

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Nativity of the Mother of God -- September 8th



PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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Next Liturgy: TBD

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
14 th Sunday after Pentecost 9.3.2023	9:00am	Matins Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Marge Dulina From: Kelley Wood
Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross 9.10.2023	9:00am	Matins Divine Liturgy	For Living and Deceased Members of our Parish

Today is the **14th Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.**

Proprs for today can be found on page 146, Tone 5,
 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 today, **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.

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. 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 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 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. **Registration deadline is October 1st!**

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

CHURCH HUMOR



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Bible Word Search

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

- 1. Saturday, September 9th:** We need volunteers from 9am-noon, to help clean out the rectory basement of ECF materials, and organize them with what we currently have stored in the social hall.
- 2. Sunday, September 10th:** Deacon Tony will be having a short meeting regarding our ECF Program immediately after Divine Liturgy, in our Temple. We are encouraging all ECF families to attend.
- 3. 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 attend. If you have not registered 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 ASAP, so that books and materials can be ordered.**

ECF (continued):

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).

HELP WANTED - 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. Many hands make light work, so any help will be much appreciated. Please mark your calendar with the following festival dates/times:

Friday, October 6th, 9am – cabbage preparation (boil and remove spine on cabbage leaves)

Saturday, October 7th, 9am – make balls, roll the balls in cabbage leaves, cook, and freeze Holupki

Wednesday, November 15th, 9am – make and package Kolachi

Friday, November 17th, 9am – set-up for festival (including peeling and cubing potatoes)

Saturday, November 18th, 10am – 2pm – festival (we will also need help in cleaning up afterwards)

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!***

RECTORY TREE UPDATE: On Tuesday, of this past week, we had the tree removed from the front of our rectory.

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 26, 2023):

Offertory: \$972.92

WELCOME FR. VASYL SYMYON: We welcome Fr. Vasyl, from 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 Patronage and St. Gregory's churches. It may take a little while for him to get settled in, so we will have to be flexible for a bit.

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

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

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 12th**. More details to follow.

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.

“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples” (Isaiah 56:7).

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

The Old Has Passed Away: All Things Are Made New

The fulfillment of the law is Christ himself, who does not so much lead us away from the letter as lift us up to its spirit. For the law's consummation was this, that the very lawgiver accomplished His work and changed letter into spirit, summing everything up in Himself and, though subject to the law, living by grace. He subordinated the law, yet harmoniously united grace with it, not confusing the distinctive characteristics of the one with the other, but effecting the transition in a way most fitting for God. He changed whatever was burdensome, servile and oppressive to what is light and liberating, so that we should be enslaved no longer under the elemental spirits of the world, as the Apostle says, nor held fast as bondservants under the letter of the law.

Justly, then, do we celebrate this mystery since it signifies for us a double grace. We are led toward the truth, and we are led away from

our condition of slavery to the letter of the law. How can this be? Darkness yields before the coming of the light, and grace exchanges legalism for freedom. But midway between the two stands today's mystery, at the frontier where types and symbols give way to reality, and the old is replaced by the new. Therefore, let all creation sing and dance and unite to make worthy contribution to the celebration of this day. Let there be one common festival for saints in heaven and men on earth. Let everything, mundane things and those above, join in festive celebration. Today this created world is raised to the dignity of a holy place for Him who made all things. The creature is newly prepared to be a divine dwelling place for the Creator

St. Andrew of Crete

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