



PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Very Reverend Conan H. Timoney, Pastor

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Patronage Church at Abingdon:

Church of St. Francis (Stone Chapel), Sunday Afternoons at 3:00 p.m.

1450 Abingdon Road, Abingdon, MD 21009

Contact: Deacon Anthony and Theresa Kotlar: 410-734-6973

Patronage Church at Hagerstown: December Liturgy schedule TBD

Chapel of St. Ann's Church, Saturday Evenings at 6:45 pm

1525 Oak Hill Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742

Contact: Joseph and Marie Repasi: 301-797-5847

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Time	Location	Intention
Sat	Nov 30	6:45pm	Hagerstown	Living and deceased members of the parish
Sun	Dec 01	9:15am	Arbutus	In memory of +John Aquila, requested by Joseph DiCarlo
Sun	Dec 01*		Abingdon	
Fri	Dec 06	7:30pm	Arbutus	Feast of St. Nicholas of Myra In memory of +Loula Marowla, requested by Richard & Olimpia Baldi
Sun	Dec 08	9:15am	Arbutus	In memory of +Ceil Demyan, requested by Marge Dulina
Sun	Dec 08	3:00pm	Abingdon	Living and deceased members of the parish

*There is no Liturgy scheduled for Abingdon on this date

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS

Day	Date	Time	Location	Holy Day
Tue	12/24/19	TBD	Arbutus	Christmas Liturgy – Birth of our Lord
Wed	12/25/19	9:15am	Arbutus	Christmas Liturgy – Birth of our Lord
Thu	12/26/19	7:30pm	Arbutus	Synaxis of the Theotokos
Fri	12/27/19	7:30pm	Arbutus	St. Stephen

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost:

Troparion – Resurrection Tone 8 - **page 161**

Kontakion – Resurrection Tone 8 - **page 162**

Prokeimenon – Resurrection Tone 8 - **page 162**

Alleluia – Resurrection Tone 8 - **page 163**

DECEMBER CANDLE REQUESTS IN FRONT OF THE ICONS:

- Elizabeth Russell - In memory of her birthday
- Eleanor Bird – In memory of her birthday
- Sam Amico – Anniversary of his death
- Fr. Conan – In honor of his birthday (12/31) and dedicated service to our parish

THE ENVELOPE STORY:

Arbutus – 11/17/19 - \$1,035.25

Hagerstown – 11/9/19 - \$435.00

PRAYER REQUESTS

ECF CALENDAR 2019 (as of 9/15/19)

12/1/19	No Class (Thanksgiving weekend)
12/7/19	Saturday - St. Nicholas Practice - please arrive at 9am
12/8/19	Feast of St. Nicholas celebration play (pot luck luncheon to follow)
12/15/19	Confession for grades 3-12 (please meet in the front of church) (we will also be decorating the church for Christmas)
12/22/19	Practice for Christmas Eve
12/24/19	Tuesday - Christmas Eve Liturgy and procession
12/25/19	Wednesday - Christmas Liturgy at 9:15am
12/29/19	No Class
1/5/20	Classes resume - Epiphany (Blessing of Water)

PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Fr. Conan Timoney, Fr. Sam Lupico, Fr. George Dobes, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Andy Turian, Doris Ruszin, Ann Gupman, Joseph and Marie Repasi of Hagerstown, Mary Beth Russell (sister of Jack Russell), Thelma Smolka (mother of Bonnie Bezila), Michael Vitka (cousin of Alex Demyan), Richard Cooley, Anna Martin, Rosa Maria Santos, Marge Dulina, Christopher Juba, the 29-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Juba, Darlene Eichelberger from Hagerstown, Robert Eberhardt

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:

+**Elizabeth Bukszar** fell asleep in the Lord on 11/18/19. Her funeral took place at Patronage Church on 11/25/19. Eternal Memory!

+**Barbara Robinson**, Michael Petro's mother-in-law, fell asleep in the Lord on 11/19/19. Eternal Memory!

+**Rt. Rev. Joseph Francavilla** fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, 11/13/19. He was the pastor at Holy Transfiguration Greek Catholic Church in McLean, VA. In Blessed repose, grant O Lord eternal rest to the soul of your servant, +Rt. Rev. Joseph Francavilla, and render eternal his memory!

PRAY FOR OUR SUFFERING CHURCH: The Chaldean Diocese of St. Thomas for the Church in Iraq and Syria requests prayers for the Church in Iraq and Syria. Many clergies, religious and laity have been killed by Islamic radicals.

NEW BYZANTINE PRAYER APP:

Eastern Christian Publications, the supplier of our Sunday bulletin covers, has just announced a new app for smartphones. It includes an icon and the troparia for the Saint of the Day, a short reflection from the book *Java with Jesus*, quotes for the day from a wide range of religious bulletin image and commentary, the monthly electronic version of *Theosis Magazine*, and an educational introduction to Byzantine Daily Prayer. The app is FREE and available in both the Apple Store for iPhone and iPads, and from Google Play for Android devices. Search for **ECPubs** and install with a few clicks! Great for enhancing your spiritual reading during Lent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS (continued)

PATRONAGE WEBSITE:

Our parish website is **patronagechurch.com**. The website is updated weekly with our most current bulletin as well as an archive of past bulletins. You can also find other relevant information on church history and activities.

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ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION:

We will be celebrating the Feast of St. Nicholas on Sunday, 12/8/19, followed by a Broadway Play by our ECF Program and pot luck luncheon. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

GCU SCHOLARSHIP:

The GCU is now accepting applications for their annual scholarship awards through December 31, 2019. Scholarships are available for GCU members who are college students or those studying in any secondary education program. There are also two athletic scholarships (1 female and 1 male) available for high school students. For complete details and online application, please visit: www.GCUusa.com/pages/scholarships

PARISH FESTIVAL:

Many thanks to everyone who supported our parish festival.

HOLY BAPTISM AND CRISMATION:

The Baptism and Crismation of Nora Catherine Lynn, child of Zachary and Elizabeth (Repasi) Lynn took place on November 9th in Hagerstown, MD. Congratulations to Nora and her parents.

FOOD DRIVE FOR THE POOR:

We are collecting non-perishable food items to help the poor in our community. Please leave your donations in the St. Nicholas Chapel. Many thanks for your generosity.

PARISH IMPROVEMENTS:

Many thanks to Joe Kotlar, and his crew from Ivy Hill Landscaping, for mulching our flower beds and raking the leaves.

PARISH E-MAIL PROGRAM:

If you would like to be notified of events and programs that are taking place in the parish please send an email to patronage.church@gmail.com. Also, please notify us at this address if your contact information changes.