

# BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MARYLAND



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## PATRONAGE MISSIONARY CHURCH IN HAGERSTOWN AND ABINGDON

### St. Francis Chapel

1450 Abingdon Road, Abingdon, MD 21009

**Pastor: Reverend Serhii Deiak**

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(410) 734-6973 / [kotlar@alum.mit.edu](mailto:kotlar@alum.mit.edu)

**Next Liturgy: Sunday**

November 6th at 3pm

### St. Ann Catholic Church

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(301) 791-0930 / [axxearp@yahoo.com](mailto:axxearp@yahoo.com)

**Next Liturgy: Saturday**

October 15th, 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: Christine Szewczyk, Kathleen Lynch, 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>) Oct. 2

Offertory: \$1484.00

Tithe.ly: \$627.38\

### Patronage Church:

Stewardship: (Donate at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733>) Oct. 2

Offertory: \$825.00

Tithe.ly: \$170.00

### Hagerstown Mission:

Stewardship: Oct. 2

Offertory: \$255.00

Tithe.ly: \$19.00

**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)

A magazine correspondent once asked the American writer Ann Landers: "What question do you get asked most often?" Miss Landers replied: "Very simple: What's wrong with me? Why am I so lonely?" Then the journalist who interviewed asked how to solve this problem? The answer was just as simple: It is necessary to intervene in life. Do something good for another.

There are many people around us who need our help. They are everywhere you look. Usually, a person finds what he or she is looking for. What do you see around you?

by the Savior show his omnipotence, and also confirm people in the faith of both the personal Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the future universal resurrection of the dead: "For if we are united with Him in the likeness of His death, then we must be united in the likeness of the resurrection" (Rom. 6.5). There is an opinion that Christ took pity on the widow, because in her he also saw his Mother - the Holy Mother of God, who very soon, being a widow, will also lose her Son and our Savior.

Saint Ephraim the Syrian, describing the meeting of Christ and the deceased, says: "The Son of the Virgin came out to meet the widow's son and was like a handkerchief for the widow's tears, and for the deceased son - his life. Death withdrew to its place, turning back before the Victor." Blessed Theophylact of Bulgaria interprets it this way: "The dead man, having risen, sat down and began to speak, so that no one would think that this was a vision. After all, the fact that he sat down and began to speak was a sign of true resurrection. A body without a soul can neither sit nor speak."

This is what the apostle Paul says about this: "For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself; and whether we live - we live for the Lord; or if we die - we die for the Lord; and therefore, whether we live or die, we are always the Lord's" (Rom. 14:7-8). If the goal of a person's life is God, who loves us, then every single person can say that there is someone and something to live for, to love. Because when there is someone in the world, even far away, who loves us, then our life never loses its meaning.

Dear believers! Listening to today's Gospel reading and reflecting on it, let's remember both our departure from this temporary life and the words of consolation "don't cry". Let's remember the compassion that should live in our heart. Because kindness and compassion are the cure for indifference.

Let's say words of sympathy more often – now there are a lot of people in need of this word of consolation, and let's voice them both to people who lose loved ones and to those who are in difficulties in life. Our word will not bring the person back, but it will give the other person hope and the realization that they are not alone, that someone else is also empathizing. And these seemingly simple words give hope and consolation.

Schedule of Divine Services:

### SAINT GREGORY CHURCH

SUNDAY, Oct. 9, 2022

**Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**The Holy Apostle James Alpheus**  
**Our Venerable Father Andronicus and His Wife Athanasia**  
**Our Righteous Forefather Abraham and his Nephew Lot**  
**The Holy Martyr Denis, Bishop of Paris**  
8:45 AM *Hymns from Matins*  
9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy*

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 12, 2022

**The Holy Martyrs Probus, Tarachus and Andronicus**  
**Our Venerable Father Cosmas, Bishop of Maium, the Hymnographer**  
**Our Holy Father Martin, Bishop of Tours**  
9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy*

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**Patronage Church Panachida Service:** Fr. Serhii will be having a Panachida service for those from our parish, who are interred at Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Cemetery, Elkridge, MD, after Divine Liturgy on today, October 9. The cemetery is only a few miles from our church. We hope you can join us! **There will be no Liturgy at the Abingdon Mission on this date.** *O Lord, our God, who are good and full of love for all mankind: Give rest to our departed servants in the abode of the just, and keep us, here on earth, free from sin, enabling us to lead a truly Christian life to the end of our days.*

**St. Gregory ECF:** Eastern Christian Formation for the children will be held on October 30, November 13, and December 11. All of these Sundays are weeks when we have the later liturgy. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Jacob has also created a new email account, just for ECF news and announcements, [StGregoryofNyssaECF@gmail.com](mailto:StGregoryofNyssaECF@gmail.com).

**Patronage ECF:** Patronage will hold its first ECF session after the 9am Liturgy on Sunday, October 30. We will discuss this year's catechetical theme, "The Gift of Christ Poured Out for the Life of the World." The following sessions will be held on: November 13: Small age groups: God With Us Lessons; November 27: St. Nicholas: history, traditions, group activity; December 11: Small age groups: The Nativity Fast, traditions, group activity  
We are asking for volunteer teachers and donations for drinks and snacks during each session. Please contact Loui Villanueva at [villanuevaluxmundi@yahoo.com](mailto:villanuevaluxmundi@yahoo.com) if you wish to volunteer, donate, or if you child cannot attend a session.

**St. Gregory Kolachi Baking Day:** Saturday, October 15. We need people to roll dough around 9:00 and then until mid-afternoon. Please come even if you can not come at 9:00. Late in the afternoon, we will need people to help bag the cooled kolachi. So if you can't come in the morning, we can still use your help late in the afternoon. If you have questions, or want to make sure we are still working late afternoon, call or text Steven Harper at 443-685-5928.

**Patronage Food Festival:** In preparation for our upcoming festival, we will be having the following preparation dates: Wednesday November 16 at 9 AM, kolachi making; Friday November 18 at 9 AM. Festival set-up. The festival will be Saturday November 19 from 10 AM to 2 PM Volunteers will be needed during the festival and for clean-up afterwards as well. Additionally, we are in need of someone to drive to Johnstown PA to pick-up kielbasa the week prior to the festival. Please contact Mary Demyan at 410-591-5654 (text preferred) or [mdemya1@verizon.net](mailto:mdemya1@verizon.net) with questions or for information. Thank you!

We also have many dozens of pirohi in our freezer that will need to be removed prior to the purchase of the supplies for our upcoming festival in November. If anyone is interested in getting pirohi, or knows of a place that may take some for use, please let Mary Demyan know.

**Epiphany of our Lord** parish, Annandale, VA, will observe the fiftieth anniversary of canonical establishment Sunday, October 23, 2022, at 2:00 PM, with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy offered by the Most Reverend Kurt R. Burnette, Eparchial Bishop of Passaic with the Most Reverend William C. Skurla, Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh, presiding. Following the Divine Liturgy, a festive dinner will be held at Epiphany Parish Center. Epiphany parish began as a mission of St. Gregory of Nyssa church, Washington, DC. The parishioners and pastor of Epiphany parish cordially invite the clergy, and parishioners of St. Gregory of Nyssa church, and Patronage of the Mother of God Church to join them in thanksgiving to God at the Divine Liturgy and at the dinner. The price of the dinner is \$50 per person. Please reply to Epiphany 703-573-3986 or [epiphanyofourlord3420@gmail.com](mailto:epiphanyofourlord3420@gmail.com).

### 18 Sunday after Pentecost

Dear brothers and sisters!

How did the resurrection of Nain's widow's son happen? The Savior touches the funeral bier. The procession stops. People immediately understand that something extraordinary is happening, because no self-respecting Jew would want to touch a stretcher with a dead body on it in order not to be defiled. Then the Savior tells the young man in a commanding voice: "Stand up!"

There were no similar situations in the history of the Old Testament, when a person resurrected the dead with his authority, his word. The young man stands up and begins to speak. As the evangelist continues, great fear gripped everyone; everyone praised God and gave thanks for the fact that the great prophet had risen.

What conclusion should we draw from today's Gospel reading? The conclusion is very simple - the Lord is especially close to us not when we are comfortable, not when there is, in general, no acute need for His active participation in our lives. And precisely when, it would seem, the irreparable happens, when a person in his life story gets into a dead end and understands that there doesn't seem to be a way out.

And at this very moment, when the soul opens and becomes able to accept the action of God, at this very moment the Lord comes, changes the situation in such a way that it is sometimes difficult for us to imagine it.

Great saints thanked God when sorrows and misfortunes came to them. They saw in these seemingly unnecessary and superfluous problems the great mercy and visitation of God. They understood that in this way God was answering their request for strengthening of faith, for strengthening of prayer.

Holy Fathers, in particular St. Cyril of Alexandria note that when performing this miracle, Christ was the first to approach the funeral procession and stop it: "No one asked Him to bring the dead back to life, but He does it on His own initiative." Why? Because the miracles performed