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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, 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.

A blessed Father’s Day to all our living fathers and grandfathers.
God grant you many years!

The sign-up sheet to assist with the setup for the month of July is now 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 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 for the blessed repose of +Thomas and +Claire Keyes by Elizabeth and Claire Keyes and Marion Kniska. *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 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. On this date, June 19, the Byzantine Catholic Church commemorates St. Jude, Apostle.

Tradition holds that St. Jude preached the Gospel in Judea, Samaria, Idumaea, Syria, Mesopotamia, and Libya. He is also said to have visited Beirut and Edessa, though the emissary of latter mission is also identified as Thaddeus of Edessa, one of the Seventy.

The 14th-century writer Nicephorus Callistus makes Jude the bridegroom at the wedding at Cana. The legend reports that St. Jude was born into a Jewish family in Paneas, a town in Galilee later rebuilt by the Romans and renamed Caesarea Philippi.

In all probability, Jude spoke both Greek and Aramaic, like many of his contemporaries in that area, and was a farmer by trade. According to legend, St. Jude was a son of Clopas and his mother Mary, a cousin of the Virgin Mary. Tradition also holds that Jude’s father, Clopas, was martyred because of his forthright and outspoken devotion to the risen Christ.

Although St. Gregory the Illuminator is credited as the “Apostle to the Armenians,” when he baptized King Tiridates III of Armenia in A.D. 301, converting the Armenians, the Apostles Jude and Bartholomew are traditionally believed to have been the first to bring Christianity to Armenia and are therefore venerated as the patron saints of the Armenian Apostolic

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Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church



Montgomery County Mission

Mother of God Community School
20501 Goshen Road
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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 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.
- 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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Church. Tradition also holds that Jude the Apostle was vegetarian.

It is believed that St. Jude suffered martyrdom about A.D. 65 in Beirut, in the Roman province of Syria, together with the apostle Simon the Zealot, with whom he is usually connected. The axe that he is often shown holding in pictures symbolizes the way in which he was killed.

St. Jude is known as the patron saint of lost causes among Roman Catholics. This is due to the tradition that, because his name was similar to the traitor Judas Iscariot, few, if any faithful Christians prayed for his intervention, out of the mistaken belief that they would be praying to Judas Iscariot. As a result, St. Jude was little used, and so became eager to assist any who asked him, to the point of intervening in the most dire of circumstances. The Church also wanted to encourage veneration of this "forgotten" disciple. Therefore, the Roman Church maintained that St. Jude would intervene in any lost cause to prove his saintliness and zeal for Christ, and thus St. Jude became the patron of lost causes.

■ **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.

Last Week's Liturgy

June 12, 2016

Attendance: 26 Souls

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

1 Timothy 6:18-19

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.

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.

■ **This Week: 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

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