

# BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MARYLAND



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## PATRONAGE MISSIONARY CHURCH IN HAGERSTOWN AND ABINGDON

### St. Francis Chapel

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**Pastor: Reverend Serhii Deiak**

**Contact:** Deacon Anthony and Theresa Kotlar:

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**Next Liturgy: Sunday**

October 30th at 3pm

### St. Ann Catholic Church

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

**Next Liturgy: Saturday**

November 4th - 19th, 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. 16

Offertory: \$1577.00

Tithe.ly: \$567.45

Dormition: \$25.00

Kolachi sales: \$74.00

### Patronage Church:

Stewardship: (Donate at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733>) Oct. 16

Offertory: \$430.00

Tithe.ly \$50.00

### Hagerstown Mission:

Stewardship: Oct. 16

Offertory: \$198.00

Tithe.ly \$38.00

**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.

**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)

### **Answer to prayer**

A poor woman, who ran out of money for food, began to pray fervently and loudly in her home, repeating the same phrase: "Lord, please give me some bread and butter." Just at that moment, a man passed by her hut. After hearing the woman's words, he decided to play a joke on her. He ran to the store, bought a loaf of bread and a pack of butter and returned to the poor woman's house. Then he climbed onto the roof and threw his purchase to her through the chimney. The package fell with a thud right in front of the woman who was still praying. Struck by the miracle, the woman ran outside and began to tell her neighbors about what had just happened. Then the intruder followed her and shouted to all the passers-by that he had thrown food into her chimney. Hearing this, the woman was not at all offended, but only said, "Sometimes the devil brings us what the Lord sends."

Some people say: why should I do this; it is not my duty; why should I share my goodness with others if I earned it with hard work. The evangelist's rich man may not have been a great sinner, because his other sins are not mentioned in the parable. But he didn't do anything good in his life either, because he didn't share bread with poor Lazarus. He neglected to do good to the poor, although he had occasion every day to tell his servants to give to this poor man who was lying at his gate, at least the crumbs that fell from his table. But he did not use this opportunity in his life, and for this he condemned himself to eternal torment.

One pious man had such a dream: he dreamed that he came to the gates of Heaven. He came for a reward, because he struggled for a long time in his life, but he overcame all evil inclinations, stood boldly in the defense of Christ's faith and feared sin as the greatest misfortune. Therefore, he was convinced that he would enter the Kingdom of God. But he sees that to each of those who came before him, the angel opens a book and reads something from it, and thus sends some to Heaven, and turns others to earth. He did not know what it was, but his turn was coming. An angel opens a book in front of him and wants to read, but turns one page, then another, and they are blank. Surprised that nothing is written in his book, he asks the angel, what is the reason? And, the angel answered him: "You see, brother, it is good that you fought against evil, so there is not a single sin written in your book, but there is also not a single good deed, so your book is not filled. And didn't you know that there is no use for such a land that you have not cultivated after weeding and sown with good grain? Have you forgotten what the holy apostle James said that 'faith without works is dead?'"

Dear believers! Let us not be quick to evil, but quick to good. By helping the poor, let's acquire spiritual friends with whom we can go to heaven.



Schedule of Divine Services:

**SAINT GREGORY CHURCH**

SUNDAY, Oct. 23, 2022

**Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost  
The Holy Apostle James, the Brother of God**

8:45 AM *Hymns from Matins*

9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy in memory of +Mary and +John Pipta as requested by Mary Jane Bodner*

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 26, 2022

**The Holy and Glorious Great-Martyr Demetrius  
Commemoration of the Great and Fearful  
Earthquake (Constantinople, 740)**

9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy for peace in the world and in our families, followed by Prayer of Supplication to the Most Holy Theotokos*

SUNDAY, Oct. 30, 2022

**Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost  
The Holy Martyr Zenobius and His Sister Zenobia  
The Passing of the Martyr and Priest Oleksiy Zarytski (1963)**

11:00 AM *Hymns from Matins*

11:15 AM *Divine Liturgy*

**PATRONAGE CHURCH**

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The Holy Apostle James, the Brother of God**

11:00 AM *Hymns from Matins*

11:15 AM *Divine Liturgy for the health of Anne Gupman as requested by Ann Marie Elwell*

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**ECF:** Eastern Christian Formation for the children will be held after liturgy next Sunday, October 30, in both parishes.

- **St Gregory:** Jacob asks that all attending read the document at <https://bit.ly/3VNdhgo> before next week's class. Email Jacob at [StGregoryofNyssaECF@gmail.com](mailto:StGregoryofNyssaECF@gmail.com) with any questions.
- **Patronage:** We will discuss this year's catechetical theme, "The Gift of Christ Poured Out for the Life of the World." 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.

**Patronage Food Festival:** Many thanks to all who came out to make holupki on October 8. We were able to make about 600 in preparation for the upcoming festival. Your help was greatly appreciated! Also, thanks to those who stayed to assist with stuffing envelopes and preparing the mailing for order forms. Anyone who has not received a mailing may pick one up in the back of the church or downstairs in the kitchen. Upcoming dates for the festival are Wednesday, November 16 at 9 am for kolachi making; Friday, November 18 at 9 am for festival preparation/potato peeling; and Saturday, November 19 at 9 am for the festival. An individual will be needed during that week to meet T&L Pierogies in Harrisburg to pick up a large order as they cannot deliver. Please let Mary Demyan know if you can help with this. There are no more pirohi for sale at this time. Unfortunately, we had to clear all freezers to prepare for the upcoming festival. New pirohi will be available for the festival on the 19th. Any questions can be directed to Mary Demyan at 410-591-5654 or [mdemya1@verizon.net](mailto:mdemya1@verizon.net).

**St. Gregory Kolachi Baking Day** will be on November 5, starting at 9:00, although we can use a few people earlier to help prepare the work space. Late arrivals after 2:00 are also welcomed, as we need people to bag the cool kolachi and help clean up. On the last baking day we were finished around 5:30. You can also order your kolachi (nut, poppyseed, or apricot) for pick-up on either November 12 or December 10 at <https://shrtm.nu/f0c5>.

**Liturgical Calendars for 2023:** We have received our Liturgical calendars and are available on the book rack in the Narthex (Patronage) or in the hall (St. Gregory). Please take a calendar to use at home.

**Veterans Day Celebration in Our Church:** On Sunday, November 13th, Fr. Serhii will be having a Veteran's Day commemoration for living and deceased members of our parish during Divine Liturgy. If you would like to include living or deceased names of our parish veterans, that will be read aloud during the commemoration, you can fill out a form and return to our

church no later than Sunday, November 6. Completed forms can either be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the church rectory.

**New Addition to Patronage Church Parish:** Loui and Addie Villanueva welcomed the birth of their first child on Tuesday, October 18th. God grant the Villanueva family, many Blessed years! *Na mnobaja I blahaja l'ital!*

**Patronage Church - Decorating Our Temple for Christmas:** Fr. Serhii would like to have our Temple decorated before we celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas (December 4th), so we will be decorating after Liturgy on Sunday, November 27th. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

### 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Dear brothers and sisters!

You and I have repeatedly heard in the Gospel readings how our Lord, Jesus Christ, teaches in parables. And he does this to show people where there is truth and salvation, and where there is sin.

This Gospel parable, according to the words of the holy and righteous John of Kronstadt, is a good, instructive lesson for all those crazy minds who do not believe in the existence of human souls after death... for those who don't believe in the real existence of eternal fire and in the eternity of the torment of unrepentant sinners and future bliss. And very often people do not think about the meaning of their life, why they come to this world. They live without thinking about the future judgment and retribution that awaits everyone. You and I, beloved, must remember that we owe our entire existence to our Creator, Who created the entire visible and invisible world out of nothing and gives us both breath and life. Everything we achieve and everything we have in life is given to us by God. This was unfortunately forgotten by the evangelist's rich man, who in spiritual inactivity spent the days of his life in vain, not even noticing the suffering of poor Lazarus next to him.

According to the blessed Theophilus, bishop of Bulgaria: "The Lord wants to teach us with this parable how to manage the wealth entrusted to us well." First, we learn that we do not possess wealth and various fortunes, because we have nothing of our own, but only manage the good of others entrusted to us by our Lord and God. Secondly, if we do not act in the management of wealth according to the good will of the Lord, then we are unworthy, careless stewards, because we waste the good entrusted to us, living according to our own whims and pleasures.

Saint Nicholas of Serbia teaches that: "The rich man went to hell not only because he was not merciful to Lazarus, but also because he set an example to his brothers with his frivolous life, and thereby destroyed them, paving the way for them to hell. And temptation is a terrible sin: to slip yourself and lead others after you means to deserve an incomparably more severe condemnation than a person who only slipped himself."