

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MARYLAND



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Next Liturgy: Sunday

October 30th at 3pm

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Next Liturgy: Saturday

November 5th, at 10am

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

Let Us Remember in Prayer: The souls of the +Rev. Philip Scott, of the Eparchy of Passaic and the +Archpriest John Petro, of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh and former rector of SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, who both fell asleep in the Lord this past week. May their memories be eternal!

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. 23

Offertory: \$1389.00

Kolachi: \$10.00

Kolachi Booth: \$920.00 (net)

Patronage Church:

Stewardship: (Donate at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733>) Oct. 23

Offertory: \$280.00

Tithe.ly: \$405.00

Hagerstown Mission:

Stewardship: Oct. 23

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.

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)

Paganini's violin

The genius violinist Niccolò Paganini bequeathed his wonderful instrument to his hometown - Genoa, with the condition that no one would play it after the musician's death. And that was an extremely unfortunate condition. Because wood that is used continuously deteriorates more slowly; if, on the contrary, it is not used, it deteriorates much faster.

A beautiful, charming-sounding violin, silenced in an ornate case, was ground up by a bark beetle and now has value only as a relic of the past.

This story about the destroyed tool reminds us that all gifts, all human talents are tools that must be used, and not treasures that accumulate without purpose and use. It's the same with human life: if you don't live for the sake of love, for the sake of serving others, it loses all meaning.

to the cemetery, or to follow the Man who freed him from the power of evil spirits. The healed man asks the Savior to take him with him, but in response he hears: "No."

Christ addressed others, exhorting: "Follow me," and before that, "Return to your home and tell what God has done for you." This story is not only about healing, but also about a person's vocation. The only feature of this vocation is that it was not necessary to go anywhere, on the contrary, the healed person had to serve God where he or she was born and raised.

Also, tomorrow, October 31, our church will remember the memory of the martyr for the Greek-Catholic faith, Theodore Romzha.

One wonders why Rome chose him. After all, Theodore was only 33 years old, and at that time he was the youngest bishop in the entire Universal Church. However, subsequent events proved that the choice of the Apostolic See was infallible, and on September 24, 1944, Theodore Romzha was appointed bishop of the Mukachevo diocese.

The new bishop received a good Vatican spiritual and intellectual education, and at the same time was politically neutral. Together with perfect personal traits - readiness for service and self-sacrifice, determined his appointment.

Theodore Romzha served his first bishop's liturgy in the Uzhhorod Cathedral on the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The newly appointed titular bishop of Appia, assistant bishop of Mukachevo, Theodore Romzha, chose the words of the psalmist as his motto: "I will love You, Lord, my fortress, Lord, my stronghold and my refuge" (Ps 17:2).

In September 1946, through a believer who came from Prague, Bishop Romzha received the text of the encyclical of Pope Pius XII "Orientales omnes", the content of which was directly related to the Greek Catholics of that time: "In these troubled times, we continue to guide you to firmly and steadfastly hold fast to your faith, support the weak and give strength to those who hesitate. Remind, if necessary, the faithful entrusted to your care that there is no way, even outwardly or verbally, to leave Christ and His Church, and expose the hideous temptations of those who promise people earthly benefits and it is not known what happiness in this life, for which they lose their souls." We will later hear the instructive words of this encyclical and the quotations from the Holy Scriptures given in it from the lips of Bishop Theodore. He correctly understood the essence of this message: "Watch, stand in the faith, be courageous, be strong" (1 Cor 16:13).

Theodore Romzha was beatified on June 27, 2001 in L'viv by Pope Saint John Paul II. His relics are in the Greek-Catholic Cathedral in Uzhhorod.

Schedule of Divine Services:

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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*

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 2, 2022

The Holy Martyrs Akindynos, Pegasus, Aphthonius, Elpidiphor and Anempodistus
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, Nov. 6, 2022

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ECF: Eastern Christian Formation for the children will be held after liturgy today, 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 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 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.

St. Gregory Kolachi Baking Day will be this Saturday 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://tinyurl.com/StGregoryKolachi>.

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. Completed forms can either be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the church rectory.

Patronage Church - Decorating Our Church for Christmas: Fr. Serhii would like to have our Church 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!

St. Nicholas Virtualthon: The GCU Board of Directors will once again match total donations up to \$5,000 made to the St. Nicholas Virtualthon to benefit the Ss. Cyril & Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA. If you would like to donate by check, please mail it to: St. Nicholas Celebration, 5400 Tuscarawas Road, Beaver, PA 15009. For more information, you can visit the GCU's website at www.gcuusa.com, or call 1-855-306-0607, if you would like to donate by credit card. All donations received by Monday, November 21, 2022, will be acknowledged in the souvenir program for the annual St. Nicholas celebration.

21 Sunday after Pentecost

Dear brothers and sisters!

Today we hear the gospel reading about how the Lord with his disciples sailed to the country of the Gadarenes and, coming ashore, found a man there who had been possessed by demons for a long time. The people of the Gadarenes were afraid of this evil man, who dressed in rags, did not live in a house, but wandered through the fields and forests, and most often found shelter in the cemetery among the graves. He lashed out wildly at people, so they passed by him from afar.

Saint Theophilus of Bulgaria says the following about such actions of the possessed: "Whoever has the devil in him, that is the works of the devil, does not wear clothes - there is no baptismal clothing and he does not live in his house, that is, in the church, but lives in the graves, where the things are dead, because such houses are the abode of evil. Seeing Jesus, the demons ask Him not to torment them prematurely. The Lord, seeing this behavior of the man, asked him: "What is your name?" (Luke 8.30). The possessed man had no opportunity to hide his name, so Christ asks him about it, but he does not answer, and the demons say in his voice: "Legion!" (Luke 8.30). There are many of us, we are strong, united - the devils defiantly answer. Their strength and all their energy is aimed at the fulfillment of one goal - to harm the human soul, to lead it away from the path of truth and life. We must understand that every time a person departs from God, he destroys himself, his personality. The confidence of the demonic power came from their numbers. A legion is a unit of the Roman army, which contains from 4 to 6 thousand soldiers. In this case, it was such a number of demons that found shelter in the body of a man.

The healed demoniac expressed his desire to follow Christ. His life changed radically, leaving him with little choice: to return to the people who chained him and banished him from the city