



## PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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Chapel of St. Ann's Church

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## DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Location	Intention
Sunday 5/17	11:30am	Arbutus – Live stream on www.facebook.com/patronagechurch	For living and deceased members of the parish
Sunday 5/24	11:30am	Arbutus – Live stream on www.facebook.com/patronagechurch	For living and deceased members of the parish

This week is the **Sixth Paschal Sunday – Sunday of the Man Born Blind**. 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 until further notice. 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:** 5/10/20 - \$2,465.00

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 continue to contribute towards our landscape project to help offset the cost.

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Fr. Sam Lupico, Arlene Duda, Mike Skovran, 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:** What is the origin of church Slavonic?

**Answer:** It is generally accepted by historians that "Church Slavonic represents a later stage of Old Church Slavonic, and is the continuation of the liturgical tradition introduced by two Thessalonian brothers, Saints Cyril and Methodius, in the late 9th century..." As it has evolved, its written and spoken form differs somewhat depending on location and nationality.

Do 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](mailto: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 IMPROVEMENTS:** We are working on plans to make improvements to our parish rectory and will post updates in the bulletin, as they become available.

**BYZANTINE CATHOLIC SEMINARY:** Do you have any music, papers, memorabilia, or recordings from our cantors and choir directors, since the founding of our church in the United States? If so, and you think they might have a place in this collection, you could donate them. The Byzantine Catholic Seminary, in Pittsburgh, PA, is looking to preserve and index them so that they can be used for research by scholars, as well as, for fostering our church singing in the future. Please contact Deacon Jeffrey Mierzejewki, 412-735-1676 or [mci@archpitt.org](mailto:mci@archpitt.org), or library director, Sandra Collins, 412-321-8383 or [scollins@bcs.edu](mailto:scollins@bcs.edu). The library also invites donations of materials from family and friends of our cantors who have reposed. This collection will serve as a permanent memorial to their labors.

**TAMBURITZANS:** This mostly Slavic folk dance and music ensemble has a new headquarters. They will be leasing the former Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church's Social Hall on Pittsburgh's North Side. This ensemble reflects and keeps alive the customs and traditions of our founders and benefactors who immigrated to America in the late 1880's from the Carpathian Mountains of Eastern Europe. The Tamburitzans is an independent, nonprofit organization. If you would like to donate, go to the Tamburitzans website at <https://thetamburitzans.org/>.