

Upcoming

■ **Parish Anniversary Directory** — 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 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

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

Liturgy Propers

Third Sunday of Pascha
(Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers)
SS. Terence, Africanus, Maximus, Pompilius
& 36 Martyrs with Them
April 10, 2016

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Resurrection Troparion (p. 164)
Troparion of the Feast — Tone 2 (p. 177)
Kontakion of the Feast — Tone 2 (p. 178)
Kontakion of the Resurrection — Tone 8 (p. 178)
Prokiemenon of the Feast — Tone 6 (p. 180)

New Testament Reading: Acts 6:1-7
Alleluia of the Feast — Tone 8 (p. 180)

Gospel: Mark 15:43-16
Magnification and Irmos (p. 167)
[in place of "It is truly proper..."]
Paschal "Our Father" (p. 167)
Communion Hymn (p. 168-169)
Fr. John G. Basarab, Celebrant

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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 Communions. Questions, please see Marie Shanks.

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.

Last Week's Liturgy

April 3, 2016

Attendance: 24 Souls

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

1 Timothy 6:18-19

Divine Liturgy Schedule

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]
May 1	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
May 8	Mother of God School 10 a.m.



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

Announcements

■ **Today's Liturgy Intention** — Today's Divine Liturgy is offered by Andy Haba and family for the blessed repose of his daughter +Andrea Haba-Gose .

"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 Third Sunday of Pascha. It is known as the Sunday of Ointment-Bearers and of Joseph of Arimathea.

In the beginning of His public life, Jesus often went to Galilee where He performed many miracles. A group of holy women followed Him around, ministering to Him out of their own resources. They even accompanied Him to the foot of the Cross. On the morning of the third day after His death they came to the tomb bearing ointments to embalm His body.

Seven of them are known by name: Mary Magdalene; Mary, mother of James and wife of Cleophas; Joanna, the wife of Chusa, who was a steward to Her-

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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.
- 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

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od Antipas; Salome, the mother of the sons of Zebedee; Suzanna; and Martha and Mary, the sisters of Lazarus. Two secret disciples of Christ are also commemorated: Nicodemus, the leader of the Pharisees who came to visit Jesus at night and believed in Him, as told in the third chapter of the Gospel according to St. John; and Joseph of Arimathea, a rich and noble citizen of Ramah, or Arimathea. After Christ died, Joseph had the courage to claim His body and place it in his own new tomb.

"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

■ **Also Commemorated Today** — On this date, April 10, the Byzantine Church commemorates SS. Terence, Africanus, Maximus, Pompius, and a band of 36 martyrs who were put to death A.D. 250 in Africa in the time of the Emperor Decius. In January of that year, Decius had issued an edict for the suppression of Christianity.

■ **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!"*

*Christus ist auferstanden!
Er ist wahrhaftig uferstanden!*

GERMAN

■ **Abstinence** — Friday, April 15, 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.

