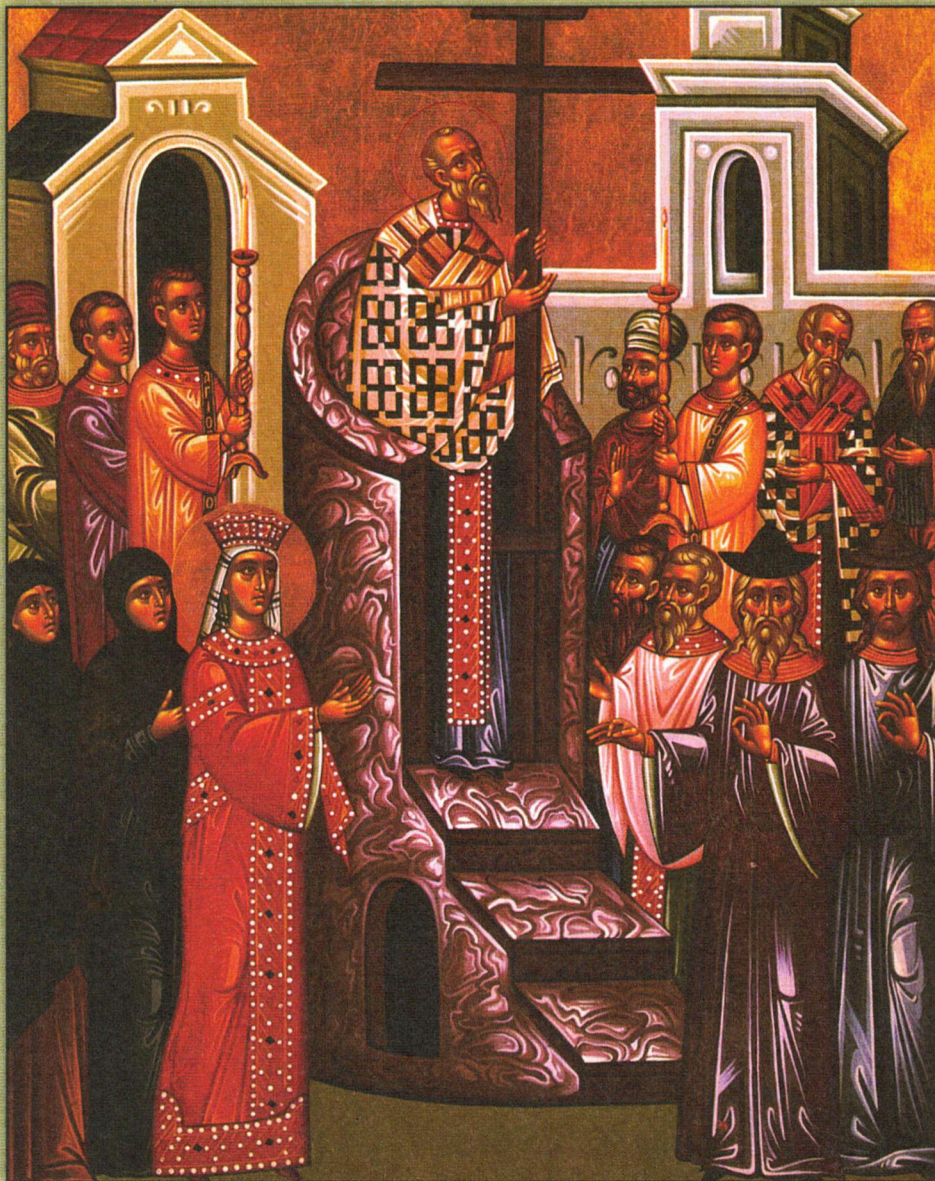


SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION  
OF THE HOLY CROSS



*Icon of the Elevation of the Holy Cross*





## PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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Next Liturgy: TBD

### PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross 9.10.2023	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish
Exaltation of the Holy Cross 9.15.2023	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy (Friday)	For Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish
Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross 9.16.2023	4:00pm	Divine Liturgy (Saturday)	In Memory of: +Michael & Catherine Bluey From: Carol & Tim Herder

Today is the **Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.**

The Propers handout for today can be found on the table behind the last pew.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Confession is available 8:00am – 8:45am before Divine Liturgy.

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

**LITURGY INTENTIONS:** If you would like to request an Intention, please either call or email Fr. Vasyl, and let him know. Intention forms are available on the bookrack, in the Narthex, or on our website. 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.

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.

**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. They 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.

The Carmelite Nuns also have a Monastery Pantry, which is open weekdays (not Sunday) from 10am – 4pm, if you happen to be in the area and want to stop by. Some of their products are also sold only online. Check it out - visit [www.monasterypantry.com](http://www.monasterypantry.com) for more information. Your support is greatly appreciated!

**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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://byzantineassembly2023.org), and the email address is [byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com](mailto:byzantineassembly2023@gmail.com). **Registration deadline is October 1<sup>st</sup>!**

**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](mailto: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.

**CARPATHO-RUSYN SOCIETY:** The Eastern PA Chapter is holding their 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Genealogy and Heritage Conference on **Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**, 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 22<sup>nd</sup>. Registration is \$50 per person, and is now open. For more information visit <https://c-rs.org/event-5385022>. If you have any questions, please contact George Pawlush at 860-490-1074.

## Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The feast of the Exaltation of the Precious and Life-creating Cross commemorates three events:

1. finding of the True Cross in 326 by Saint Helena, the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great,
2. the dedication of churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulcher and Mount Calvary and
3. the recovery of the cross from the Persians in 628.

It is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Byzantine Church and is observed as a penitential day of fasting and prayer. The Feast of the Exaltation has a one-day fore-feast and is then commemorated for eight days. It was on September 14, 335, that the True Cross was first presented for veneration after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. In the Troparion of the feast, we are reminded of our privilege and responsibility as the Lord's "inheritance," and our struggles against the evils that surround us, the Church's enemies:

Troparion - Tone 1 (music found in the Teal Pew Book, page 254)

Save your people, O Lord, and bless your inheritance. \* Grant victory to your Church over evil, \* and protect your people by your cross.

The Leave-taking (*otdanije*) of the Feast of the Exaltation is September 21st.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER



**EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION PROGRAM (ECF) FOR CHILDREN:** Please visit [www.godwithusonline.org](http://www.godwithusonline.org) and be sure to click on "Resources," then "Catechetical Resources," then "Ruthenian," for this week's catechetical resources, the Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, that you can use in your catechesis.

**EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION (ECF) PROGRAM:** Please note the following upcoming events:

1. **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>:** Deacon Tony will be having a short meeting regarding our ECF Program immediately after Divine Liturgy today, in our Temple. We are encouraging all ECF families to attend.
2. **Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>:** During Divine Liturgy, we will be having a Blessing of teachers and students for our 2023-2024, Catechetical school year.

**We still need some teachers. Please email Loui Villaneuva at [villanuevaluxmundi@yahoo.com](mailto:villanuevaluxmundi@yahoo.com), if you would like to volunteer. Your 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).*

**GOD WITH US ONLINE:** A free live webinar, "*Stewards of the Mysteries; The Great Calling of Every Christian,*" will take place on **Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, from 8-9pm.** Most Rev. Nicholas Samra, will be the presenter. Stewardship is our active commitment to use all our time, talents, and treasure for the benefit of humankind in grateful acknowledgement of Christ's redeeming love. It is caring for the needs of others. It is offering oneself to God as He offered himself to us. To register, visit [www.godwithusonline.org](http://www.godwithusonline.org).

**HELP WANTED - PATRONAGE CHURCH SLAVIC FOOD FESTIVAL - Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>:** 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](mailto:mdemya1@verizon.net). Many hands make light work, so any help will be much appreciated. Please mark your calendar with the following festival dates/times:

Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 12noon - cabbage preparation (boil and remove spine on cabbage leaves)  
Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 9am – make balls, roll the balls in cabbage leaves, cook, and freeze Holupki  
Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 9am – make and package Kolachi  
Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 9am – set-up for festival (including peeling and cubing potatoes)  
Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 10am – 2pm – festival (we will also need help in cleaning up afterwards)

**DONATIONS NEEDED:** In looking ahead to our upcoming Slavic Food Festival, and to help offset costs, we are currently asking for donations of walnuts. We will need 40 pounds. They are currently \$7.98 for a 3lb bag at Sam's Club, if you happen to be a member, and can purchase them there. If not, walnuts can be purchased at a store of your choice. If you do not want to shop, we will do the shopping for you with your donation of either cash or a check made payable to: Patronage Church. Thank you for any support you can provide! We are looking forward to another great festival!

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## 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 today 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, Fr. Vasyl, 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, 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:** (Donate at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733> – the link is also on our website)

**Patronage Church (9.3.2023):**

**Offertory: \$1,390.00**

**Tithe.ly: \$280.00**

**New Freezer Donation: \$50.00**

**Tithe.ly (8.20.2023): \$180.00**

**Tithe.ly (8.27.2023): \$180.00**

**PARISH SOCIAL:** Join us at Divine Liturgy today for some refreshments in our parish social hall.

**51<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL SLAVIC AMERICAN FESTIVAL:** *Today, Sunday, September 10, 2023*, from 12-6pm, Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church, 3410 Woodburn Road, Annandale, VA 22003.

**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. Many thanks to those who have already made a donation!***

**MID-ATLANTIC STATES SYNCOLLATE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** For those who submitted their names to receive an invitation for this event, at Epiphany Church in Annandale, VA, the celebration will take place on **Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**.

**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. ***Please consider volunteering!***

**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).

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

## *The Cross Raised for All the World to See*

The cross is raised and appears above the earth, which until recently malice had kept hidden. It is raised, not to receive glory (for with Christ nailed to it what greater glory could it have?) but to give glory to God who is worshiped on it and proclaimed by it.

It is not surprising that the church rejoices in the cross of Christ and robes herself in festal clothes, revealing her bridal beauty as she honors this day. Nor is it surprising that this great throng of people has gathered together today to see the cross exposed aloft and to worship Christ whom they see raised upon it. For the cross is exposed in order to be raised and is raised to be exposed.

What cross? The cross, which a little while ago was hidden in a place called "The Skull" but now is everywhere adored. This is what we rejoice over today; this is what we celebrate; this is the point of the present feast; this is the manifestation of the mystery.

For this hidden and life-giving cross had to be exposed, set on high like a city on a hill or a lamp on a stand, for all the world to see.

*Saint Andrew of Crete*

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