

■ **Great Fast 2016** — The first full day of the Great Fast is Monday, February 8. This is a day of strict fast (no meat or dairy products).

■ **Lenten Dinners** — Easter is early this year, falling on March 27. The first of Epiphany –Annandale’s Lenten dinners is February 12. Take-out begins at 4 p.m. Eat-in dinners begin at 5 p.m. Food service ends at 7 p.m. so that individuals may attend the Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts at 7:30 p.m. No Lenten dinners are served on Holy and Great Friday.

■ **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 re-

ceive substantial scholarship awards from Duquesne 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>.

... **SOCIAL HOUR TODAY** ...
Please Join Us!

Divine Liturgy Schedule	
Jan. 31*	Our Lady’s Chapel Goshen House 10 a.m.
Feb. 7	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Feb.14	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
*Social Hour scheduled.	

Liturgy Propers	
Sunday of the Last Judgment	
SS. Cyrus and John, Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries	
Athanasia, Theodotia, Theopista, and Eudokia	
January 31, 2016	
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	
Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 3 (page 135)	
Kontakion of Meatfare Sunday - Tone 1 (page 217)	
Prokiemenon of Meatfare Sunday - Tone 1 (page 217)	
EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2	
Alleluia of Meatfare Sunday - Tone 8 (page 218)	
GOSPEL: Luke 25:31-46	
Communion Hymn (pages 78-81)	
Fr. Lee Gross, Celebrant	
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Last Week’s Liturgy
January 24, 2016
Liturgy canceled due to hazardous weather conditions.

Announcements

■ **Today’s Liturgy Intention** — Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered by Fr. Lee for the blessed repose of his mother, Kathryn Virginia Gross. May her memory be eternal. *Vičnaja jej pamjat’.*

“O God of sprits and of all flesh, you trampled death and broke the power of the devil and granted life to Your world. Now grant rest, O Lord, to the soul of your departed servant, Kathryn, in a place of light, joy, and peace where there is no pain, sorrow, nor mourning.”
– From the Litany for the Deceased

■ **Today’s Commemorations** — Today in the Byzantine Church is the Sunday of the Last Judgment, also known as Meatfare Sunday because, by tradition, no meat was eaten after this day until the celebration of Pascha (Easter).

On this Sunday, we commemorate the Second Coming of Jesus Christ as Judge. The gospel lessons of the five pre-Great Fast Sundays give us the guidelines to complete the Great Fast successfully. The Gospel reading for today is taken from Matthew 25:31-46, in which Jesus describes in detail the Terrible Judgment. His simple words raise to the divine sphere the most delicate acts of human kindness. Early philosophers branded compassion and mercy as weaknesses, but in reality they are the signs of a nobility of heart.

Christ has taught us that all those who are filled with love for Him should realize that whatever they do for the poor and the afflicted is done for Him. For a slice of bread and for a glass of water given in His name, our Lord promises heaven. In describing the Last Judgment, we are led to hope for mercy if we have been charitable to our neighbors. We must realize that our Lord is merciful in the highest degree, but He is also just.

On this date, January 31, the Byzantine Church commemorates the Wonderworkers and Unmerce-

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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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naries (physicians without remuneration) Cyrus and John, who suffered death with Athanasia and her three daughters, Theodotia, Theopista, and Eudokia, in the year A.D. 292 in the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

■ **Day of Penance** — This week, Meat-Fareweek, the usual fasting regulations resume. Friday is a Day of Penance, that is, meat is not consumed, or a suitable penance or charitable work is done. Because each Sunday is a weekly Pascha, each Friday is a weekly Great Friday.

■ **All Souls Hramoty** — There are five All Souls Saturdays during the liturgical year of the Byzantine Church on which we pray the Divine Liturgy and remember our faithful departed by name.

The first All Souls Saturday this year was January 30. If you wish to add any names to the list of persons remembered in your family, known as "diptychs" or "hramoty," please use the appropriate envelope in your offertory envelope box. Place the envelope in the Sunday collection with the list of names you wish to add

TODAY'S DIVINE LITURGY

NOTE: Because the Mother of God School is sponsoring an open house today, we are having Divine Liturgy in Our Lady's Chapel in the Goshen House. We will need assistance transporting our liturgical items back to the Mother of God School following today's liturgy. Also, the sign-up sheet for liturgy setup for February is now available. Thank you to all those who continue to lend a hand for setup and takedown.

along with your offering for their remembrance.

New mission members should list the members of those they wish remembered on the reverse side of the envelop. It is also permissible to simply list "all the departed of the (your family name) family" rather than each person by name.

If you wish to update, delete, or add new names, please contact the Parish Office during office hours.

■ **Bishop's Appeal Goal Met** — Our Mission Community has met its \$6,000 goal for our eparchy's annual Bishop's Appeal. Because we met our goal, we will receive a 40% rebate on our contribution.

A prayerful 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

■ **Forgiveness Sunday** — To properly begin our Great Fast journey to Pascha, we should ask forgiveness from others for our offenses to them. In turn, we should ask forgiveness from them our offenses. At the end of Divine Liturgy next Sunday, February 7 (Forgiveness/Cheese-fare Sunday) we will do so by participating in the Rite of Forgiveness.