

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MARYLAND



SAINT GREGORY OF NYSSA

Byzantine Catholic Church - Washington community

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PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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PATRONAGE MISSIONARY CHURCH IN HAGERSTOWN AND ABINGDON

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Next Liturgy: Sunday

November 20th at 3pm

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Next Liturgy: Saturday

November 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: Wayne Roach, Lector Joseph and Marie Repasi, John Sekura, Charity Sweeney, Madeline Bender, Richard Cooley, 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.

We offer our condolences to Mark Turian upon the death of his father, +Andy Turian, who passed away on Friday, November 4, 2022 A Panachida will be held this Thursday, November 17th, at Ambrose Funeral Home, in Arbutus, at 7:30pm. On Friday, November 18th, we will be celebrating the Divine Liturgy at Patronage beginning at 11:00am May God grant His departed servant, +Andy Turian, peaceful repose. *Vicnaja jemu pamjat'.*

St. Gregory Church:

Stewardship: (Donate at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2442387>) Nov. 6

Offertory: \$1820.00

Advent: \$45.00

Kolachi sales: \$115.00

Patronage Church:

Stewardship: (Donate at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733>) Nov. 6

Offertory: \$1600.00

Tithe.ly \$135.00

Candles \$39.00

Hagerstown Mission:

Stewardship: Nov. 6

Offertory: \$273.00

Tithe.ly: \$38.00

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)

The thought of Christ, the soft Light, is naturally called forth at the sight of the sunset and the mellow light of the lamps. Christ, by the Godhead, is an ever-existing Light, as He is the eternal Brightness of the Father, and the express Image of His Being. But for the salvation of humankind, He concealed His Divine Glory beneath the form of a man, and in this way He became the soft light of the evening. A comparison very striking!

The haze that generally fills the evening air lessens the brightness of the sunlight. In the daytime the light of the sun is unbearable, so that one cannot look at it with an unarmed eye. But at the same sun in the evening, and see how softly it shines, everyone may look on it plainly, admire its beauty... And thus it is that the Son of God, unapproachable according to His Divinity, has made Himself accessible to us by His humanity, through which the Light of the Godhead had lessened so that we could see the Word of Life with plain eyes...

St. Sebastian Dabovich

The man went from Jerusalem to Jericho. On this road, he was severely beaten and robbed by bandits. After some time, a priest and a Levite were walking along the same road. Seeing the injured man, they passed by. At first glance, the priest and the Levite did not do anything bad to the victim, but nor they did do anything good.

The priest and the Levite justified their refusal to help the victim, because they observed the rite of purity. The Jewish law forbade touching the dead or even blood, because whoever did this became unclean and could not pray until the ritual of purification had been completed. However, the reason for their refusal lies in something else – their self-love. While maintaining religious purity, the priest and the Levite were actually thinking about themselves, about their own good and glory, rather than about God and their neighbors, or even the good of their souls. Instead, the Samaritan, whom the Jews despised, turned out to be more pious and closer to God, because he thought and cared about the victim.

The story of the Samaritan reminds us what a true sacrifice and love for God is: that only a sincere prayer will be heard by God: “A sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit: God will not despise a contrite and humble heart “ (Ps. 50: 19).

When looking for friends, people naturally choose good people, people who share their interests and preferences, people with whom it is easy to communicate, with whom it is pleasant to spend time, and from whom we hope to receive some good. However, God created everyone out of love and loves everyone equally, not according to external signs, and he wants all people to be his friends: “I call you friends, because I have declared to you everything that I heard from my Father “ (Jn. 15:15. Christ suffered and died for all in order to save all, to make everyone a partaker of his heavenly joy: “ God shows his love for us by the fact that Christ died for us while we were still sinners “ (Romans 5:8). “God wants all people to be saved and to come to an understanding of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:4).

Our life is like a boomerang. The harder you throw, the stronger it will come back. One little boy in a fit of anger shouted to his mother: “I don't love you!” The mother was a smart woman and told her son to go and shout about it in the yard (and they lived in a mountain valley). The boy ran into the valley and shouted: “I don't love you!” The echo answered: “I don't love you!” He ran to his mother and says that there is a bad boy hiding in the valley who is shouting that he does not love me. The mother said, “Go and tell him that you love him.” The boy ran out and shouted: “I love you!” And the echo answered back: “I love you!” Our words and actions are like an echo – what we say and do returns to us. What a man sows, that shall he reap.

Dear Believers! The lawyer who asked Christ, “And who is my neighbor?”, received much more than he asked for. With the words of a parable, Jesus explained to him not only who is our neighbor, but also showed how we should love our neighbors and help them in their need, regardless of who that person is. Therefore, following the example of Christ, let us try to serve everyone sincerely and in love, let us unite and draw closer to Christ. And the Lord will draw near to us, and generously bless us with the knowledge and understanding of God's truth, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, understanding of each other, and the fullness of the happiness of the children of our heavenly Father.

Schedule of Divine Services:

SAINT GREGORY CHURCH

SUNDAY, Nov. 13, 2022

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost
Our Holy Father John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople
11:00 AM *Hymns from Matins*
11:15 AM **Divine Liturgy for living and deceased veterans,**
followed by Mirovanije

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 16, 2022

The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Matthew
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. 20, 2022

Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Prefestive Day of the Entrance of the Mother of God
Our Venerable Father Gregory the Decapolite
Our Holy Father Proclus, Archbishop of Constantinople
Our Blessed Mother Josaphata Hordashevskia
8:45 AM *Hymns from Matins*
9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy in memory of +Michael and*
+Juliana Dolgash

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Helms as requested by Lisa and Rich Guba

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Phillip's Fast/Christmas Lent: Tomorrow, November 14 is the feast of the Apostle Phillip, which is 40 days before the *Nativity of Our Lord*, therefore the fast for Christmas begins at sundown on this day. While there is no obligation to fast during this time, as during Great Lent, this is still considered a penitential time in the Metropolia of Pittsburgh. The faithful are asked to observe the fast in the best way possible.

Patronage Food Festival: 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.

We are in need of baked goods to sell at the festival. Goods packaged for individual serving sales do best. We have containers available if you are in need of packages for cookies, brownies, cupcakes, individual pie or cake slices, or candies. Please price your items before bringing them for donation-this really helps our bake table staff! Thanks for all your help!

Bishop's Appeal: By now, all parishioners should have received information on this year's Appeal. Pledges and payments will be accepted through June 30, 2023, but any contributions received after December 31, 2022 must be attributed to the 2023 tax year. All checks must be made payable to the Eparchy of Passaic and not the individual parish. People may also donate online at www.eparchyofpassaic.com. If the parish goal is achieved or exceeded, the parish will receive a 40% refund of the total received.

- St. Gregory of Nyssa: Parish goal – \$5400
- Patronage of the Mother of God: Parish goal – \$9800. Contributions received from the Abingdon and Hagerstown missions will be attributed to the Patronage total.

Patronage Church - Decorating Our Church: 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!

St. Gregory St. Nicholas Potluck will be December 11 after liturgy. Since we need to clean the Church and decorate before that date, we're taking a consensus as to what date most people will be available to work. Possibly Saturday, 10 December? Please see Peggy or Dale to give your input.

St. Nicholas Project: This year, Patronage will be sponsoring a family that currently lives at Sarah's Hope, a homeless shelter run by St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore. Sarah's Hope is a 24-hour emergency program aiming to shelter and protect women and children currently dealing

with the detrimental effects of homelessness. The shelter allows for the families to get back on track while offering to them the necessary living essentials to do so. Sarah's Hope provides the women and children of this program with intensive care management, hot meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), as well as activities and classes for all to participate in. The mission of Sarah's Hope is to successfully preserve the family unit by providing a resource to these families, eventually allowing them to gain long-term self-sufficiency. We are collecting items on the family's wish list. You can sign up to donate an item for the family at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0949ABAC22A13-angel>. Please bring donated items and put them in the upstairs room by the elevator. We kindly ask that donations be in by Sunday, November 27th as they have to be delivered to Sarah's Hope by November 29th. Sarah's Hope asks that donations not be wrapped. Feel free to include a Christmas card with your gift - just put your first names down. Thank you for your generosity for bringing hope and joy to a family this "Merry Christmas"!

The Parting of the Ways: Ukrainian and Ruthenian Greco-Catholics in the U.S. 1880-1930. On Tuesday, November 29 at 8 PM, the Sheptytsky Institute will present a Zoom discussion on how the Ukrainian and Ruthenian Greek Catholic Churches became separate entities in the United States. Event is free, but registration is required: <https://tinyurl.com/MASI-parting>.

Our Daily Bread Casseroles: We are collecting Casseroles for Our Daily Bread in Baltimore on Sunday, Dec 11th. Please mark your casserole with "Name of Casserole, Date Made and Patronage Church on it". Recipes, pans and labels are located next to the stack of empty casserole pans in the basement at Patronage for you to pickup to take home to make your casserole. Our Daily Bread also accepts premade store bought, frozen Mac & Cheese trays (such as Stouffer's Macaroni & Cheese) if you are in a rush to make something. For questions, please email Mike Skovran or Lisa Guba.

Again, thank you again for donating your time, supplies and talent to help those in need at Catholic Charities "Our Daily Bread Mission". Over 15 Casseroles were collected in October for Our Daily Bread. We appreciate everyone's assistance and especially kudos to Mike & Karen Kakalec for dropping off the casserole to Our Daily Bread.

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

The parable of Jesus Christ about the Good Samaritan is very rich in various biblical symbols. Its words have a deep spiritual meaning that bring us important knowledge for our spiritual life. Answering the lawgiver's question – who is my neighbor? – with the words of this parable, Jesus gave a practical and complete answer. He explained not only who our neighbor is, but also how we should love our neighbors.