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■ **ByzanTEEN National Youth Rally** — The 2016 ByzanTEEN Youth Rally is scheduled for July 7-10 at Notre Dame College in South Euclid, Ohio. For complete information, please visit <http://www.byzanteen.com/rally.htm>.

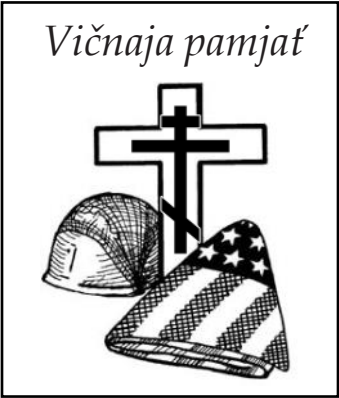
Of Special Note

■ **"Fr. Alexis Toth, Bishop John Ireland, and the Grace of Reconciliation"** — The history of the "two lungs" of the Catholic Church in the United States has been marked, at times, by acrimony, misunderstanding, and controversy. One of the more ill-fated examples of division in the Church is the antagonism between the Eastern Catholic priest, Father Alexis Toth (1853-1909), and the Roman Catholic bishop of Minneapolis, John Ireland (1838-1918).

According to several sources, when Toth and Ireland met on December 18, 1889, their brief exchange planted seeds that matured into an intra-ecclesial antipathy resulting in the departure of thousands of Catholics into Eastern Orthodoxy.

In a recent article in *The Catholic World Report*, author Anthony E. Clark, Ph.D., presents a history of the unfortunate incidents that gave rise to the split in the Ruthenian Catholic Church in the first part of the 20th century.

Visit http://www.catholicworldreport.com/Item/4790/fr_alexis_toth_bishop_john_ireland_and_the_grace_of_reconciliation.aspx



The sign-up sheet to assist with the setup for June Divine Liturgies is now available on the information table. Thank you to all those who continue to provide assistance in setting up and taking down.

Liturgy Propers

Second Sunday of Pentecost

The Venerable Theodosia of Tyre, Virgin-Martyr

May 29, 2016

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 1 (p. 211)

Kontakion — Tone 1 (p. 212)

Prokiemenon — Tone 1 (p. 212)

Epistle: Romans 2:10-16

Alleluia — Tone 1 (p. 213)

Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23

Communion Hymns (p. 78)

Fr. Lee Gross, Celebrant

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Divine Liturgy Schedule

June 5	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
June 12	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
June 19	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
June 26	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
June 29	[Feast of SS. Peter & Paul] Mother of God School 7:30 pm.

Announcements

■ **Today's Liturgy Intention** — Today's Divine Liturgy is offered in thanksgiving for God's blessings by Lou and Marie Shanks on the occasion of their wedding anniversary this past Friday. May God grant His servants Lou and Marie peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years. *Mnohaja l'ita!*

O God, our God, You came to Cana in Galilee and blessed the marriage there; now bless Your servants who through Your Providence were united in marriage and who now offer thanksgiving to You for all the good things which they have received from You in their years of marriage. Bless the daily course of their life; fill their life with good things; and accept their crowns into Your Kingdom, keeping them pure, blameless, and above reproach forever.

— From the Byzantine Ritual of Marriage

■ **Today's Commemorations** — Today is the Second Sunday after Pentecost. On this date, May 29, the Byzantine Catholic Church commemorates St. Theodosia, the venerable Virgin-Martyr of Tyre.

During the persecution against Christians, which had already lasted for five years, 17-year-old Theodosia visited the condemned Christian prisoners in the Praetorium in Caesarea, Palestine. It was the day of Holy Pascha, and the martyrs spoke of the Kingdom of God. St. Theodosia asked them to remember her before the Lord, when they should come to stand before Him.



Soldiers seized her and led her before the governor Urban after seeing the maiden bow to the prisoners. The governor ordered that she offer sacrifice to the idols but she refused, confessing her faith in Christ. They then subjected the saint to cruel tortures, raking her body

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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.
- Doris Fejka.

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 Tworoski.
- 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.
- Sally Pekarik.



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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with iron claws until her bones were exposed. The martyr was silent and endured her sufferings with a happy face.

When the governor ordered her again to offer sacrifice to the idols she answered, "You fool! I have been granted to join the martyrs!" They threw the maiden with a stone about her neck into the sea, but angels rescued her. They then threw her to the wild beasts to be eaten. Seeing that the beasts would not touch her, they cut off her head.

That night St. Theodosia appeared to her parents, who had tried to talk their daughter out of her intention to suffer for Christ. In a bright garb with a crown upon her head and a luminous gold cross in her hand, she said, "Behold the great glory of which you wanted to deprive me!"

The Holy Martyr Theodosia of Tyre suffered in the year 307.

■ **Apostles Fast & Feast** — The Apostles Fast began on the day following the Sunday of All Saints and concludes on the eve of the Feast of the Prime Apostles, Peter and Paul.

A fasting period of variable length, for 2016 the fast is observed this year from May 23 through June 28. Observance of the fast is voluntary, but all Fridays during this period remain days of penance (abstinence from meat products).

The Feast of Peter and Paul, a day of precept (obligation) for the Byzantine Church, falls annually on June 29. Divine Liturgy for our Mission Community will be prayed on that day at 7:30 p.m. in the Mother of God School.

■ **Stipend for Divine Liturgies** — At the recent Presbyteral Days, Bishop Kurt Burnette

issued the new *Eparchial Handbook: A Handbook for Pastors, Administrators, and Deacons*, dated April 25, 2016. The handbook was begun by Bishop William Skurla when he was Bishop of Passaic. Please note that one of the changes involves stipends for Divine Liturgies. Bishop Kurt has mandated that the stipend for a Divine Liturgy is \$15 and is given to the Priest-celebrant.

Upcoming

■ **Orientale Lumen XX** — The Orientale Lumen XX Conference will be held on June 21-24, 2016 in Washington, D.C., on the theme of "Creation: Our Shared Inheritance." Speakers are being invited to discuss the ecumenical dimensions of the Papal Encyclical *Laudato Si'* and the environmental symposia of the Ecumenical Patriarch.

The agenda will begin on Tuesday afternoon and conclude with lunch on Friday. There will be plenary sessions by prominent speakers in the ecumenical dialogue between the Catholic and Orthodox Churches, a variety of liturgical worship services with full congregational participation, and many opportunities for fellowship with other participants and the speakers.

For additional information, please visit <http://olfoundation.net/conferences/ol-xx-june-21-24-2016/>.

Last Week's Liturgy

May 22, 2016

Attendance: 23 Souls

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

1 Timothy 6:18-19