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for the living or the departed are made during the Liturgy or at the conclusion of Liturgy. After Bright Week, commemorations are made for intentions, but with the proper response of “Many years...” or “Eternal Memory.”

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. Photos will be taken following Divine Liturgy. (Note we will be having **social hour** on

The sign-up sheet for liturgy setup for May will be available next week. Thank you to all those who continue to lend a hand for setup and takedown.

that day also.) A sign-up sheet is available on the information table. You can also sponsor an ad, 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. We are also looking for “special events” type photos such as St. Nicholas Day celebrations and first Solemn Communion.

Questions, please see Marie Shanks.



Divine Liturgy Schedule

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 & Mission Directory]

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

Announcements

- **Today’s Liturgy Intention** — Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered by Debbie and Larry Baranyi for Debbie’s parents, +Mae and +William Ohge, and her brother +William, Jr.; and for Larry’s parents, +Alex and +Betty Baranyi.

“When You descended to death, O Immortal Life, You destroyed Hades by the brilliance of Your Divinity; and when You raised the dead from the depths of the earth, all the heavenly powers cried out” O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to you.”
– Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 2)

- **Today’s Commemorations** — Today is the Second Sunday of Pascha. It is known as the Sunday of St. Thomas in the Byzantine Church because the confirmation of the Resurrection is celebrated. Thomas, one of The Twelve, was not with the other disciples when Jesus appeared to them on the evening of that first day of the week. Despite the testimony of others that they had seen the risen Lord, Thomas challenged the reality of the Resurrection until he could see for himself. Eight days later they had again gathered behind locked doors. Thomas, upon seeing the risen Lord for himself cried: “My Lord and my God!” Jesus then said to him: “You became a believer because you have seen Me. Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed.”

“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

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.
- 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

■ **Also Commemorated Today** — On this date, April 3, the Byzantine Church commemorates our Holy Venerable Father and Confessor Nicetas, Hegumen (head of a monastery) of Medikion, a monastery at the foot of Mt. Olympus; and the Virgin-Martyr St. Theodosia of Tyre, who was tortured and cast into the sea at Caeserea in Palestine A.D. 308.

■ **Artos** — Last Sunday, the Artos (Pascha) was placed on the tetrapod and blessed. Today, 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 (*mirovanije*). The word "Artos" comes from the Greek and means bread. It reminds us that Jesus is the "Bread of Life."

"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)

■ **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!"*

Last Week's Liturgy

March 27, 2016

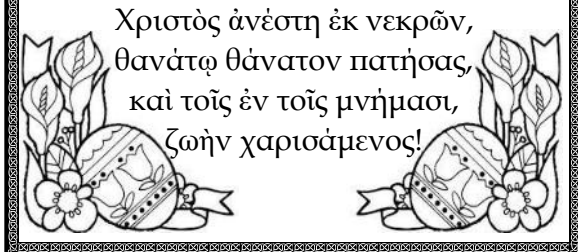
Attendance: 48 Souls

*Of everything you give Me,
I will faithfully return a tenth part to you.*

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!



■ **Abstinence** — Friday, April 8, is designated by the Byzantine Church as a day of penance. Abstaining from meat or performing an appropriate act of penance is prescribed.

■ **Paschal Rituals** — As a sign of the joy that is ours in the Resurrection, we do not kneel from Easter Sunday until Pentecost for any of the liturgical services, because the time of penance is completed, and joy now reigns. We stand instead of kneeling, and we stand whenever "Christ is risen..." is sung. We sit at the Epistle and homily. Individuals may sit at the litanies, the First and Second Antiphons and the Troparia. You may sit at other times but should stand when "Christ is risen..." is sung.

Also, during Bright Week (the week following Pascha), no personal commemorations

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