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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, W.Va (just west of Charles Town).

The icons of the Eastern Churches are neither holy cards—as many Roman Catholics believe. 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 Byzantine Mission Community. Visit www.byzantinespirituality.org for more information.

■ **Slavic-American Festival in Harrisburg** — St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Church in Harrisburg, Pa., will hold its annual Slavic-American Festival from noon until 9 p.m. on Sunday, July 17. The parish is located at 5408 Locust Lane in Harrisburg. For more information, call 717-652-1415 or visit StAnnByz.org.

Welcome to our visitors and guests.

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

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.
July 10	Mother of God School 10 a.m.

Announcements

■ **Today’s Liturgy Intention** — Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered by Lou Shanks for the health and well-being of Brother Joseph Comber, CFX. *Mnohaja l’ita!*

“O Lord Jesus Christ... We beseech You, look mercifully upon him and in Your great love grant him relief from his pain... that restored to the vigor of health, he may serve You faithfully and gratefully all his life and become heir of Your kingdom, for You are the physician of our souls and bodies, O Christ...”
— St. John Chrysostom

■ **Today’s Commemorations** — Today is the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. On this date, June 12, the Byzantine Catholic Church commemorates our Venerable Father Onufrius the Great.



A saint in the Roman, Byzantine, and Orthodox Churches, Onuphrius flourished in the fourth century, first in the cenobium (monastery) near Hermopolis of Thebes in Egypt, and later as a solitary in the desert, where he was discovered by Saint Paphnutius.

When Paphnutius first encountered him deep in the desert, he was

alarmed at the saint’s appearance, seeing him covered with hair like a wild beast and naked except for a garment sewn of leaves covering his loins. After relating his life and the bitter conflicts he had endured as a hermit, Onuphrius told Paphnutius that he was about to die, and that Paphnutius had been sent to bury him, which soon came to pass.

Although Paphnutius desired afterwards to remain in the saint’s cave, as soon as he had buried

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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 Tworowski.
- 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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him, the cave fell in and the palm tree, which had furnished the saint with dates withered up, indicating that it was the will of God that Paphnutius return to his monastery and make St. Onuphrius known to all.

■ **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.

■ **Congratulations, Coleman!** — Our prayerful congratulations go out to Coleman Christian McLaurin, who graduated from Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Olney, Maryland. Coleman is the son of Lizbeth and Jack McLaurin and the grandson of Joni and Vince Kovalick. *Mnohaja l'ita!*

Grant that all our graduates grow in wisdom and understanding. May they prosper in good works for the glorifica-

Last Week's Liturgy

June 5, 2016

Attendance: 27 Souls

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

1 Timothy 6:18-19

tion of Your holy name. Give them health and long life that they may labor for the building up and glory of Your holy Church, this nation, and of all Your people. Blessed are You who enlightens every man who comes into the world!

■ **May Collections** — Sunday collections for the month of May were \$1,127, \$1,484, \$493, \$771, and \$404 for May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, respectively. May God bless you for your continuing generosity.

Upcoming

■ **Eparchial Summer Camps** — A list of summer camps sponsored by the Eparch of Passaic at the Carpathian Village in Canadensis, Pa., are available on the eparchial website at eparchyofpassaic.com.

Once on the site homepage, locate the tab to the far right that says "Summer Camps." The registration forms for Pre-Teen Girls Camp and the Altar Servers Congress can be found there.

■ **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.

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