



## **PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD**

**BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH - BALTIMORE**

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### **Patronage Church at Hagerstown:**

Chapel of St. Ann's Church,

1525 Oak Hill Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21742

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**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Fr. Sam Lupico, Betty Mastrounni, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Andy Turian, Doris Ruszin, Anne Gupman, Joseph and Marie Repasi of Hagerstown, Anna Martin, Marge Dulina, Paul Ruszin Sr.

**THE ENVELOPE STORY: 3/29/20 - \$ 1,874.00**

### **FESTIVAL RAFFLE WINNERS:**

**1 st Place Prize - TV - Bob Kazlauski**

**2 nd Place Prize - \$100.00 - Jeffrey Colley**

**3 rd Place Prize - \$50.00 - Kathleen Breeze**

**Many thanks to Michael Kakalec for his generous donation of the TV.**

**Dear Parishioners of Patronage of the Mother of God, Byzantine Catholic Church,**

This year we are celebrating the Passover of Christ in special circumstances. Many of us have gone through Lent at home, isolated from others, physically distant from our temples and parish communities. Easter is an eternal victory over the very sting of death, as the apostle proclaims today: "Death is consumed by victory. Where is yours, death or victory? Where is your sting, death? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is law. May we thank God who gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15: 54-57). The Passover of the Lord opens the door to joyful eternity.

In the face of a global pandemic, we suddenly saw that we are all weak and mortal people. The coronavirus has become a deadly danger for the rich and the poor, for all people, regardless of where they live on the globe. It may be the first time we have come to the realization that we are all equally vulnerable and needy.

In circumstances that temporarily deprive us of the opportunity to participate fully in the liturgical life in our temples and communities, we have had the opportunity to realize the important role of spiritual life in Christian families, traditionally called home churches.

May the resurrected Christ transform this moment of pain, of all mankind, into the Paschal joy of triumphing over sickness and death as He transformed the cry of the myrrh bearer women into joy! May He give us every moment the gift of triumph over sin and of rebirth in love and hope. I sincerely wish each of you a blessed Easter holiday and a bright Easter joy!

The grace of the risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all!

**Christ is Risen!**

**Indeed He is Risen!**

*Fr. Serhii Deiak*

## **PATRONAGE CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS/INSPECTIONS:**

- 1.** Ivy Hill cleaned up our landscaping around the church and rectory. New bushes and shrubs were planted in front of the church and some existing bushes and flowers were replanted in the back and side of the church and in the front of the rectory. Mulching was also completed around the church/rectory property. Donations are still being accepted for this landscaping project and can be mailed to the rectory. Many thanks to those that have already donated.
- 2.** The ADT alarm system was updated in the church and rectory.
- 3.** The tile floor was repaired in the church hall and closet.
- 4.** Hall/Festival supplies in the back closet (where the freezers are) has been reorganized and put in plastic bins.
- 5.** The church and hall have been professionally cleaned.
- 6.** Annual inspections were completed for the church boiler, elevator, fire extinguisher, and kitchen stove fire suppression system.