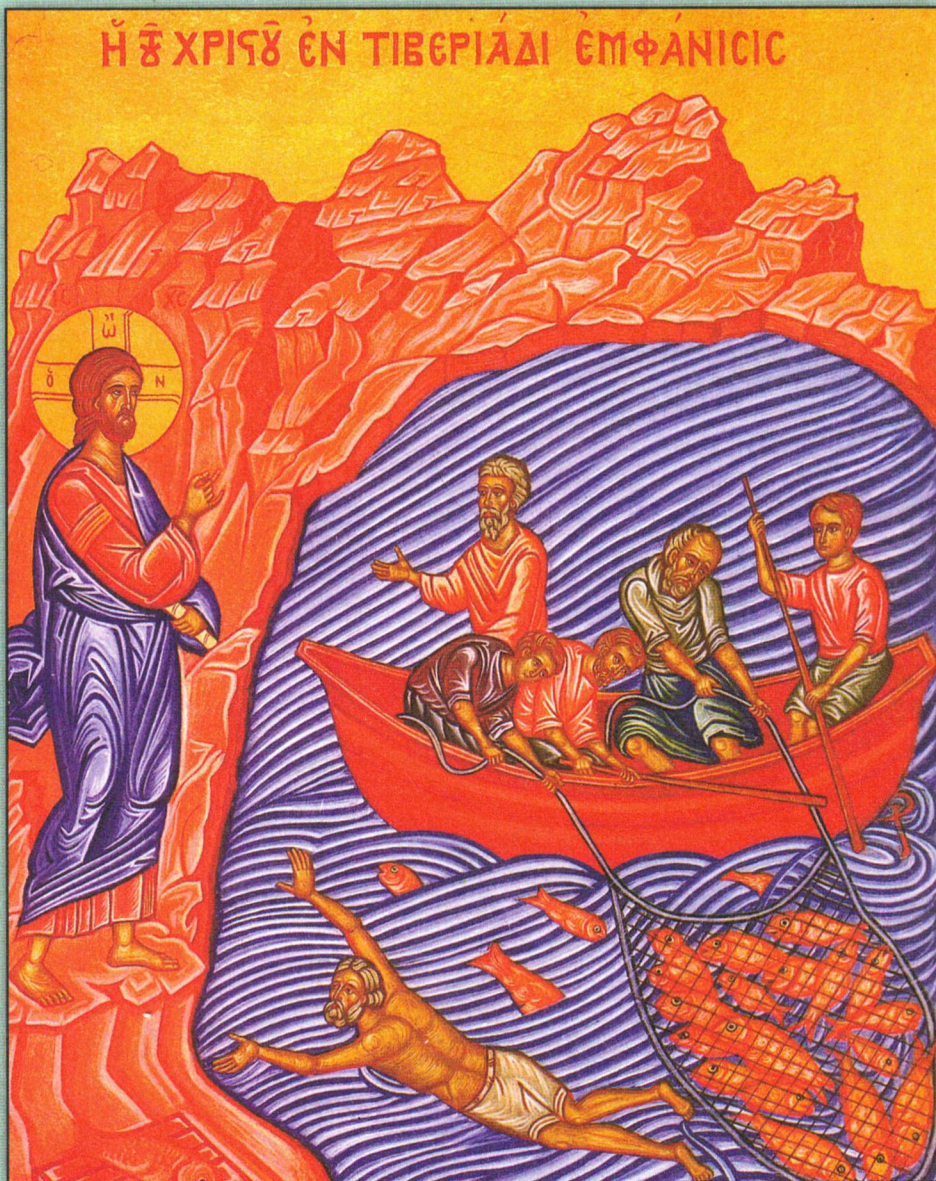


SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of the Catch of Fish*



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Next Liturgy: TBD

### PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost 9.24.2023	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Phyllis Skovran From: Michael Skovran
18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost Protection of the Theotokos 10.1.2023	11:00am	Divine Liturgy (50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration) Followed by a Panachida Service at Holy Trinity Cemetery	For Living and Deceased Members of our Parish

Today is the **17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost.**

The Propers for today are page 161, Tone 8, in the teal Liturgy book located in the pew.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Confession is available beginning an hour before Liturgy, and ending 15 minutes before the start of services.

*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>!**

**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>**, at 10am. Bishop Kurt will be in attendance and accompanied by Bishop Nil Luschk, OFM, Apostolic Administrator of the Eparchy of Mukachevo. Bishop Nil will be in the United States because he is scheduled to be a speaker at the Metropolitan Church Assembly and then for the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-elect Robert Pipta, and Enthronement as Sixth Eparchial Bishop of Parma.

**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!**

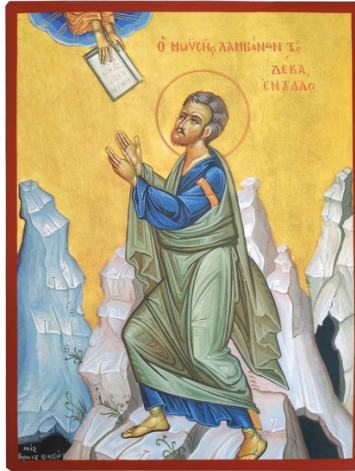
You cannot pray at home, like you can at church, where there is a great multitude; where exclamations are cried out to God as from one great heart, and where there is something more: the unions of minds, the accord of souls, the bond of charity, the prayers of priests.

- St. John Chrysostom



# CHILDREN'S CORNER

The *Ten Commandments* were given by God Himself, through Moses, to the people of Israel, which was destined to shape the morals of the society of the world.



Fill in the blanks using the words below:

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|------|------------|--------|------|-------|
| HOLY | NEIGHBOR'S | COMMIT | WIFE | HONOR |
| VAIN | STEAL      | FALSE  | GODS | KILL  |

- I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD, YOU SHALL NOT HAVE NO OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ BEFORE ME.
- YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD IN \_\_\_\_\_.
- REMEMBER TO KEEP \_\_\_\_\_ THE LORD'S DAY.
- \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER THAT YOUR DAYS MAY BE LONG IN THE LAND WHICH THE LORD YOUR GOD GIVES YOU.
- YOU SHALL NOT \_\_\_\_\_.
- YOU SHALL NOT \_\_\_\_\_ ADULTERY.
- YOU SHALL NOT \_\_\_\_\_.
- YOU SHALL NOT BEAR \_\_\_\_\_ WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR.
- YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S \_\_\_\_\_.
- YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ GOODS.

**EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION (ECF) PROGRAM:** On Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, following Divine Liturgy, ECF will be meeting in our social hall. The theme of the class is "Introduction to the Church." If you have any questions, please email Loui Villanueva at [villanuevaluxmundi@yahoo.com](mailto:villanuevaluxmundi@yahoo.com).

**GOD WITH US ONLINE FREE WEBINAR:** "*Speaking Truth to Power; An Introduction to the Holy Prophets,*" will take place on Wednesdays, October 5<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, from 8-9pm. Rev. Sebastian Carnazzo will be the presenter. "*Who were these holy prophets that "through faith conquered kingdoms... received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire... put armies to flight"*" (Cf Heb. 13:32-34)? Join them as you learn the stories of these great Old Testament saints with Fr. Sebastian. To register, visit [www.godwithusonline.org](http://www.godwithusonline.org).

**A DOUBLE BLESSING:** Mark your calendar! On **December 17<sup>th</sup>**, the Eparchy of Passaic will be celebrating two milestones. First, is the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canonical Establishment of the Eparchy of Passaic; and second is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Consecration of Bishop Kurt and his Installation as the 5<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Passaic! The day will begin at 3pm with gratitude and prayer through the celebration of a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel in Passaic, NJ, followed by a cocktail hour and dinner at the nearby Venetian Banquet Facility, in Garfield, NJ. **All the faithful in the Eparchy of Passaic are invited to attend. RSVP is due by November 17<sup>th</sup>. Please see the attached flyer, with this bulletin, for more information, and the form to return to the Eparchy with payment for this event.**

**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>, 12 noon** (please note the new time change from 9am) - 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 FOR OUR UPCOMING FESTIVAL:**

- 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 \$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!
- Festival Bake Sale:** We also need lots of donations of baked goods, so start gathering your recipes. Specific details as to labeling, packaging, and pricing will follow closer to our festival. We are looking forward to another great festival!

**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!** 4

**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 interested along with any preference on dates/timing.** Class size is limited to 20 students. More details regarding payment, will be forthcoming.



**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 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 (9.16.2023):**  
**Offertory: \$1,130.00      Tithe.ly: \$360.00**

**“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work” (2 Corinthians 9:6-8).**

**PARISH SOCIAL:** Please join us after Divine Liturgy today for some refreshments in our parish social hall.

**PATRONAGE CHURCH’S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** Next **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**, Fr. Vasyl will be celebrating Patronage Church’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at our Baltimore (Arbutus) location. Our church building was formally dedicated on October 7, 1973. In honor of this special occasion, **Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 11am, followed by a luncheon, which will be provided.** If you would like to attend the luncheon, you will need to **RSVP no later than this Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**, so that the food order can be placed. Please send the church an email, and let us know how many people from your family will attend. **If you would like to help in the planning and set-up for the luncheon, please meet in the church hall, after Liturgy today, and see Sharon Kotula.**

**PANACHIDA SERVICE:** Fr. Vasyl will be having a Panachida service for those, from our parish, who are interred at Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Cemetery, Elkridge, MD, after our church’s anniversary luncheon next **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**. The cemetery is only a few miles from our church. We hope you can join us! **O Lord, our God, who are good and full of love for all mankind: Give rest to our departed servants in the mansions of the just, and keep us, here on earth, free from sin, enabling us to lead a truly Christian life to the end of our days.**

**PATRONAGE FACEBOOK PAGE:** If anyone has any **pictures from last week’s Crab Feast** or ECF’s **Catechetical celebration** that they would like to share, and have them posted on the church’s Facebook page, please send them to Kevin Ross at [keviross@gmail.com](mailto:keviross@gmail.com). Thank you!

**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).

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The day will begin with gratitude and prayer through the celebration of a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 3PM at the Cathedral of St Michael the Archangel in Passaic, NJ, followed by a joyful dinner reception at 5:00PM at the nearby Venetian Banquet Facility in Garfield, NJ.

All the Faithful in the Eparchy of Passaic are invited to attend and join their voices in prayers of gratitude for our past and prayers of hope for our future – as well as to celebrate with our Chief Shepherd, Bishop Kurt on his 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

See the invitation below for additional information. Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory to Him Forever!



The Faithful of the Eparchy of Passaic  
Are invited to attend:

*the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canonical Establishment of the  
Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic  
and*

*The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Episcopal Consecration and Installation of  
Bishop Kurt Burnette as the 5<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Passaic*



Hierarchical Divine Liturgy 3:00PM  
Sunday, December 17, 2023  
Cathedral of Saint Michael the Archangel  
96 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Passaic, NJ 07055

Cocktail Hour and Dinner to Follow at  
5:00 in the evening at  
The Venetian  
546 River Drive  
Garfield, NJ 07026

Please Respond below:

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ will attend the Anniversary Celebration

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ number attending at \$100.00 per person (Confirmation will be emailed)

Please make check for the total, payable to **Eparchy of Passaic** and return by November 17, 2023  
Eparchy of Passaic Anniversary Committee  
445 Lackawanna Avenue  
Woodland Park, NJ 07424

## *Christ Continues to Catch People*

He told Simon and his companions to sail off a little from the land and to let down the net for a draught. But they replied that they had been toiling the whole night and had caught nothing. However, in the name of Christ, they let down the net, and immediately it was full of fish. By a visible sign and by a miraculous type and representation, they were fully convinced that their labor would be rewarded, and the zeal displayed in spreading out the net of the gospel teaching would be fruitful. Within this net they should most certainly catch the shoals of the heathen. But note that neither Simon nor his companions could draw the net to land. Speechless from fright and astonishment for their wonder had made them mute, they beckoned to their partners, to those who

shared their labors in fishing, to come and help them in securing their prey. For many have taken part with the Holy Apostles in their labors, and still do so, especially those who inquire into the meaning of what is written in the holy Gospels. Yet besides them there are also others: the pastors and teachers and rulers of the people, who are skilled in the doctrines of truth. For the net is still being drawn, while Christ fills it, and calls to conversion those who, according to the Scripture phrase, are in the depths of the sea, that is to say, those who live in the surge and waves of worldly things.

*Saint Cyril of Alexandria*

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