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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 Duquesne University, with additional financial

Last Week’s Liturgy

January 10, 2016

Attendance: 25 Souls

aid provided by Tamburitzans Scholarship Endowment Funds.

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

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

Luke 10:2

Divine Liturgy Schedule

Jan. 17	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Jan. 24*	Our Lady’s Chapel Goshen House 10 a.m.
Jan. 31	Mother of God School 10 a.m.

- Social Hour tentatively scheduled.

Liturgy Propers

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

Our Holy Father Anthony the Great

January 17, 2016

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 1 (page 125)

Troparion of Our Venerable Father Anthony the Great (see music sheet)

Kontakion of the Publican and Pharisee - Tone 3 (page 215)

Prokiemenon - Tone 1 (page 127)

EPISTLE: 2 Timothy 3:10-15

Alleluia - Tone 1 (page 127)

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:10-14

Communion Hymn (pages 78-81)

Fr. Lee Gross, Celebrant

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Announcements

■ Today’s Liturgy Intention

— Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered by Michael Hama for the blessed repose of his wife, Theresia Maria Hamas. May her memory be eternal. Vičnaja jej pamjať.

“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

— Revelation 21:4 (NKJV / OSB)

■ Today’s Commemorations

— Today in the Byzantine Church is the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, the second of the five pre-Great Fast Sundays. [Note that the Sunday of Zacchaeus, the first of the five pre-Lenten Sundays, would have been observed last Sunday, which this year was observed as the Sunday after Theophany due to the early observance of Pascha. Pascha in 2016 falls on March 27. The Gospel narrative for the Sunday of Zacchaeus is Luke 1:19-10.]

Nothing begins without the desire to see Jesus Christ, and when we truly see Him, then and only then are we able to see ourselves. This is the second step in our approach to Great Lent and Pascha and the theme of this second pre-lenten Sunday.

The Gospel reading for this Sunday is taken from Luke 18:10-14. Two men went to the temple to pray. The Pharisee was actually a very religious man. He fasted, prayed, and gave away ten percent of his goods. Yet he boasted about his accomplishments and, as a result, his prayers were rejected by God.

The Publican, on the other hand, was truly evil, a genuine sinner. However, he sought to make a change in his life by confessing his sinfulness and begging God for mercy. Consequently, he was justified and accepted by God. Like the Pharisee, we too are filled with pride and boastfulness. Unlike the Publican, we often refuse to acknowledge our sinfulness, confess it, and beg for mercy. On this Sunday

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Epiphany of Our Lord
Byzantine Catholic Church



Montgomery County
Mission

Mother of God Community School
20501 Goshen Road
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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."

Psalm 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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we are invited to take a deeper look inward, to search the depths of our souls and to beg for mercy. We are called, through our vision of Jesus Christ, to acknowledge our sins and to fall before the face of God in repentance, making the Publican's prayer our own: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"

On this date, January 17, the Byzantine Church commemorates our venerable and divinely inspired father Anthony the Great, an Egyptian by birth who went into the desert during the reign of Constantine the Great in the year A.D. 312. He lived to the age of 105 and died A.D. 356. He was a friend of St. Paul the Hermit and was one of the founders of the cenobitical life (being a member of a religious order living in a monastery of convent).

■ **Day of Penance** — The week following the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee is free from fasting or abstinence.

It is not by coincidence that the Orthodox and Byzantine Catholic Churches do not fast the week following the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee. The Pharisee prided himself on his twice-weekly fasting. To guard against the danger of comparing ourselves to others (and favorably) the Church says: "Don't fast."

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.

JANUARY DIVINE LITURGIES

NOTE: Because the Mother of God School is having an open house next Sunday, we will need to have Divine Liturgy in Our Lady's Chapel in the Goshen House on January 24. We will need assistance transporting liturgical items to the Goshen House following today's liturgy. The sign-up sheet for liturgy setup for the remainder of January is available on the information table.

Thank you to all those who continue to lend a hand for setup and takedown.

Instead on this coming Wednesday and Friday, recall this Gospel text and remember the humility of the Son of God who became man. .

■ **Update: Bishop's Appeal** — As of the close of December, our Mission Community donated \$5,560 to the Bishop's Appeal, just short of our our \$6,000 goal.

Thank you to all who contributed to this yearly appeal that helps fund the day-to-day operations of our eparchy as well as special needs and programs.

■ **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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