



PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Location	Intention
Sunday 5/10	11:30am	Arbutus – Live stream on www.facebook.com/patronagechurch	For living and deceased members of the parish
Sunday 5/17	11:30am	Arbutus – Live stream on www.facebook.com/patronagechurch	For living and deceased members of the parish

This week is the **Fifth Paschal Sunday – Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**. You can participate in our Live-Stream Liturgy, at home, by singing or reading along with Fr. Serhii, and the cantor, using The Divine Liturgy During Pascha book. The PDF version, of this book, can be downloaded and found on our parish website. Please remember to scroll down past the previous videos on our Facebook page to where you see LIVE, and then click on that.

DEAR PARISHIONERS: In an abundance of caution and to keep our parishioners safe and healthy, Bishop Kurt Burnette has suspended all church and parish activities. Although there will be no public Divine Liturgy, the priests of the eparchy are directed to persolve the scheduled intentions for each week.

THE ENVELOPE STORY: 5/3/20 - \$2,050.00

Thank you to all who have continued to send in their weekly donations to help support our parish during this pandemic. Also, many thanks to those who have contributed towards our landscape project to help offset the cost.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Fr. Sam Lupico, Arlene Duda, Betty Mastroouni, 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., and Fr. Tom Breslin, CP, is in the hospital and under a 14-day quarantine (Fr. Tom was Fr. Conan Timoney's friend and seminary classmate). Four other Passionists in Fr. Tom's community, in Jamaica, NY, tested positive for COVID-19.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years!

ASK THE DEACON:

This week's question: Why does Fr. Serhii give Deacon Tony the body of Christ in his hand instead of giving him Communion from the spoon?

Answer: The original and ancient custom is that all receive "in the hand" and drink from the cup. Over time, only those ordained continued to receive in this way. The deacon has received the mystery (sacrament) of ordination. He is not a priest (presbyter or bishop), however, in a sense, he's representing the people in the ancient practice.

If you have a question pertaining to our Divine Liturgy, holy day, or perhaps something we do in the Byzantine Church, please email it to patronage.church@gmail.com and Deacon Tony will answer it! All are welcome to email the church a question.

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!
CHRISTOS VOSKRESE! VOISTINNU VOSKRESE!

PATRONAGE REPAIRS/IMPROVEMENTS:

1. Many thanks to Joe Belensky for repairing the handrail going into the church hall.
2. A grab bar was installed on the emergency exit door in the church hall.
3. We are working on plans to make improvements to our parish rectory and will post updates in the bulletin, as they become available.

REFLECTIONS FROM MOUNT ST. MACRINA: The Sisters of St. Basil the Great at Mount St. Macrina in Uniontown, PA, post videos and reflections on Facebook. You can view them at <https://www.facebook.com/sistersofstbasil.uniontown/>. You do not need a Facebook page to view this site.

SAVE THE DATE: The National Byzantine Catholic Convention for clergy, monastics, religious, and laity, will be held at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Cathedral in Pittsburgh, PA, from November 12-14, 2020. The theme for the convention is ***Growing a Vibrant Byzantine Church***. You can sign up for updates at byzantineconvention.com. Registration is currently open.