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lieve. Nor are they idols — as Evangelicals fear. Icons are the Sacred Scriptures communicated in Eastern Christendom “visually rather than verbally.”

Learn how to communicate the Scriptures both verbally (storytelling or hagiography) and visually (iconography) during this practical skill-building seminar and prayerful retreat conducted by Robert Bela Wilhelm, Th.D., of the Hagerstown Mission Community. Visit www.byzantinespirituality.org for more information.

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

Welcome to our visitors and guests.

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

Third Sunday of Pentecost

The Hieromartyr Dorotheus

June 5, 2016

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Troparion — Tone 2 (p. 130)

Kontakion — Tone 2 (p. 131)

Prokiemenon — Tone 2 (p. 132)

Epistle: Romans 5:1-10

Alleluia — Tone 2 (p. 132)

Gospel: Matthew 6:22-34

Communion Hymns (p. 78-81)

Fr. Lee Gross, Celebrant

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Divine Liturgy Schedule	
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.
July 3	Mother of God School 10 a.m.

Announcements

■ *Today’s Liturgy Intention* — Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered by Rick Neimiller for the blessed repose of the deceased members of the Neimiller and Hartle families. *Vičnaja 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 / OSB)

■ *Today’s Commemorations* — Today is the Third Sunday after Pentecost. On this date, June 5, the Byzantine Catholic Church commemorates the Priest-Martyr St. Dorotheus, Bishop of Tyre.

The Hieromartyr Dorotheus was bishop of the Phoenician city of Tyre during the time of the persecution against Christians under the emperor Diocletian (284-305). Heeding the words of the Gospel (Matthew 10:23), the saint withdrew from Tyre and



hid from the persecutors. He returned to Tyre during the reign of St. Constantine the Great, again occupying the bishop’s throne he guided his flock for more than 50 years, and converted many of the pagans to Christianity. When the emperor Julian the Apostate (361-363)

began openly to persecute Christians, St. Dorotheus was already over 100 years old. He withdrew from Tyre to the Myzean city of Udum (present day Bulgarian Varna). Delegates of the emperor arrested him there for his refusal to offer sacrifice to idols. They began to torture the holy Elder, and under torture he

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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."

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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surrendered his soul to the Lord (circa 362) at the age of 107.

Some ascribe to St. Dorotheus the compilation of a work, "The Synopsis," a collection of sayings, plus information on the lives of the holy prophets and apostles.

■ **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

Last Week's Liturgy

May 29, 2016

Attendance: 23 Souls

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

1 Timothy 6:18-19

Kurt has mandated that the stipend for a Divine Liturgy is \$15 and is given to the Priest-celebrant.

Upcoming

■ **Oriental Lumen XX** — The Oriental 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/>.

■ **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>.

■ **Painting and Praying with Icons** — A presentation titled "Painting and Praying with Icons" will be held July 10-13, at Priest Field Pastoral Center in Middleway, West Virginia (just west of Charles Town).

The icons of the Eastern Churches are neither holy cards—as many Roman Catholics be-

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