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■ **Blessing of Flowers, Herbs & Medicines** — In commemoration of the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Most Holy Theotokos on August 15, there will be a blessing of flowers, herbs, and medicines at the Divine Liturgy. Please note upcoming bulletins for exact date and time for this Divine Liturgy and blessing. This feast is a day of precept (obligation) for all Byzantine Catholics.

■ **Uniontown Pilgrimage** — It’s not too early to start planning for the Uniontown Pilgrimage (*otrust*) this coming Labor Day weekend. This year marks the 82th Annual Our Lady of Perpetual Help Pilgrimage at Mount St. Marina. Visit www.sistersofstbasil.org for more information and updates.

■ **Slavic-American Day at Epiphany** — Epiphany of Our Lord Church–Annandale will hold its annual Slavic-American Day on Sun-

day, September 11, immediately following the 10:30 Divine Liturgy. Watch upcoming bulletins for additional information.

■ **Seminary Choir Performance** — The Seminary Choir of Blessed Theodore Romzha Academy in Mukačevo, Ukraine, will perform a concert at St. Gregory of Nyssa Byzantine Catholic Church on Thursday, September 29, at 7 p.m. The concert will include selections from liturgical services and religious hymns in Old Church Slavonic. The seminarians will also visit a number of Byzantine Catholic parishes throughout the Northeast during their tour.

The sign-up sheet to assist with the setup for the remaining Sundays in July 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

July 10	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
July 17	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
July 24	Mother of God School 10 a.m. [Blessing of Wheeled Vehicles]
July 31	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
August 7	Mother of God School 10 a.m. [Blessing of First Fruits]
August 14	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
August 21	Mother of God School 10 a.m.

Announcements

■ **Today’s Liturgy Intention** — Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered by Elizabeth and Claire Keyes for the blessed repose of +Mark Hutchinson. May his memory be eternal. *Vičnaja jemu 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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost. On this date, July 10, the Byzantine Catholic Church commemorates our Venerable Father Anthony of the “Kiev-Caves,” the first of all the monks of Rus to lead a monastic life during the sovereignty of Vladimir the Great, Grand Duke of Rus.



In his ascetic life, people began to come to Anthony for his blessing and counsel. Some who came decided to stay with him. Anthony’s renown spread throughout the land, inspiring many to the monastic life. After 12 men had gathered with Anthony, the brethren dug a bigger cave, and within it

made a church and cells. As the community became larger, Anthony appointed Barlaam as abbot of the monastery and then withdrew to another place to dig a new cave where he secluded himself. Nevertheless, monks began to settle around his new cave of seclusion. Thus were formed the Near and Far Caves monasteries. Later, a small wooden church, dedicated to

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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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the Dormition of the Theotokos, was built over the Far Caves.

Anthony died A.D. 1078, having spent 26 years in the cave, attaining the advanced age of 90 years.

Also commemorated on this date are the 45 Martyrs at Nicopolis in Armenia, Maurcius, Daniel, Antonious, and others with them, who suffered death under Licinius, Emperor, A.D. 317.

■ **Day of Penance** — Friday, July 15, is a day of simple abstinence in the Byzantine Church. One may abstain from meat or perform an appropriate act of penance.

■ **Social Hour** — Unless otherwise indicated, there will be no social hour following Divine Liturgy until after Labor Day weekend.

■ **Food Pantry** — Remember our Mission Community's ministry to the unfortunate of our area through the local Food Pantry program, administered by St. Martin Roman Catholic Church, Gaithersburg, which is always in great need of nonperishable foods, baby food and supplies, and personal hygiene items. Hunger never takes a vacation or holiday.

Upcoming

■ **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

Last Week's Liturgy

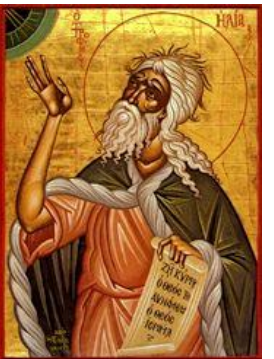
July 3, 2016

Attendance: 21 Souls

17. The parish is located at 5408 Locust Lane in Harrisburg. For more information, call 717-652-1415 or visit StAnnByz.org.

■ **Blessing of Vehicles** — Wheeled vehicles (cars, trucks, bicycles, etc.) will be blessed on Sunday, July 24, following Divine Liturgy in commemoration of the Feast of St. Elias, which falls annually on July 20.

Elias was a prophet of the Old Testament who lived in the ninth century before the Coming of Jesus Christ. The Troparion of his feast calls him "a pillar of prophets, and the second Forerunner of the coming of Christ." Because, as Scripture tells us, he was taken to heaven in a fiery chariot, the Jewish people felt that he did not die as mortals do and that some day he would return to earth to "restore the tribes of Israel" (Ecclus. 48:10).



Icons depicting Elias usually show him in a chariot drawn by fiery horses heading heavenward and his cloak or mantle falling earthward into the outstretched arms of Elisha his companion and disciple, signifying the transfer of his power and authority of a prophet. To learn about Elias and the miraculous events that surrounded him, read Kings I and Kings II.

■ **Blessing of First Fruits** — In commemoration of the Holy Transfiguration of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ on August 6, there will be the blessing of first fruits of the harvest on Sunday, August 7. You are invited to bring fruits of the harvest for blessing and sharing, especially grapes and apples.