

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MARYLAND



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Next Liturgy: Sunday

July 31st at 3pm

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Next Liturgy: Saturday

July 16th, at 10am

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

Let Us Remember in Prayer: The soul of former St. Gregory parishioner *Albina Hanyok*, who died on June 17 at her daughter-in-law's home in Elkton, MD.

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

Those who are ill or convalescing: 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>) July 3

Offertory: \$1347.00

Tithe.ly: \$77.38

Sts. Peter & Paul: \$10.00

Candle box: \$172.00

Peter's Pence: \$5.00

Patronage Church:

Stewardship: (Donate at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733>) July 3

Offertory: \$1750.00

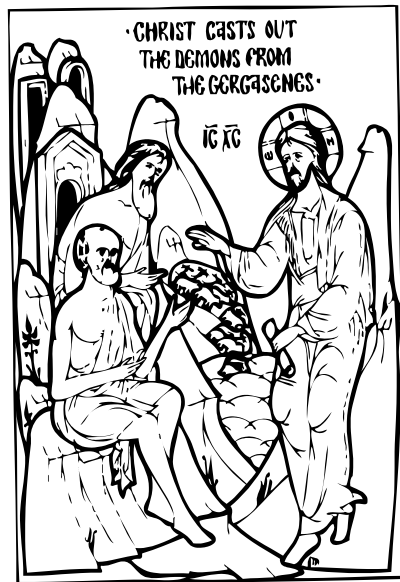
Tithe.ly: \$45.00

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)

lines of Psalm 41." The rich man sat down in the evening and began to memorize psalms. He began with the following words: "Blessed is he who cares for the poor, in the day of misfortune the Lord will save him! The Lord will protect him and revive him, he will be blessed on earth, and He will not hand him over to his enemies! The Lord will give him strength on the bed of illness, He will change the bed for him in his illness" (Ps. 41, 1-3). In the morning, the priest came and asked the rich man: "How much do we owe you?" "What do you mean? Nothing! I am very happy to help the poor," answered the rich man.

Dear believers, this current Gospel story is reflected in the Sacrament of Baptism. In one of the prayers it is said: "Know your vain power, which has no power even over swine: remember Him who commanded you at your request to enter into the herd of swine." The meaning of prayer is that demons have no power, they even ask Christ for permission to enter the herd of pigs. All the more, demons will have no power over the one who accepts Baptism and receives the grace of God. But each of us must realize that even after receiving deliverance from the power of the devil and sin through Jesus Christ, we must never relax, because spiritual warfare is constantly ongoing. Fallen spirits hate believers and want to destroy them. The Apostle Paul says, "our struggle is not against flesh and blood ... but against the world rulers of the darkness of this age, against the spirits of malice in the heavenly places" (Eph. 6:12).



Schedule of Divine Services:

SAINT GREGORY CHURCH

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*

WEDNESDAY, Jul. 13, 2022

Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel
Our Venerable Father Stephen of the Monastery of St. Sabbas
Our Holy Father Julian, Bishop of Kenoman
 9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy followed by recitation of the Holy Rosary*

SUNDAY, Jul. 17, 2022

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Memory of the Fathers at the First Six Ecumenical Councils
The Holy Great Martyr Marina
The Blessed Martyr Paul Gojdich, Bishop of Prešov
 8:45 AM *Hymns from Matins*
 9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy in memory of + Marinela David as requested by Alain Tarroza.*

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

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Tone Four propers begin on 141

The Eight Tones (Octoechos): Each week of the year is assigned one set of eight melodies, known as *tones*, for the propers for the liturgical services. Each part of the service, troparion, kontakion, prokeimenon, etc. will follow a pattern based on that tone. In fact, in the *Prostopyniye*, the book that is the official documentation of our chant, only the pattern is given and the cantor is expected to be able to apply it to any written text.

During Bright Week each day is given a separate tone starting with Tone One on Pascha and skipping Tone Seven, which is considered a somber tone. Thomas Sunday begins Tone One, followed by Tone Two on the Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing woman and so forth. Since Pentecost has its own tone, Tone Eight is assigned to the Sunday of All Saints. The pattern then repeats beginning with Tone One on the Second Sunday after Pentecost concluding with the Sunday of Mary of Egypt. Palm Sunday and Holy Week have their own tones. The cycle begins again with Pascha.

Why eight tones? The day of the Lord's resurrection is considered the eighth day of creation, when he ended his Sabbath rest by rising from the dead. Eight, therefore, is the number of the resurrection. Having eight tones reminds us that we are constantly celebrating the Lord's resurrection.

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."

Dear brothers and sisters!

Today we listened to the Gospel of Matthew, which shows what it is like to be possessed by an evil spirit and testifies to how strong God is. During his earthly life, the Son of God saved the souls and bodies of people from all kinds of diseases and infirmities. Everyone who had faith received healing. Two possessed men of the Gadarenes came before Jesus, because evil is always afraid of good and all the more retreats and loses its power when it sees the source of good, when it sees the Son of God. That is why the demoniacs shouted when they approached the Savior: "What do you have to do with us, Jesus, Son of God? You came here prematurely to torment us" (Mt. 8.29).

The demoniacs who came close to the Savior were forgotten by people, but they were not forgotten by God. A few moments ago, no one dared to pass that road, because the demoniacs were so fierce that they destroyed everyone who dared to pass near them. The demons ask the Son of God to allow them to enter the herd of pigs that grazed nearby, and then the already possessed herd rushed off the cliff into the sea. But the people who heard about this great miracle, instead of accepting Christ and being born for the Kingdom of God, asked God to leave because they did not see in this miracle their salvation.

Saint John Chrysostom gives us two understandings of this event. On the one hand, he says that the Savior wants to show what harm demons could do to the healed, and on the other hand, he warns and shows the purpose of the actions of demons in this world, what would happen to us if it were not for Christ.

According to St. John Chrysostom: "the devil convinces many that there is no hell to take us there." It is he who tries to destroy Christian souls with his temptations. Prot. P. Sokolov testifies: "Satan blinds a person in order to lead him to sin, and after that he opens his eyes to throw him into despair." And sad to say, the cunning one succeeds.

Christ today, having cast out demons, himself becomes cast out. Doesn't this make everyone think about gratitude to God for all that He sends for us. Because the inhabitants of Gadarene, although they were afraid of the possessed and therefore isolated them, they themselves lived in a state that was profitable and comfortable for them, isolating themselves from God. The Lord gave us weapons against Satan - fasting and prayer. Venerable Nile of Sinai says to us: "The prayer of a believer is a great torment and a terrible terror for evil spirits."

As the apostle Paul teaches in his letter to the Romans, faith is born from listening to God's word, that is, from the perception and application, observance of God's law in life. What, therefore, is a person's faith – attitude to God and his law, such is a person's life.

In England, a local priest appealed to a rich member of the church to help a poor family and buy them firewood, because they suffered greatly from the cold. "Okay, but who will pay me?" asked the rich man. "Okay, the church will pay you, but if you memorize the first three or four