

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist -- August 29th



PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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Next Liturgy: TBD

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
13 th Sunday after Pentecost 8.26.2023	5:00pm Saturday (No Sunday Service)	Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Mrs. Anna Gaydos From: Ann Gaydos
14 th Sunday after Pentecost 9.3.2023	9:00am Sunday	Matins Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Marge Dulina From: M/M Jack Russell (rescheduled)

Today is the **13th Sunday after Pentecost.**

Proprs for today can be found on page 141, Tone 4,
in the teal Liturgy book located in the pews.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confession is available 20 minutes before or immediately after Divine Liturgy.

PARISH CENSUS: Final call! If you have not already done so, we are asking all parishioners to complete a parish census form by next **Sunday, September 3rd**. Forms can either be found on the shelf in the Narthex, or on our website. We need to have accurate contact information, including 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 we do not receive your census form, you won't receive the ECL.** **We are also in the process of updating our Parish Roster, which needs to be submitted to the Eparchy within the next few weeks, so please help us update our parish records.** 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.

89TH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE – MOUNT ST. MACRINA, UNIONTOWN, PA: This biggest and oldest Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held **September 1st – 4th**. The Sisters of St. Basil the Great invite everyone to join them in honoring the Mother of God under the title of Theotokos: Loving Protectress of All. Visit www.sistersofstbasil.org to view the Pilgrimage schedule. Please consider attending this event! There have many activities for our youth.

CARPATHO-RUSYN SOCIETY: The Eastern PA Chapter is holding their 8th Annual Genealogy and Heritage Conference on **Saturday, September 30th**, from 10am – 3:30pm, at King's College, 133 N. River Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Space is limited and the deadline to register is September 22nd. Registration is \$50 per person. For more information visit <https://c-rs.org/event-5385022>. If you have any questions, please contact George Pawlush at 860-490-1074.

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.

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 address is byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com.

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

PATRONAGE CHURCH SLAVIC FOOD FESTIVAL
Saturday, November 18th

In order to continue with the success of our festivals, we will need many volunteers. If you have any questions or can volunteer, please contact Mary Demyan at mdemya1@verizon.net. Please mark your calendar with the following festival dates/times:

- Friday, October 6th, 9am – cabbage preparation
- Saturday, October 7th, 9am – roll, cook, and freeze Holupki
- Wednesday, November 15th, 9am – make and freeze Kolachi
- Friday, November 17th, 9am – set-up for festival
- Saturday, November 18th, 10am – 2pm - festival

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Church Humor: The Sunday School teacher asked, “Now, Johnny, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?” “No sir,” little Johnny replies, “I don’t have to – my Mom is a good cook!”

CHILDREN'S CORNER

“...be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”
(Ephesians 4:32)

Search for these words:

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ECF – ORGANIZATION OF BOOKS/MATERIALS AND CATECHETICAL CELEBRATION: On **Saturday, September 9th, from 9am-noon**, we need volunteers to help clean out the rectory basement of ECF materials, and organize them with what we currently have stored in the social hall. On **Saturday, September 16th**, during Divine Liturgy, we will be having a blessing of teachers and students for our 2023-2024, Catechetical school year. We are asking all families with children Pre-K – High School to register your children. Forms are available in the Narthex, on the bookrack, or on our website. **Please either mail your completed registration form to the church, or place it in the offertory basket no later than Saturday, August 26th, so that books and materials can be ordered.** Loui Villaneuva, will be the coordinator for the 2023-2024 school year. We are also looking for volunteers to teach. Please send Loui Villaneuva an email at villanuevaluxmundi@yahoo.com, if you are able to help clean out the rectory basement or are willing to teach. Our children are the future of our church! **“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it” (Proverbs 22:6).**

LITURGICAL CALENDAR YEAR: The Byzantine Church New Year (Indiction) traditionally begins on September 1, a date inherited from the time of the Byzantine Empire. Liturgically, however, there are two cycles, the Paschal and the Temporal, comprising movable and fixed feasts respectively. Movable feasts, for example, are Pascha, Ascension, Pentecost and the first day of Lent; they depend on the date of Easter, which changes each year. Immovable (or Fixed) feasts like Christmas, Annunciation, Transfiguration, and Dormition, are always on the same date. Our liturgical books reflect this arrangement and follow that order. Looking at the Teal Pew Book for example, the movable feasts begin with the Resurrection (p 164) and end with Palm Sunday (p 235). Then follows the immovable feasts beginning September 7 (p 242) and ending August 30 (p 357). [The immovable feasts actually run from September 1 to August 31.]

BYZANTINE ICON PAINTING WORKSHOP: Patronage Church is planning a Byzantine Icon Painting Workshop with Iconographer, Wayne Hajos, sometime in the beginning of 2024. Wayne was the Iconographer who wrote the icons in our Holy Place and below our choir loft many years ago. The class will be 4 days long (9am - 4:30pm). The class fee will be \$275 with all supplies and lunch provided. No art experience necessary, and we will paint/write the icon of the Virgin Mary. We'd love to have our teenage parishioners (recommended minimum age is 15) participate in this great opportunity! At the moment, we are trying to pin down exact dates for the class, but are looking at a JAN, FEB, or MAR timeframe. We would also like to hear if you have a preference for doing the class in a single week (Wednesday - Saturday) or would prefer four consecutive Saturdays? Please email Kevin Ross at keviross@gmail.com if you are potentially interested along with any preference on dates/timing. Class size is limited to 20 students. More details regarding payment, will be forthcoming.

LITURGY INTENTIONS: Forms are available on the bookrack, in the Narthex, or on our website. Checks should be made payable to: Patronage Church. You can either mail your Intention request to the rectory or place it in the offertory basket in the back of our Temple.

The Eparchy of Passaic is still accepting Stipends for Ukrainian priests. Stipend forms can be found on the bookrack 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 Ukrainian 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.

SOCIAL HALL FREEZER: We are in the process of replacing one of our social hall freezers in time for our church festival. It has been repaired multiple times, and has become unreliable. We will keep you updated as to when we get a new one installed. ***If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of this freezer, we would appreciate any amount you could give. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!***

TREE REMOVAL: We are working on getting a few quotes to remove a tree that is dying in front of the rectory. We'll keep you posted as to when the tree is removed.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE FROM MARYLAND IF



YOU THINK NEWSPAPERS MAKE A GOOD TABLECLOTH

Join us for our annual Patronage Crab Feast!

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Divine Liturgy at 4:00 P.M.

Crab Feast immediately following

Price: **\$35** all you can eat and drink!

soda, water, beer, & wine provided

Teens 13-18 only **\$10!**

Children under 12 (and non-crab eaters) eat free!

****Please bring a side dish or a dessert****

RSVP by September 9th to Dann Karlson at: ds.karlson@gmail.com

Name _____

Number of Adults _____ x \$35.00 = \$ _____

Number of Teens _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____

Number of Children under 12 (and non-crab eaters) _____

Make checks payable to: Patronage Byzantine Catholic Church

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, Matthew Skovran, Mike Skovran, James DeWolfe, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Kay Dinko, Doris Ruszin, Veronica Ruszin, Anna Martin, Joseph and Marie Repasi, Mary Jo Kelly Wilhelm, Howard Guba, Missy Kakalec, 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 (August 19, 2023):

Offertory: \$1,643.50

New Freezer Donation: \$100.00

WELCOME FR. VLAD BUDASH: We welcome Fr. Vlad, from Resurrection Byzantine Catholic Church, Smithtown, NY, to Patronage Church! He will be celebrating Divine Liturgy today. Please join us after services for a pot-luck dinner in our social hall, and introduce yourself to Fr. Vlad!

GOOD NEWS: The bishop called Deacon Bill, on Tuesday, to tell him our new priest is arriving on Sunday. He is Fr. Vasyl Symyon of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. The Metropolitan is sending him to Catholic University to finish his doctorate, and has graciously loaned him to Bishop Kurt. He will take over the administration at both churches. It may take a little while for him to get settled in, so we will have to be flexible for a bit.

PARISH GREETER: At our last parish meeting, Deacon Tony brought up the idea of bringing back our church having a parish greeter in the Narthex prior to the beginning of services. Seeing a friendly face, when coming to our church, presents a welcoming environment. If you would like to volunteer, and welcome parishioners to our church, by passing out bulletins, and showing newcomers where our special liturgical booklets and Propers handouts are located, along with answering any questions they may have, please let Deacon Tony know. If a few parishioners volunteered, we could do this on a rotational basis, and perhaps you would only need to volunteer, to do this task, once a month.

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).

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*Open to the
parishioners of
St. Gregory's and
the Hagerstown
Mission too!*

The Passion of John the Baptist

Today while the virtue of John and the ferocity of Herod are related to us, our innards were shaken, our hearts trembled, our sight grew dim, our mind became dull, our hearing deserted us. For is there anything within human sensation that remains undisturbed when a large amount of vice destroys a large amount of virtue?

Herod, it says, apprehended John, and had him bound, and put in prison (Mt 14:3). John was the school of the virtues, the instructor of life, the model of sanctity, the pattern of morality, the mirror of virginity, the epitome of purity, the example of chastity, the way of penitence, the pardon of sins, the discipline of faith. John was greater than a human being, equal to the angels, the apex of the Law, the seed of the Gospel, the harbinger of the Apostles, the silence of the prophets, the lamp of the world, the herald of the Judge, the forerunner of Christ, the

preparer for the Lord, the witness of God, the mediator of the whole Trinity.

But Herod is the very one who desecrated the Temple, ruined the priesthood, disturbed its proper order, profaned the kingdom, corrupted anything that had to do with religion, the Law, life and morals, faith, and discipline. Herod was ever an assassin toward his fellow citizens, a brigand toward people of any distinction, a ravager toward his allies, a robber toward those of his own household, a killer of the common folk, a murderer of his children, a slayer of foreigners, a murderer towards his own, drenching the land with gore in his bloodthirstiness. And, so it is that he gulped down the hallowed blood of John from his enormous cup of cruelty.

St. Peter Chrysologus

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