

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MARYLAND



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Next Liturgy: Sunday

July 3rd at 3pm

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Next Liturgy: Saturday

July 9th, at 10am

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

Let Us Remember in Prayer: The soul of *+Delores “Dee” Kissel*. Parastas will be held at 10 AM at Pumphrey Funeral Home, 300 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville, MD on July 5, followed by interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

The people of Ukraine, that peace may be soon restored to their land.

Those who are ill or convalescing: Christine Szewczyk, Michael Gray, Ken Demianchik, Michael Fitzgibbon, Suzanne Krofchik, Mary Jane Bodner, Mary Jo Kelly Wilhelm, 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>) June 26

Offertory: \$1277.00

Tithe.ly: \$550.00

Ascension: \$20.00

Refreshments: \$99.00

Patronage Church:

Stewardship: (Donate at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733>) June 19

Offertory: \$655.00

Tithe.ly: \$216.50

Candles: \$48.50

June 26:

Offertory: \$703.00

SS Peter & Paul: \$5.00

Tithe.ly: \$191.80

Hagerstown Mission:

Stewardship: June 19

Offertory: \$300.00

Tithe.ly: \$30.00

Dear believers! The Holy Spirit descends and abides in the humble heart. He teaches us about Jesus and encourages us to pray for all people, those we pass by without being acquainted with them. We pray for all whom the Church, as a mother, carries in her prayers, not yet knowing their faces. So let us be sure that the Holy Spirit Himself enters our hearts and heals many.

Schedule of Divine Services:

SAINT GREGORY CHURCH

SUNDAY, Jul. 3, 2022

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
The Holy Martyr Hyacinth
 8:45 AM *Hymns from Matins*
 9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy in memory of +Paul and +Helen Macko Michalco as requested by Rebecca Michalco followed by Mirovanije*

WEDNESDAY, Jul. 6, 2022

Our Venerable Father Sisoës the Great
 9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy followed by recitation of the Holy Rosary*

SUNDAY, Jul. 10, 2022

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
The Holy 45 Martyrs in Nicopolis in Armenia
Our Venerable Father Anthony of the Kyiv Lavra
 11:00 AM *Hymns from Matins*
 11:15 AM *Divine Liturgy*

PATRONAGE CHURCH

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Divine Liturgy in memory of +Rev. Conan Timoney as requested by Sean Albert

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 9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy in memory of +Betty Mastrounni as requested by Ann Marie Elwell*

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Collection for The Children's Home: Patronage Church will again be collecting items for The Children's Home in Catonsville, a residential care facility that provides both long- and short-term services to youth 13 to 21 years of age. They are in need of new or gently used sports equipment for middle and high school students, new ear buds, new adult size swimsuits, new art canvas - any size, and gently used MP3 players. Donations can be dropped off in the back room of Patronage Church, marked "The Children's Home." Donations will be accepted through July 3.

Uniontown Pilgrimage: The annual pilgrimage to Our Lady of Perpetual Help is returning to Mount St. Macrina this year. The event will run from Friday, September 2 to Monday, September 5 with events happening every day. If you plan to attend, make your reservations soon because hotels in the area fill quickly.

Understanding Our Faith: The fullness of our faith is beyond all human understanding. But as Christians, we must work to constantly deepen our knowledge of what we profess. The teachings of the Church can be found summarized in books called *catechisms*. While the catechisms are complete, they can be difficult for "person in the pew" to navigate. Fortunately, there are resources available to help.

For the catechism of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, *Christ, Our Pascha*, there is the Becoming Byzantine website (<https://shrtn.nu/hxJH>) and monthly discussions. For *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the website Real+True (<https://realtrue.org>) provides a detailed look at the catechism in manageable bites.

As it says on the Real+True website, "We believe the Catechism is not a textbook, a collection of ideas, or a set of rules. We believe the Catechism is the faithful echo of a God who wishes to reveal himself to us and desires us to respond."

St. Gregory Lector Signup: A signup sheet for lectors for Sunday's Divine Liturgies is on the table in the back of the hall. Please consider signing up for this important service. If you have never chanted the Epistle, the cantors will be happy to work with you to make you feel comfortable.

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. 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)

Dear brothers and sisters!

The peasant brought water to the village daily from a spring in two bulging amphorae attached to the back of a donkey walking beside him.

One amphora was old and cracked, and water was constantly leaking from it during the journey. The second – a new one, without damage, held water to the drop.

The old cracked amphora felt poor and useless. The new one never missed an opportunity to emphasize its perfection: "I don't lose a drop of water."

One morning the old amphora was compared to the owner: "I know about my shortcomings. Your time, work and money were wasted through me. When we reach the village, I am already half empty. Forgive me for my imperfections and my wounds."

The next day, during the journey, the owner turned to the cracked amphora, saying: "Look at the roadside. What a beauty, what a variety of flowers! They flourished thanks to you! I bought a seed and sowed it along the way. You, without realizing it, water it every day."

Each of us has our wounds and our flaws. But if we trust God, He can work miracles because of our imperfections.

Today, on the fourth Sunday after the early Christians' scattering after the descent of the Holy Spirit, the Church reads the story of the healing of the servant of the Roman centurion.

Although we already know this event, the Church reads it every year to revive and strengthen our faith.

One of the Fathers and teachers of the Church, Blessed Augustine, says of the centurion: "In the house of the proud self-righteous Pharisee their hearts were deprived of His presence (Luke 7:36; 14:1). And the centurion received in his heart the One whom he did not receive into his house. He showed the firm faith of the Lord in both the Almighty and the Miracle Worker, so that in his sincere conviction one word of the Lord was enough for the sick servant to recover."

What is the peculiarity of the centurion's faith, which we can learn from him? What was that faith? First of all, strong and firm – "just say the word, and my servant will recover." We often pray to the Lord for healing from various diseases, but we do not always get what we ask for because our faith is not so firm. In our prayer we show not so much a firm faith, which we lack, but how many doubts, hesitations and even hypocrisy in it. The Word of God tells us: "If anyone says to this mountain, 'Get up and throw yourself into the sea, and you will not doubt your heart, but will have faith according to His word, he will have whatever he says'" (Mark 11:23).

Jesus always answers us: "I will come and heal you" (cf. Mt 8:7), and there is no doubt about that, because at our request Christ sends his Holy Spirit, who is healing, life, reconciliation, which spreads in general... a world that everyone accepts or rejects.