

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MARYLAND



SAINT GREGORY OF NYSSA

Byzantine Catholic Church - Washington community

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PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

Byzantine Catholic Church – Baltimore community

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PATRONAGE MISSIONARY CHURCH IN HAGERSTOWN AND ABINGDON

St. Francis Chapel

1450 Abingdon Road, Abingdon, MD 21009

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Next Liturgy: Sunday

February 13th, at 3pm

St. Ann Catholic Church

1525 Oak Hill Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742

Pastor: Reverend Serhii Deiak

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Next Liturgy: Saturday

February 5th, at 10am

Let Us Remember in Prayer: The soul of **+Henry (Hank) Zabka**, a former parishioner of Patronage of the Mother of God Church who passed away on Friday in North Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Those who are ill or convalescing: Robert P. Pipta, Christine Pipta Svitana, Ann Dardzinski, Doreen Dardzinski, David Chekan, Anna Rae Brabston, Keith Hay, Walter Krofchik, Sylvia Rusnock, Nickolette Dobrovoczky, Irene Simi, John Cahill, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Andy Turian, Doris Ruszin, Anne Gupman, Joseph and Marie Repasi, Anna Martin, Marge Dulina, Georgianna Kostak, Betty Rankin, Sandra Suseck, and especially those who are afflicted with Covid-19.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years.

Please let Fr. Serhii or Fr. Deacon Bill know if there are names to be added or taken away from this list.

St. Gregory Church:

Stewardship: (Donate at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2442387>) Jan. 23

Offertory: \$872.00

Epiphany: \$25.00

First Offering: \$7.00

Refreshments \$19.00

Memorial Donation for Sanctuary Light: \$500.00

Patronage Church:

Stewardship: (Donate at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733>) Jan. 23

Offertory: \$833.00

Hagerstown Mission:

Stewardship: Jan. 22

Offertory: \$133.00

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. We hope you will become an active part of our parish community. If you would like to be added to our parish email list, send an email to us at frsergij@stgregoryofnyssa.net or frserhiipatronagechurch@gmail.com. *My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.* (Isaiah 56:7)

CONFESSION: Fr. Serhii is available 20 minutes before or immediately after Divine Liturgy.

My parish is composed of people like me.
I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am.
It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
It will do great work, if I work. It will be prayerful, if I pray.
It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.
It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them in.
It will be a place of loyalty and love,
of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy,
if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.
Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to
the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be.

Important Upcoming Dates

Feb. 2, 2022	Feast of the Encounter
Feb. 19, 2022	First All Souls Saturday
Feb. 20, 2022	Meatfare
Feb. 27, 2022	Cheesefare
Feb. 28, 2022	First Day of the Great Fast
Mar. 12, 2022	Second All Souls Saturday
Mar. 19, 2022	Third All Souls Saturday
Mar. 25, 2022	Feast of the Annunciation
Apr. 10, 2022	Palm/Flowery Sunday
Apr. 15, 2022	Good Friday
Apr. 17, 2022	Pascha/Easter

Schedule of Divine Services:

SAINT GREGORY CHURCH

SUNDAY, Jan. 30, 2022	Thirty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost Sunday of Zacchaeus Feast of the Three Holy Bishops 8:45 AM <i>Hymns from Matins</i> 9:00 AM <i>Divine Liturgy</i>
WEDNESDAY Feb. 2, 2022	– <i>Solemn Holy Day</i> – The Meeting of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ With Simeon and Anna 6:00 PM <i>Divine Liturgy</i>
SUNDAY, Feb. 6, 2022	Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee Postfestive Day of the Encounter Our Venerable Father Bucolus, Bishop of Smyrna The Holy Martyr Silvanus, Bishop of Emessa, and Companions Our Venerable Father and Confessor Photius, Patriarch of Constantinople 10:00 AM <i>Matins</i> 11:15 AM <i>Divine Liturgy</i>

PATRONAGE CHURCH

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FRIDAY, Feb. 4, 2022	Postfestive Day of the Meeting of Our Lord Our Venerable Father Isidore of Pelusium 9:00 AM <i>Divine Liturgy</i>
SUNDAY, Feb. 6, 2022	Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee Postfestive Day of the Encounter 8:45 AM <i>Hymns from Matins</i> 9:00 AM <i>Divine Liturgy</i>

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The Feast of the Encounter: This Wednesday, February 2, is the 40th day of the Nativity, the *Feast of the Meeting of Our Lord with Simeon and Anna in the Temple*. When Joseph and Mary brought the infant Jesus to the Temple to dedicate him to God, in accordance with the Law, they met the prophet Simeon, who was promised he would not see death until he saw the salvation of Israel. When he saw the infant, he took Jesus from His mother's arms and uttered his hymn which begins, "Now, O, Lord, you may dismiss your servant in peace, according to your word..." (Lk 2:29). This hymn is chanted each night at Vespers since it is sincere prayer to have witness the Lord's saving power each day and be dismissed for a peaceful evening. Liturgy for the holy day will be celebrated at 9 AM at Patronage Church and 6 PM at St. Gregory.

Take-Out Lunch: Today, January 30, Patronage of the Mother of God Church will have a take-out lunch after liturgy. All are invited.

Hramoty/All Souls: The first of our five *All Soul Saturdays* is February 19. If you have additions to your family's *hramoty*, please submit them by the deadline, February 13 for St. Gregory Church and February 6 for Patronage Church.

Thank You: Fr. Serhii would like to extend his thanks to Denis and Sharon Kotula for assisting him at Patronage of the Mother of God Church for the past two years. Their help in getting Father established as pastor is greatly appreciated.

Zacchaeus Sunday: Today is a milepost in our liturgical year. It marks the week we begin to close the book on last year's Pascha, as we look forward to our preparation for this year's. Next week, with the *Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee*, we will begin our journey to the Great Fast and Pascha.

Patronage Church: Our Daily Bread Casseroles will be collected on Sunday, February 6. Please mark your casserole with *Name of Casserole, Date Made* and *Patronage Church* on it. There are labels located next to the stack of empty casserole pans in the basement at Patronage. The casserole recipes are listed below- please don't substitute. Our Daily Bread thaws the casseroles and then they combine them when they serve them. <http://www.catholiccharities-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/casserolerecipes.pdf>
Our Daily Bread also accepts premade store bought, frozen Mac & Cheese trays (such as Stouffer's Macaroni & Cheese) if you are in a rush to make something. For questions, please email Mike Skovran - michaelskovran@aol.com, or Lisa Guba - lisaguba@sprintmail.com

The Children's Corner

The Three Holy Hierarchs

St. Basil the Great came from a family of saints. He built monasteries and hospitals and took care of poor children. He even wrote a liturgy that we use ten times a year.

St. John Chrysostom was a famous speaker and they called him "golden-mouthed". He showed us how to live God's way in our every day lives. He also wrote the Divine Liturgy that we celebrate most of the time.

St. Gregory the Theologian understood God's words and tried to explain them to us. He studied the Holy Scriptures and wrote about the Holy Trinity. He was a thinker who shared his love of God.

The Three Hierarchs were among the greatest teachers in the church. They tried to lead people to worship God. They were Bishops and were later called the luminaries of the Church.

The Three Hierarchs appeared in a vision to the Patriarch of Constantinople, St. John Mavropus and explained to him that they were equal in the eyes of God. This was when it was decided that we would celebrate the Three Hierarchs on the same day January 30th.

1. St. Basil the Great took care of poor _____.

2. St. John Chrysostom wrote the Divine _____.

3. St. Gregory the Theologian understood God's _____.

4. The Three Hierarchs were among the greatest _____.

5. We celebrate the feast of the Three Hierarchs _____.

Fill in the blanks using the words below:

words together children teachers Liturgy