



## PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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**Patronage Church at Abingdon:** Liturgy will be held every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 3:00pm  
Church of St. Francis (Stone Chapel)  
1450 Abingdon Road, Abingdon, MD 21009  
Contact: Deacon Anthony and Theresa Kotlar: 410-734-6973

**Patronage Church at Hagerstown:** Liturgy schedule is TBA  
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

**Saint Gregory of Nyssa:** Schedule of Divine Services  
8:40am Matins, 9:30am Divine Liturgy (every Sunday)  
12420 Old Gunpowder Spur Rd, Beltsville, MD 20705  
Contact: [frsergij@stgregoryofnyssa.net](mailto:frsergij@stgregoryofnyssa.net)

### LITURGY SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Time	Location	
Sunday	Feb 23	10:30am	Arbutus	Matins
		11:30am	Arbutus	For living and deceased members of the parish
Sunday	Mar 01	10:30am	Arbutus	Matins
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**Every Sunday:** Lunch for all parishioners and visitors after Liturgy!

**THE ENVELOPE STORY** Arbutus - 02/16/20 \$1,293.00

**ATTENDANCE 02/16:** Matins - 22      Liturgy - 50

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Fr. Sam Lupico, Fr. George Dobes, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Andy Turian, Doris Ruszin, Anne 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), Anna Martin, Marge Dulina, Paul Ruszin Sr.

**HOMEBOUND LIST:** If anyone knows the name and address of those current and past parishioners that are unable to attend liturgy please send in an email to [patronage.church@gmail.com](mailto:patronage.church@gmail.com) or drop a note in the collection basket. We are working to revive our mailing of weekly bulletins to those individuals.

**"COME AND SEE":** The Eastern Christian Formation office of the Eparchy of Passaic has released a book entitled *Come and See*. It is an excellent resource book describing our beautiful Byzantine Traditions. Copies of the book are located in the cry room in the religious articles case. A donation of \$5.00 is requested for each copy. Please see Sharon Kotula, if interested.

**ECF:** ECF classes will be held weekly starting at 10:30am in the church hall during the Matins Service for all children.

**PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY:** We will be celebrating Presanctified Liturgy every Friday during Lent at 6:00pm starting February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**EASTER FESTIVAL:** Our annual Easter festival will be held on 4/4/20. In preparation we will be preparing and rolling Holupki on March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> starting each day at 9:00. Volunteers are needed both days. Thanks in advance for your support.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Byzantine Catholic Convention will be held at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Pittsburgh from Nov. 12 through Nov 14<sup>th</sup>. It is an event primarily for the leaders and members of the Byzantine Catholic Church for the purpose of prayer, and mission as a national body of Eastern Catholics. The theme for the 2020 Convention is Growing a Vibrant Byzantine Church where talks and workshops will be offered on ways to grow as missionary disciples to help cultivate vibrant parishes, monasteries, missions, outreaches and apostolates where Christ is encountered and worshipped! Sign up for updates at [byzantineconvention.com](http://byzantineconvention.com). Registration opens March 1<sup>st</sup>.

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## **Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic Fasting Regulations for the Great Fast 2020**

### **Abstinence:**

- The law of Abstinence forbids the use of meat, permitting the use of eggs and dairy products.
- All the faithful of the Eparchy who receive Holy Communion are obliged to abstain.
- Abstinence is to be observed on all *Wednesdays* and *Fridays* during the Holy Season of the Great Fast.

### **Strict Abstinence:**

- The law of Strict Abstinence (Fast) forbids the use of meat, eggs, and dairy products.
- All the *adult* faithful of the Eparchy who receive Holy Communion are obliged to observe Strict Abstinence.
- Strict Abstinence is to be observed on the First Day of the Great Fast, Pure Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, and on Great and Holy Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

These are just the minimum regulations. The faithful are encouraged to go beyond these minimums to the best of their abilities.