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violation of human dignity by abortion on Friday, January 22, 2016. The Prayer Vigil will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, D.C., with a Mass in the Great Upper Church at 6 p.m. Compline will be prayed by Bishop Kurt Burnette in the Crypt Church at 10 p.m. (Note this is an hour earlier than in previous years.) For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/resources/index.cfm.

■ **The Tammies Are Back** — During February 2016, Duquesne University’s Tamburitzans will perform at these three area venues:

- Annandale, Virginia: 7 p.m., Saturday, February 13, at the Ernst Theatre/Northern Virginia Community College.
- Rockville, Maryland: 2 p.m., Sunday, February 14, at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.
- Shepherdstown, West Virginia: 8 p.m., Saturday, February 20, at the Frank Center Theatre/Shepherd University.

The “Tammies,” America’s longest-running, multi-cultural song and dance company, is a unique ensemble of talented young folk artists dedicated to the performance and preservation of the music, songs, and dances of Eastern Europe and neighboring folk cultures. The performers are full-time students who receive substantial scholarship awards from Du-

quesne University, with additional financial aid provided by Tamburitzans Scholarship Endowment Funds.

For more information, including ticket purchasing information, visit <http://www.duq.edu/life-at-duquesne/tamburitzans>.

JANUARY DIVINE LITURGIES
The sign-up sheet for liturgy setup during January is available on the information table. Thank you to all those who continue to lend a hand for setup and takedown.

Liturgy Propers

Sunday After Theophany
Our Holy Father Gregory of Nyssa
The Venerable Dometian, Bishop of Melite
The Venerable Father Marcian, Presbyter and Treasurer of the Great Church of Holy Wisdom
January 10, 2016

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
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EPISTLE: Ephesians 4:7-13
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GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-17
Magnification and Irmos of Theophany (page 315)
[in place of “It is truly just...”]
Communion Hymn (page 316)
Fr. Lee Gross, Celebrant
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Last Week’s Liturgy

January 3, 2016
Attendance: 31 Souls

Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light.
Christ is baptized; let us go down with Him, and rise with Him.
Today let us do honor to Christ’s baptism
and celebrate this feast in holiness.
Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed.
Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion
and salvation of humanity,
for who His every word and every revelation exist.
He wants you to become a living force for all humanity,
lights shining in the world.
You are to be radiant lights
as you stand beside Christ, the great light,
bathed in the glory of Him Who is the light of heaven.
You are to enjoy more and more
the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity,
as now you have received— though not in its fullness
—a ray of its splendor,
proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord,
to Whom be glory and power forever and ever. Amen!
St. Gregory Nazianzus

Announcements

■ **Today’s Liturgy Intention** — Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered by Lou and Marie Shanks for the health and well being of Brother Martin Boone and Brother Joseph Comber.

“O Lord Jesus Christ... We beseech You, look mercifully upon them and in Your great love grant them relief from their pain... that restored to the vigor of health, they may serve You faithfully and gratefully all their lives and become heirs of Your kingdom, for You are the physician of our souls and bodies, O Christ...”
— St. John Chrysostom

■ **Today’s Commemorations** — Today in the Byzantine Church is the Sunday After Theophany (Epiphany). The feasts of the Nativity of Jesus Christ

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Epiphany of Our Lord
Byzantine Catholic Church



Montgomery County
Mission

Mother of God Community School
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Our community...
was established in October 1996 to meet the spiritual needs of Byzantine Catholics living in northern Montgomery County, southern Frederick County, and adjoining areas.

We celebrate our faith...
in a diverse community. We welcome all, regardless of ethnic or religious background who are committed to develop a deeper understanding of the Christian faith expressed in the Byzantine tradition and spirituality, and who wish to pray and work towards the full communion of the Catholic and Orthodox Churches as sister Churches of the One Universal Church of Jesus Christ.

We continually resolve...
to gather in His Name, share the truth of our Faith, and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to everyone.

Please Remember

"Is anyone among you sick? ...the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up."

James 5:14-15 NKJV/OSB

OUR MISSION COMMUNITY

- Ron Pytel.
- Maggie and Robert Karam.
- Lou Shanks.
- Rosemary Chisarick

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- Peggy Winkelmann.
- Laura Hinkle.
- Doran Coady.
- Ann Tracy.
- Travis Waters.
- Bertha Bergan.
- Arlene Kollar.
- David Chisarick.
- Jamee Kruse.
- Joseph and Nancy Dillmann.
- Paul and Mary Ellen Sorensen.
- Tony Tworkoski.
- Norman Dennis.
- Andrea Haba.
- Linda Oros.
- Johanna Klema.
- Mike DiMarino.
- Robert Kreger.
- Noah Kent.
- Anita Rhinehart.
- Robert Diethrich.
- Lucy Fontenot
- Peter Minihane.
- Dee Kissell.
- Brother Joseph Comber, CFX.

SPECIAL INTENTION

- Elizabeth Basarab.
- Fr. Francis Martin.



Pray for Our Community

"Return, we beseech You, O God of hosts; Look down from heaven and see, and visit this vine and the vineyard which Your right hand has planted, and the branch that You made strong for Yourself."

Psalms 80:14-15 NKJV/OSB



Food Pantry

Our community places a food collection basket near the information table as you enter the gymnasium. Don't forget those who are less fortunate. Nonperishable food items, diapers, baby food, and personal care items are always in demand. The Food Pantry Program, administered by St. Martin of Tours Roman Catholic Church in Gaithersburg, supports the working poor of our area.



"...for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to Me. ...Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."

Matthew 25:35-36, 40 NKJV/OSB

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and Theophany are the celebration of a single, most profound event—the coming of the Light of the World among us.

In these glorious feasts we remember Jesus was sent by the Father through Mary the God-bearer (Theotokos), to bring “a people in darkness” into the light of salvation. In this revelation, the birth and public appearance of the Messiah is the sign, the expression, and the proclamation that God’s love for His people is boundless, total, and infinitely tender.

As we arrive at the celebration of “God-with-us” in these feasts, may we re-immers ourselves in the warm and saving light of Jesus Christ. Filled with His radiance once again, we will be better able to perceive that God’s image does indeed shine brightly and beautifully within ourselves and that He is ever present in our family, neighbors, and in the people of our Church, no matter what darkness may surround us.

On this date, January 10, the Byzantine Church commemorates our Holy Father Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa; the Venerable Dometian, Bishop of Melite; and our Venerable Father Marcian, Presbyter and Treasurer of the Great Church of Holy Wisdom.

Note from Fr. Lee...

A heart-felt “thank-you” to the members of the Mission for your thoughtful generosity at Christmas and throughout the year. Your kindness is very much appreciated! Please know that you are in my daily prayers, that God may grant you many blessings in the year to come.

Thank you.

■ **Mirovanije** — In commemoration of the Feast of the Theophany on January 6, there will be anointing (*mirovanije*) and distribution of blessed bread at today’s Divine Liturgy. All are welcome to receive anointing and blessed bread. *Christ is among us! (Christos posred’i nas!) He is and shall be! (Jest’i budet!)*

■ **Day of Penance** — Friday, January 15, is a day of simple abstinence for the Byzantine Church. One may abstain from meat or one may perform an appropriate act of penance.

■ **Food Pantry: More Than Food** — In addition to canned and dry foods, the Food Pantry Program takes manufacturers’ coupons and sealed personal toiletries. The number of households seeking assistance from the program continues to rise. Please support our mission’s ministry to the area’s working poor.

Upcoming

■ **Respect Life Vigil and March** — This year the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade*, which legalized abortion, will be observed as a day of penance for the

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Divine Liturgy Schedule

Jan. 10	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Jan. 17	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Jan. 24*	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Jan. 31	Mother of God School 10 a.m.

- Social Hour tentatively scheduled.