



## PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH - BALTIMORE

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### ***DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE***

| Date           | Time                  | Location            | Intention   |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---|
| Sunday<br>8/16 | 11:30am<br>Confession | Arbutus             | In memory of +Jennifer Gupman Rodgers<br>Requested by: Anne Gupman          |
| Friday<br>8/21 | 6:00pm<br>Confession  | Arbutus<br>Slavonic | In memory of +Linda Taylor<br>Requested by: Deacon Anthony & Theresa Kotlar |
| Sunday<br>8/23 | 11:30am<br>Confession | Arbutus             | In memory of +Elinore Nutter<br>Requested by: Marge Dulina                  |

This week is the **11<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**. Propers begin on page 130, then page 352.

*Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na viki! Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!*

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH:** We welcome all new visitors, to our parish family, and hope you will become an active part of our parish community. If you would like to be added to our parish email list, send us an email at [patronage.church@gmail.com](mailto:patronage.church@gmail.com).

**DEAR BELIEVERS:** We are hoping that all children, in our parish, participate in this year's ECF program which begins on Sunday, 9/20/2020. ECF will begin as a home school program until it is safe for all to participate in a classroom setting in our church hall. Parents, if you have not already done so, ***please send the church an email no later than 8/23/2020***, with your child's name and grade level in order for us to better prepare for this coming ECF school year. Materials need to be ordered and delivery of these items could be delayed. It is very important that this program, for our children, continues. Children, however, are the future of our church! **We also need someone to volunteer and be the coordinator for the ECF program**, and if you are able to do so, please send an email to the church and let us know. Your efforts would be greatly appreciated! Also, for our ByzanTeens, please remember to sign up for the **third ByzanTeen Virtual Evening Out**, for ages 13-18, scheduled for Sunday, 8/30/20, from 6-7:30pm, as soon as possible. Visit [www.eparchyofpassaic.com](http://www.eparchyofpassaic.com) and click on the registration link on the left-hand side of the page.

Fr. Serhii Deiak

**PRAYER INTENTIONS – PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Fr. Sam Lupico, Keiko Suseck, Arlene Duda, Betty Mastrounni, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Andy Turian, Doris Ruszin, Anne Gupman, Joseph and Marie Repasi, Anna Martin, Marge Dulina, Paul Ruszin, Sr., and Clyde Wood

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

**CONTRIBUTIONS:** 8/9/2020 - \$1,875.00      **NUMBER OF BELIEVERS:** 29  
 Many thanks to all who have contributed to our church and for your dedication to our parish. May God continue to bless you and your families!

**ECF AT HOME:** Have you read the second part of *The First Commandment: You shall not make for yourself an idol?* If you haven't read this, please visit [www.archpitt.org](http://www.archpitt.org), the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh's website, and scroll over to the left side of the page. Share this with your family!

**CHURCH IMPROVEMENT:** A sump pump was replaced in the church hall this week. Our next project is painting the sacristy. If you would like to donate towards our repairs/improvements, to help offset the expense, please make a note on your donation and you can either place it in the collection basket, in the back of the Temple, or mail it to the parish rectory. Many thanks for your continued support and to those who have donated so far!

**COME AND SEE:** Life presents us with many challenges and great questions. This book produced by the Passaic Diocese, is a resource, which aims to share the Good News – the transforming message of the Gospel within the context of the Byzantine Catholic tradition and which was designed with two-fold goal in mind: 1) to be beneficial to all the existing Byzantine Catholics and serve them as the ABCs about our church and tradition, 2) it is also an invitation to all those who are in search of a new spiritual home, who want to learn more about God and build lasting personal friendship with Him. It is an introduction about who we are and what we believe and it aims to grow awareness and participation in the great Christian richness of our Byzantine tradition and speak about its practices. It is an invitation to a journey to experience the Mystery of God. If you would like to purchase a copy of this book, and are able to pick it up after Liturgy, please send an email to [patronage.church@gmail.com](mailto:patronage.church@gmail.com). The cost is \$5.00 and we will have it ready for you. Otherwise, you can mail the rectory a check for \$10.00, or drop it in the collection basket, at church, and we will be happy to send a book to you. **This book is also a great resource to use as an ECF supplement for this coming school year!**

**“ASK THE DEACON” – THIS WEEK’S QUESTION:** *I like the Marian hymn we sing at the conclusion of Liturgy. Is there a reason why we always sing it?*

**ANSWER:** The hymn is *Beneath Your Compassion* and can be found on page 454 of the teal pew book. The earliest source for this hymn is in Greek and is on a fragment of papyrus dating back to around AD 250. Except for the *Hail Mary* from Scripture, it is the earliest known prayer to Mary, and it even addresses her as Theotokos (well before the Council of Ephesus made it dogma). It is a spiritual treasure, especially, since we can join our voices to those of fellow Christians going back some 1800 years. In October 2018, because of the devastating scandals that were plaguing the church, Pope Francis asked that everyone pray this hymn at services for one month. Bishop Kurt wrote: "The Holy Father asked that the whole church pray it, and I asked that we continue that prayer indefinitely, until we don't need protection anymore." Its words should be especially dear to us since our parish is dedicated to the Patronage (Pokrov; protection) of the Mother of God. In Slavonic, it is the hymn *Pod Tvoju Milost*.