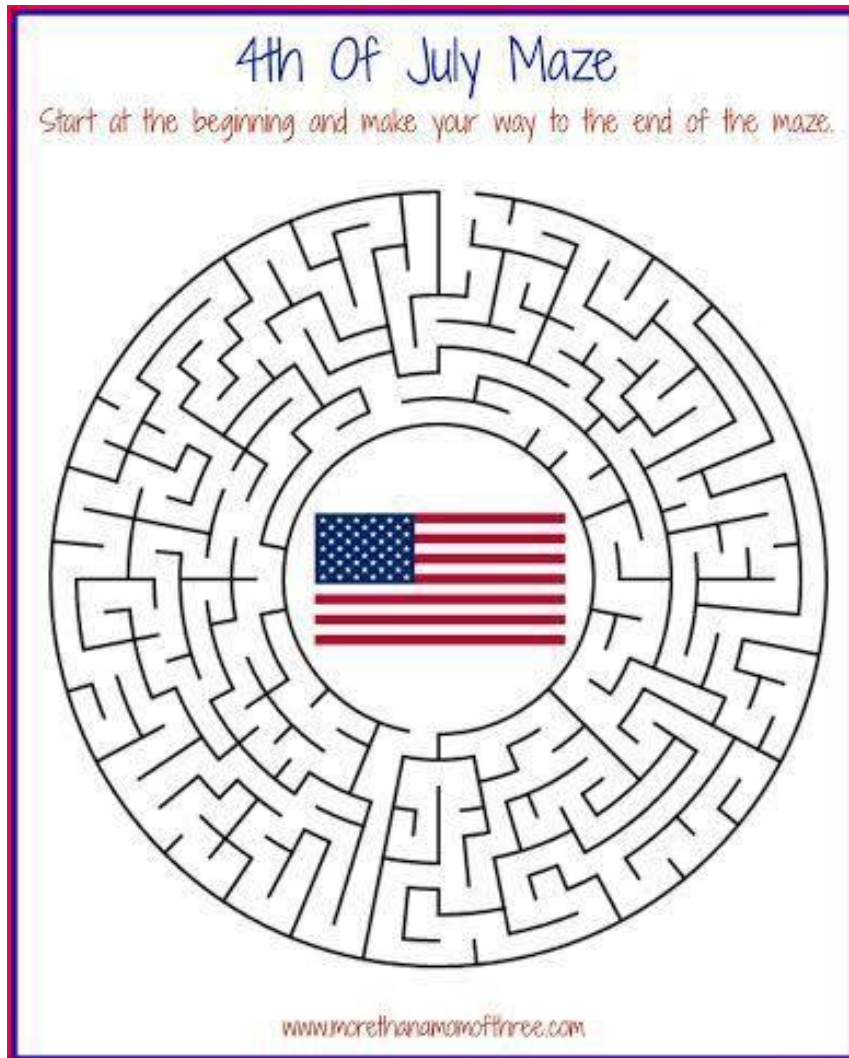
Independence Day

Is a time to remember our freedoms and thank God for them.

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***“For you were called to freedom,
brethren; only do not use your freedom
as an opportunity for the flesh,
but through love be servants of one another.”
Galatians 5:13***

CHILDREN'S CORNER



“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord;
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!” – Psalm 33:12

PYSANKY WORKSHOP PICTURE: On the bulletin board, in the Narthex, is a picture of the Pysanky Workshop participants, that was held on April 2nd, and posted in the June issue of the GCU Magazine. This event was sponsored by the GCU, and we hope to make this an annual event during Lent.

PATRONAGE FREEZER SALE: We have pirohi and kolbasi available for purchase after church services today. Please see Mary Demyan, if you would like to purchase any. Kolbasi tastes great cooked on the grill!

PARISH CENSUS: Please help us! We are asking all parishioners to complete a census form. Forms can either be found on the shelf in the Narthex, or on our website. We need to have accurate contact information, including your mailing address, phone number, and email address. You can either place your completed census form in the offertory basket, or mail it to the church. If any of your information changes, at any time, please also let us know. Thank you, again, to those who have already completed a form.

METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY: Most Rev. William Skurla, Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh, have invited all clergy and faithful to the Assembly of the Byzantine (Ruthenian) Metropolitan Church at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, 1900 Brooks Boulevard, Hillsboro, NJ, 08844, **November 2-5, 2023**. The theme of this Assembly is “*Living Our Faith, Moving Forward, Appreciating Our Past.*” Registration is now open. The Assembly cost is \$250 for individuals and \$400 for couples. The fee includes meals, breaks, presentations, materials, and the gala on Saturday evening. 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, 500 Promenade Boulevard, Bridgewater, NJ, 08807, and is a 15-minute drive to St. Mary's Church. Hotel registration deadline is September 30th. 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.

ALL-OCCASION CARDS FOR SALE: Sister Seraphim Olsafsky, OSBM, from the Sisters of St. Basil, has turned some of her paintings into all-occasion cards and are being sold in a package of ten. 4 Birthday (2 of 2 designs), 2 Wellness, 2 Congratulations, and 2 Sympathy. Inside each card is an inspirational message and a verse from the Bible. *Vicnaja Pamjat!* is on the back of the sympathy card, and *Mnohaja L'ita! Blahaja L'ita!* is on the back of the wellness card. The cost is \$14.50 + shipping & handling. Each card is 4 1/4" X 5 1/2". The order form can be found at <https://sistersofstbasil.org/greeting-cards/>. Please consider purchasing some of these beautiful cards to benefit the Sisters of St. Basil.

“COME AND SEE:” Produced by the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic, this is a resource which aims to share the “Good News” – the transforming message of the Gospel within the context of the Byzantine Catholic tradition, and was designed with a two-fold goal in mind: 1) to be beneficial to all the existing Byzantine Catholics, and serve as the ABCs about our church and tradition, and 2) it is also an invitation to all those who are in search of a new spiritual home, who want to learn more about God and build a lasting personal friendship with Him. It is an introduction about who are and what we believe and it aims to grow awareness and participation in the great Christian richness of our Byzantine tradition and speak about its practices. It is an invitation to a journey to experience the Mystery of God. **The cost of this book is only \$5.00**, and is located in the book rack in the Narthex. You can place your money in the marked envelope next to the books.

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



“When we teach our children to be good, to be gentle, to be forgiving (all these are attributes of God), to be generous, to love their fellow men, to regard this present age as nothing, we instill virtue in their souls, and reveal the image of God within them.”

Saint John Chrysostom

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION (ECF) PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN: Catechetical Sunday is September 17th. Parents, we are encouraging you to register your children. Registration forms can either be found in this bulletin, on the bookrack in the Narthex, or on our website. Please either mail your registration form(s) to the church, or place it in the offertory basket. More details to follow in upcoming bulletins.

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 Deiak, and his family, Mike Skovran, James DeWolfe, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Doris Ruszin, Veronica Ruszin, 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 (June 25, 2023):

Offertory: \$1,055.00
Tithe.ly: \$206.00
Religious Articles: \$30.00

Hagerstown Mission (June 25, 2023):

Tithe.ly: \$19.00

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

A SUNDAY “SUNDAY:” Join us after church services today, for a GCU sponsored social. Ice cream “Sundays” will be served. We will be celebrating the start of summer, and our nation’s birthday! Many thanks to the GCU for sponsoring this event and supporting our church!

ANNUAL PATRONAGE CHURCH CRAB FEAST: Mark your calendars – Saturday, September 16th. Join us for some fellowship and great food! We will also be having a church service prior to the Crab Feast. More details to follow in upcoming bulletins! If you would like to volunteer to assist with this event, please contact Dann Karlson at DS.Karlson@gmail.com, and let him know.

INTENTIONS: If you would like to request a Liturgy Intention, the Eparchy of Passaic is accepting Stipends for Ukrainian priests. Stipend forms can be found in the Narthex, or on our church website. Make checks payable to: “Eparchy of Passaic.” Our Eparchy will pay the administrative costs, so that 100% goes to a priest and his family who needs the help. Mail the Stipend sheet and your check to: Eparchy of Passaic, 445 Lackawanna Ave., Woodland Park, NJ 07424.

You can also request to have a Panachida or Moleben at Patronage Church. A form can be found in this bulletin, in the bookrack in the Narthex, or on our website. Donations help benefit our church. Checks can be made payable to: Patronage Church, and you can either mail your request to our church, or you can place a note in our offertory basket.

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).*

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

“...my heart’s desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved” (Rom 10:1).

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

How wonderful are these words written by the Apostle Paul. These words sound from the mouth of the priest every moment, especially, when he prays for the faithful, for their needs. There are people who are dear to our heart, we worry about them, care for them, praying that they are happy, healthy, so that everything is good in their lives. But life, whatever it may be, with more difficulties or with less, with more benefits or with less, will end, and eternity will appear before us.

We cannot save and sanctify someone by force. But there is an important tool for us that the apostle points to and with which we can help them, it is prayer. We should always remember in prayer those people whom God placed on our life path, call to the Lord so that they lead a perfect life, that they walk the path of salvation, and show us the way to follow.

From the story about the two demoniacs of the Gadarene land, we can note that those inhabitants, although they were afraid of the demoniacs, at the same time, had already gotten along with them. As a rule, possessed people were isolated from everyone else and kept at a distance. And this is the worst thing that can happen, to get used to an evil spirit. At first, everything seems to be fine, they don’t owe anything to each other. But, in this way, it seems that some kind of agreement is made with the evil spirit, which is the father of lies. You can’t even enter into a dialogue at all. There is a great risk of being deceived.

The temptations of the evil spirit haunt us constantly. We can feel his presence even where we would never think. He knows how to disguise himself and pass himself off as something good. After gaining trust, he gradually shows his true face. A person cannot always notice it, and often falls into its trap. At first, he accepts small evils, but step by step he becomes addicted to great permanent evils. This is how a person becomes a prison of evil.

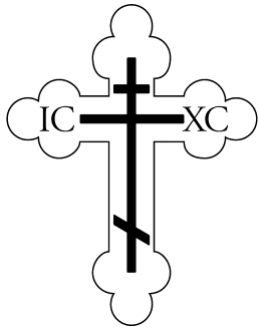
The Apostle Paul reveals to us the deeper meaning of the history of the demoniacs of the Gadarene region in the present exhortation to the Romans. He explains that a person finds happiness through faith in Jesus and the fulfillment of His teaching. Because, by faith, we

recognize that Christ is the source of good for us, and the greatest value thanks to love. It is God’s love that is the essence of happiness, because it satisfies all of our desires. The implementation of the Lord’s wisdom serves to create a connection with Jesus, unites us with Him. That is why the Apostle Paul says, “For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified” (Rom 10:4).

One hermit, named Moses, lived for many years in great holiness. But despite this, the devil began to attack him and so persuaded him to sin that he already lost hope of overcoming this temptation. Confused, he ran through the desert as if he were not his own, but there was no escape. Not long after, by God’s Providence, he met Elder Isidore, a very holy man who had great favor with God. Moses fell on his knees before him and, crying, told him about his trouble. Isidore took him by the hand, led him to the top of his cell and said, “Moses, look at the sunset.” He looked, and saw a terrible sight of a very large number of the most hideous evil spirits, who fiercely bared their teeth and directed fiery arrows at him. Moses was very frightened and shouted, “Poor me, poor me. What will I do now?” And Isidore said, “Don’t be afraid! Now turn and look at the sunrise.” Moses turned and saw an innumerable heavenly host, angels brighter than the sun, and their weapons ringing like a song. The young hermit Moses was convinced that in the midst of temptations he had strong help from God, and he was never again afraid of the devil. In the same way, the Lord God helps every Christian, and the devil masters only those who submit to him.

Dear Believers! The Gospel, the Good News of this Sunday, testifies that it is Jesus who has all power, both in heaven and on earth (cf. Mt 28:18). He alone is the One who defeated Satan and his demonic forces (cf. Lk 10:17-20), and we are the ones who are called to proclaim His victory and make disciples of all nations (cf. Mt 28:19-20), until He will come again and wipe away every tear (Rev 21:4) so that God may be all in all (1 Cor 15:28). It is this waiting with confident hope of Him who promised to come soon that was the prayer of the early Church, and should remain for us today. “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense, to repay every one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end” (Rev 22:12-13). “He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen” (Rev 22:20-21).

Fr. Serhii Deiak



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Intention request for a Panachida (for the deceased) or Moleben (for the health of) at:

PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Please fill out this form and mail it to Patronage Church, or place it in the offertory basket.

This is to request a Panachida or Moleben (circle one) for:

_____ (print name of the person enrolled)

_____ (specific date, if applicable)

Offering: _____
(Make check payable to: Patronage Church)

Name of person requesting the Intention:

Address of person requesting the Intention:

Email address and/or phone number of person requesting the Intention

**Please use form below to list the name or initials of the person you would like Divine Liturgy offered for.
 You may also list the intention, such as illness, deceased, or their relationship to you, mother, son etc.**

Divine Liturgy to be offered for	Intention (Optional)	Number of Liturgies	Stipend	Total Donation
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Total Enclosed: _____ Check # _____

**Make checks payable to “Eparchy of Passaic”. The full amount will be sent to a priest in Europe.
 Mail this sheet and your check to Eparchy of Passaic, 445 Lackawanna Ave, Woodland Park, NJ 07424.
 You will receive the same form in the mail soon, but you may use this one if you don’t want to wait.
 NB Stipends are not tax deductible, but you will receive a “Thank You” acknowledgement.**

Your Name: _____ Parish: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION (ECF) FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM REGISTRATION
2023-2024

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

PRE-K THRU 12TH GRADE

Parent's Name(s): _____ Email Address: _____

Home Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone # _____ Mother's Cell # _____ Father's Cell # _____

Student's Full Name	Date of Birth	Grade	Name/County of School Attending
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Allergies or Other Information: _____

Student's Full Name	Date/Place of Baptism	Date/Place of Chrismation	Date/Place of Eucharist
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Emergency Contact (Name/Phone #): _____

Please return this registration form to Patronage Church by 9/3/2023.

Conquering Demons

The divine nature of the only begotten Son was already scorching the demons in unspeakable flames. Christ was shutting up the fiercest demons in blocked roads. He was undoing the devil's tyranny. "You have come before the time," they cried out. They knew from the Scriptures that Christ was going to come and would judge them. Treating the incarnation as if it had happened at the wrong time, they pleaded that he had come in an untimely way. This misrepresentation is not surprising. In their deceptiveness, they did not hesitate to say even this. Yet, although they know that vengeance is to fall upon them, they still say haughtily, "What have you to do with us?" They know that the final Judge in fact has a

score to settle with them, inasmuch as they had broken his commandments.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

Make an effort, then, to meet more frequently to celebrate God's Eucharist and to offer praise. For, when you meet frequently in the same place, the forces of Satan are overthrown, and his baneful influence is neutralized by the unanimity of your faith. Peace is a precious thing: it puts an end to every war waged by heavenly or earthly enemies.

St. Ignatius of Antioch

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