

# BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MARYLAND



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## PATRONAGE MISSIONARY CHURCH IN HAGERSTOWN AND ABINGDON

### St. Francis Chapel

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**Next Liturgy: Sunday**

August 14th at 3pm

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**Next Liturgy: Saturday**

August 20th, at 10am

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

**Let Us Remember in Prayer:** 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, Doris Ruszin, Anne Gupman, Joseph and Marie Repasi, Anna Martin, Marge Dulina, Georgianna Kostak, Betty Rankin, Sandra Suseck. 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 24

Offertory: \$1490.00

Catholic Charities: \$25.00

### Patronage Church:

Stewardship: (Donate at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733>) July 24

Offertory: \$1790.00

Tithe.ly: \$165.00

### Hagerstown Mission:

Stewardship: July 24

Offertory: \$100.00

Tithe.ly \$30.00

**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](mailto:frsergij@stgregoryofnyssa.net) or [frserhiipatronagechurch@gmail.com](mailto:frserhiipatronagechurch@gmail.com). *My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.* (Isaiah 56:7)

### **Wonderful day**

It rained for two weeks. In one moment, the sky cleared and it was a wonderful sunny day - the beauty was indescribable.

Field work was delayed due to bad weather. One nervous owner could not find his worker.

He sent his daughter for the worker.

When the owner's daughter came to the worker's house, he was lying in the sun, facing the gentle warmth.

The girl reprimanded him for laziness and resolutely ordered him to go to work.

The worker looked at her and smiled:

“Do you really think that I will allow you to hire me on such a wonderful day?”

**We got used to being able to buy and sell whatever we wanted, and we stopped realizing that there are still things that have no price, things that are priceless.**

Breaking bread in the desert and multiplying it to satisfy the hunger of more than five thousand people, our Savior not only reminded his apostles about the heavenly bread, manna, which once fed the Old Testament people of God in the desert. He announces the conclusion of a New Covenant between God and all mankind, a Covenant that will be sealed in His Blood by the sacrifice of the cross. So, this multiplied bread is a prophetic type of Bread, which is the Body of Christ, mysteriously present for us in the Holy Eucharist. This Bread, distributed in memory of His Death and Resurrection, nourishes and sustains us, who are His Mystical Body - His holy Church.

During the Divine Liturgy, the priest, breaking the Mysterious Bread - the Body of Christ, says the following words: "The Lamb of God is broken and divided, that He is eaten, but never eaten, and He sanctifies the partakers." We experience this mysterious breaking of the Bread and the grace of the Word of God at every Liturgy, because then Christ Himself comes to break and bless us on the holy throne to break the bread and turn it into His body, and the wine into His blood. And then, through the hands of priests, He wants to feed us so that no one faints on the way to the goal - eternal life.

In the summer of 1959, thirteen-year-old Robert Gill lived in Italy, where his father, a sergeant in the US Army, was serving. Robert read about Dr. Albert Schweitzer's humanitarian mission in Africa and decided to help. The child's own money was enough for one package of aspirin. Since there were no funds for shipping, Robert wrote a letter to the commander of the Italian Air Force with a request to "throw" the medicine to one of the hospitals. Struck by the emotionality of the young man, the commander transmitted the letter to Italian radio. Journalists made a small story where they talked about the humanitarian mission and Robert's intentions to help doctors. After a short time, thousands of Italians joined the charitable intention. In July 1959, Robert Gill accompanied to Africa four and a half tons of medicines worth more than 400,000 dollars on planes provided by the governments of France and Italy. Dr. Schweitzer noted, "I never thought that a child could do so much for a hospital." "I only had one pack of aspirin and the desire to serve God with a good deed," said Robert. Miraculously, the Lord accepted the child's gift and multiplied it many times, turning it into 4.5 tons of medicine.

Dear believers! Jesus Christ did not just perform the miracle of multiplying loaves, but teaches us to share with others, so that we learn to give to others what is in our power and ability - and God will complete everything else. Let's learn to do everything we can, and God will supplement and multiply. The Gospel teaches us mercy, teaches us cordiality, teaches us how to receive someone who comes for help.

Schedule of Divine Services:

**SAINT GREGORY CHURCH**

SUNDAY, Jul. 31, 2022

**Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Prefestive Day of the Procession of the Venerable and Life-creating Cross**  
**The Holy Joseph of Arimathea**  
 8:45 AM *Hymns from Matins*  
 9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy in memory of +Delores "Dee" Kissel as requested by David Kissel*

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 3, 2022

**Our Venerable Fathers Isaac, Dalmatus and Faustus**  
 9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy followed by recitation of the Holy Rosary*

SATURDAY, Aug. 6, 2022

**The Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ**  
 9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy followed by the blessing of fruit and Mirovanije*

SUNDAY, Aug. 7, 2022

**Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Postfestive Day of Transfiguration**  
**The Holy Venerable Martyr Dometius**  
 11:00 AM *Hymns from Matins*  
 11:15 AM *Divine Liturgy in memory of +Michael and +Juliana Dolgash followed by the blessing of fruit and Mirovanije*

**PATRONAGE CHURCH**

SUNDAY, Jul. 31, 2022

**Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**  
 11:00 AM *Hymns from Matins*  
 11:15 AM *Divine Liturgy in memory of +Phyllis Skovran as requested by Michael Skovran*

SATURDAY, Aug. 6, 2022

**The Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ**  
 6:00 PM *Divine Liturgy followed by the blessing of fruit and Mirovanije*

SUNDAY, Aug. 7, 2022

**Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Postfestive Day of Transfiguration**  
**The Holy Venerable Martyr Dometius**  
 8:45 AM *Hymns from Matins*  
 9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy in memory of +Antoinette Cole as requested by Ann Marie Elwell followed by the blessing of fruits and Mirovanije*

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**Support of the Pastor:** Dear friends, a big thank you to everyone who financially supports Father Serhii, especially to one family who makes monthly assistance for their priest and his family. *Blessed are the merciful because they will receive mercy.*

**The Dormition Fast:** The last fast of the liturgical year begins tomorrow, August 1 and runs until August 15, the *Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos*. This is considered a penitential time in the Metropolia of Pittsburgh. Fasting and other acts of penance are left to the discretion of the individual.

**The Feast of the Transfiguration:** This Saturday, August 6, we celebrate one of the twelve major feasts of the year, *The Transfiguration of Our Lord*. According to tradition, the Transfiguration took place forty days before the crucifixion in order to strengthen the Apostles for the upcoming ordeal. Now we keep that connection by celebrating the *Exaltation of the Cross* forty days after the *Transfiguration*. First fruits will be blessed after the liturgy.

**Patronage Pirohi Sale:** In preparation for the upcoming Fall food festival, Patronage has pirohi available for sale to clear the freezer. We will be offering single dozen bags for \$4.00 each. If you are interested in purchasing, please see Mary Demyan after Liturgy. Thank you!

**Church of St. Gregory:** In September-October, we start work on landscape design around our church. Our plans include planting flowers, bushes and building decorative areas. Larry Queen is responsible for the project, his email is [Larryqueen6290@gmail.com](mailto:Larryqueen6290@gmail.com). We invite everyone to participate in this project.

**Patronage Church - Eastern Christian Formation (ECF) Program for Children:** It is that time of year, again, to begin registering your children for our upcoming ECF Program. Catechetical Sunday is scheduled for September 18th, with the blessing of teachers and students, under the coordination of Loui Villanueva. This year's ECF Program will be held in the church hall. More details regarding the schedule and time will be forthcoming. You can pick up a registration form in the back of church or you can download one on our church's website. Registration forms are due no later than Sunday, September 4th so books and supplies can be organized. You can either email or mail your completed registration form to the church or drop it in the collection basket. We are in need of teachers, and if you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions, please email Loui at [villanuevaluxmundi@yahoo.com](mailto:villanuevaluxmundi@yahoo.com) and let him know. Also, if anyone has any books from this past school year, kindly leave them on the counter in the church hall and Loui will collect them. "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it" (Proverbs 22:6).

**Patronage Church - Parish Meeting:** Everyone is invited to attend, including members of the Hagerstown and Abingdon Missions, a parish meeting today, immediately following Divine Liturgy in the church hall. We will be discussing future activities including the festival, our annual Crab Feast, gathering new ideas for upgrading the kitchen in the church hall and bathrooms, and restarting the Men's Club. We would also like to have a pot-luck luncheon that day, so bring a dish to share, and join us along with any ideas or suggestions you would like to talk about to help get these projects started.

**Pastor's Messages:** Father Serhii has been sending email messages to the parishioners whose email addresses we have on our roster. If you have not been receiving these emails, it might be because we do not have your email address, or you have changed your email address and we do not have it. We would like to have your email address to keep contact with you during this time when some parishioners are remaining safe at home. Simply email the parish office at: [frsergij@stgregoryofnyssa.net](mailto:frsergij@stgregoryofnyssa.net) or [patronage.church@gmail.com](mailto:patronage.church@gmail.com)

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Dear brothers and sisters! Today, we once again hear from the Gospel the story about God's goodness and love for people. The Gospel, read during the service, tells us about the miraculous feeding of five thousand people (not counting women and children) with five loaves and two fish. But before that, as the evangelist Matthew tells us, "Jesus, seeing those people who followed Him, had compassion on them and healed their sick" (Mt. 14: 14).

And when the evening came, the disciples came to Jesus and asked Him to let the people go to the nearest villages and buy some food for themselves, because the place was deserted and they were all hungry. People listened to the Lord with great attention and did not want to part with Him "even when they were forced to do so by hunger," says St. John Chrysostom. But Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, having fed His sheep spiritually, did not want to let them go hungry. "Although the place here is desolate," Saint John Chrysostom teaches, "but here is the One who feeds the universe, although the time is already late, but the One who is not subject to time speaks to you. But look at the wisdom of the Teacher, continues the same saint, how directly He leads them all (including the apostles) to faith. He did not say to the apostles, "I will feed them" because they would not soon believe this... He did not say "I will give", but "you give" (Mt. 14: 16). The apostles, of course, were surprised, because they had only five loaves and two fish. Then the Savior ordered them to bring the loaves and fishes to Him. And, commanding the people to lie down on the grass, the Savior raised his eyes to heaven, blessed and broke, gave to the disciples, and those to the people. St. John Chrysostom says that "Christ looked up to heaven and blessed in order to assure people that He was sent from the Father and equal to Him. He proves His equality with the Father by the fact that He did everything with authority; and the fact that he was sent from the Father would not be believed if he did not act with great humility... The Lord looked at the sky in confirmation of His mission from the Father and to teach us that before starting the meal, we should give praise to the One who serves us food." 4