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Photos will be taken directly after Divine Liturgy that day. (Note that we will be having **social hour** on that day also.) A sign-up sheet is available on the information table. You can also sponsor an ad in the directory, which will help defray printing costs.

Also note that although a professional photographer will be taking the photos, she is not affiliated with any company (such as Olan Mills) and there will be no sales pitches/offers involved. If you have questions, please see Marie Shanks.

The sign-up sheet for liturgy setup for April is now available. Thank you to all those who continue to lend a hand for setup and takedown.

Liturgy Propers

Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ (Pascha) March 27, 2016

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Resurrection Troparion, Antiphons, and Entrance Hymn (p. 164)

Troparion of Pascha — Tone 5 (p. 165)

Kontakion of Pascha — Tone 8 (p. 166)

Prokiemenon of Pascha — Tone 8 (p. 166)

New Testament Reading: Acts 1:1-9

Alleluia—Tone 4 (p. 166)

GOSPEL: John 1:1-17

Magnification and Irmos (p. 167)

[in place of “It is truly proper...”]

Paschal “Our Father” (p. 167)

Communion Hymn (and page 168)

Fr. Lee Gross, Celebrant

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Our Mission Community

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.

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face. As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire.

Psalm 68:1 & 68:21

Divine Liturgy Schedule

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.
Apr. 10	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Apr. 17	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Apr. 24	Mother of God School 10 a.m. [Social Hour & taking of photos for Epiphany Parish Directory]



Christ is risen! + Indeed, He is risen!
Christos voskrese! + Voistinnu voskrese!
Christos anesti! + Alithos anesti!
Christus resurrexit! + Vere resurrexit!

Announcements

Today’s Liturgy Intention — Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered for the good intentions of the members of our Mission Community. Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!

Today’s Commemorations — Today is Pascha, the Feast of Feasts. It is our Lord’s Passover—the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Word of Light enters into us to enlighten our darkness. The life was the light of men, and the light shone in the darkness and the darkness could not over-come it (John 1:4-5). The risen Christ reveals to us from within the true meaning of death. Death has no reality in and of itself. Death is a broken relationship, an absence of light, a lack of communion. It is a rupture, an exile, a slavery. But, it is the Resurrection that reconciles us, it justifies us, it leads us back into communion. When Christ descends into hell that the actual moment of salvation is realized. The Word of Light enters into and assumes darkness, and thereby He disperses the darkness, just as the rising sun disperses the shadow of the night.

“Today all things are filled with light—earth and heaven and the world beneath. Let all creation celebrate the resurrection of Christ, In Him is the firm foundation of all things.”
— Excerpt from the Third Ode of Pascha Matins

Epiphany of Our Lord
Byzantine Catholic Church



Montgomery County
Mission

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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.
- 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

■ **Paschal Greeting** — From now until the Feast of the Ascension, we greet each other with the Paschal proclamation: *"Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!"*

In Old Church Slavonic, it is transliterated as *"Christos Voskrese! Voistinnu Voskrese!"* In Greek, it is transliterated as *"Christos anesti! Alithos anesti!"*

■ **Blessing of Easter Foods** — Easter baskets and Paschal foods will be blessed at the close of today's Divine Liturgy. Prior to the blessing, there will be the kissing of the cross.

■ **Fast Free Week** — In celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord, from Pascha, on March 27 through April 2 (Bright Week) there is no fasting.

■ **Artos** — Today the Artos (Pascha) is placed on the tetrapod and blessed. Next Sunday, the top of the Artos is placed on the tetrapod while the remainder is cut, blessed, and distributed to the faithful as they are anointed with blessed oil. The word "Artos" comes from the Greek and means bread. It reminds us that Jesus is the "Bread of Life."

A prayerful thank you to Tonja Siemucha for providing this year's Pascha. Thank you also to Tonja for backing our Communion bread

Last Week's Liturgy

March 20, 2016

Attendance: 40 Souls

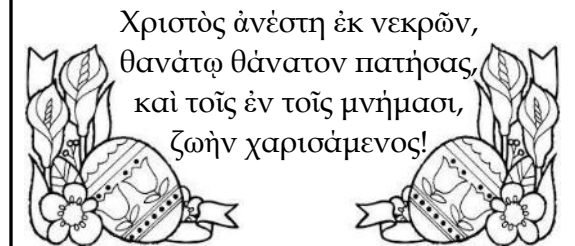
I ask you, how can God's love survive in a man who has enough of this world's goods yet closes his heart to his brother when he sees him in need?

Little children, let us love in deed and in truth and not merely talk about it.

1 Timothy 6:18-19

Christ is risen from the dead,
by death He trampled death,
and to those in the tombs
He granted life!

Христос воскрес из мертвых,
смертию смерть поправ,
и сущим во гробех
живот даровав!



and the bread blessed for mirovanije on special feast days.

"I am the living Bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this Bread will live forever; and the Bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

— Matthew 18:20 (NAB)

■ **Standing** — In the Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches, as a joyous sign of the Resurrection there is no kneeling during the entire Paschal season.

Today (for those who are physically able), we remain standing during the Divine Liturgy except for the reading from the Acts of the Apostles and the homily.

Upcoming

■ **Mark Your Calendar** — Please mark your calendar for Sunday, April 24, when we will be taking photos for the upcoming Epiphany of Our Lord Parish anniversary directory.

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