

■ **Lenten Dinners** — Lenten dinners sponsored by Epiphany–Annandale Parish will be served during the Friday’s of Lent. 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.

■ **Kielbassa Orders** — The kielbasa orders will be available on Palm Sunday.

Upcoming

Patronage Food Festival — Patronage of the Mother of God Church, Baltimore, will hold its Food Festival on Saturday, March 19, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the church. Get there early!

Feast of the Resurrection — Divine Liturgy in celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord (Pascha) will be prayed at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 27, with the Blessing of the Paschal

Foods to immediately follow. You are also welcome to bring flowers to put before the icon stands.

Our Mission Community

■ **Sunday Collections** — The Sunday collections for January 3, 10, 17, and 31 were, respectively, \$768, 654, \$814, and \$1,225. (There was no Divine Liturgy at the Mission on January 17 because of severe weather. The Sunday collections for February 7, 14, 21, and 28 were, respectively, \$1,560, \$972, \$692, and \$550.

■ **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.

Welcome visitors and guests.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

Mar. 20	Mother of God School 10 a.m. [Blessing of Palms and Willows]
Mar. 25	Mother of God School 7:30 p.m. Holy and Great Friday & Feast of the Annunciation
Mar. 25	Mother of God School 10 a.m. Feast of the Resurrection (Pascha) & Blessing of Easter Foods
Apr. 3	Mother of God School 10 a.m.

Announcements

■ **Today’s Liturgy Intention** — Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered for the blessed repose of Madeline Lukac by her dear friend Irene Petrick and family members: Marta, Lydia, and Tidor. *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 /

■ **Today’s Commemorations** — Today is the Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast and is dedicated to the memory of St. Mary of Egypt, a harlot who, having recognized her sinfulness, sought to bring about an essential change in her life: she ran from sinfulness and devoted the remainder of her life to placing God’s will above her own. In her person we recall Christ’s words: “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the harlots go into the Kingdom of God before you” (Matthew 21:31).

The end is drawing near, yet repentance is still possible, even for the greatest of sinners. We see how the harlot repents and is forgiven. There is no sin so great that God will not forgive it. There is no amount of sinfulness that can condemn us if we are willing to repent and to merge our vision with that of the Lord. But we must not only count on His mercy; we must change ourselves as well. Even if we have sought forgiveness for the same sins a thousand time, the Lord welcomes us. All we need do is ask.

Commemorated on this date, March 13, is the Translation of the Relics of our Holy Father Nicephor, Patriarch of Constantinople. [Translation in this context means the removal of holy objects from one locality (such as a tomb) to another (usually a reliquary in a church or cathedral). This translation took different forms, including all-night vigils, and the carrying of the precious remains in a bier of gold or silver, overshadowed with silken canopies.]

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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.

Liturgy Propers

Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast

Memory of St. Mary of Egypt

Translation of the Relics of Our Father Nicephorus
March 13, 2016

Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Typica and Beatitudes (beginning page 16)

[in place of Sunday Antiphons]

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 1 (page 125)

Troparion of a Venerable Women—Tone 8 (page 230)

Kontakion of a Venerable Women—Tone 3 (page 230)

Prokiemenon—Tone 1 (page 127)

EPISTLE: Hebrews 9:11-14

Alleluia—Tone 1 (page 127)

GOSPEL: Mark 10:32-45

“In You, O Woman Full of Grace (p.102)

[in place of “It is truly proper...”]

Communion Hymn (and page 232)

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.
- Linda Oros.
- Jenelle Wagner.
- Mike DiMarino.
- Robert Kreger.
- Anita Rhinehart.
- Robert Diethrich.
- Lucy Fontenot
- Patricia and Peter Minihane.
- Brother Joseph Comber, CFX.
- Beth Brackett.
- Lisa De Rosa.

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

■ **Condolences** — Our prayers and sympathy go out to Andy Haba on the passing of his daughter Andrea Haba-Gose, who fell asleep in the Lord on February 29. A funeral mass was prayed this past Tuesday at St. Ignatius of Loyola Roman Catholic Church in Ijamsville. *Vičnaja jej pamjat'.*

"O God of spirits 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 Andrea in a place of light, joy, and peace where there is no pain, sorrow, nor mourning."

— From the Litany for the Deceased

The Holy and Great Fast

■ **Last Year's Willows and Palms** — If you need to dispose of last year's palms and pussy willows, please bring them to liturgy next Sunday, March 20, wrapped in newspaper. Blessed palms and willows are considered sacramentals and therefore should not be disposed of with the household trash.

■ **Abstinence/Fasting** — The law of abstinence forbids the use of meat but allows the use of eggs and dairy products. All the faithful of the Eparchy who receive Holy Communion are obliged to abstain. Abstinence is observed on all Wednesdays and Fridays during the season of the Great Fast.

The law of strict abstinence (fast) forbids the use of meat, eggs, and dairy products. All of the adult faithful of the Eparchy who receive Holy Communion are obliged to observe strict abstinence. Strict abstinence is to be observed

on the first full day of the Great Fast (February 8) and on Holy and Great Friday (March 25).

■ **Liturgy of St. Basil the Great** — It is the norm in countries evangelized from Constantinople, or that came under its influence for any considerable period, to pray the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom as the normal liturgy of the Byzantine Church throughout the year.

However, the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is also used — 10 times a year, including the five Sundays of the Great Fast.

The Liturgy as it is currently celebrated in the Byzantine Rite is very similar to the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom — the primary differences being the prayers said by the priest. In addition, in the Byzantine-Ruthenian Church, the Sunday Antiphons are replaced by the Typica and Beatitudes and "It is truly proper..." is replaced by "In You, O Woman, Full of Grace." In general, the prayers of St. Basil are more penitential, and therefore lend themselves to the Church's liturgical preparation for important holy days.

The elements of both the St. John Chrysostom and St. Basil the Great liturgies are provided in the green liturgy books.

■ **Lenten Services** — There are no Lenten services scheduled for our mission except for Holy and Great Friday on March 25 at 7:30 p.m. Please avail yourself of services at Epiphany-Annandale (see schedule in bulletin) or St. Gregory of Nyssa in Beltsville. Call 301-953-9323) or visit <http://stgregoryofnyssa.net/>.

Last Week's Liturgy

March 6, 2014

Attendance: 29 Souls

*Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner!*

The Jesus Prayer