

■ *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* — This year will mark the 82nd year for the Annual Our Lady of Perpetual Help Pilgrimage (*otrust*) at Mount St. Marina, which will be held this coming Labor Day weekend in Uniontown, Pa. 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 Sunday, 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. Watch future bulletins for additional details.

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.

Liturgy Propers

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Our Venerable Father Anthony of the Caves

Forty-Five Martyrs at Nicopolis

July 17, 2016

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 8 (p. 161)

Troparion of the Fathers — Tone 8 (p. 341)

Kontakion of the Fathers — Tone 8 (p. 342)

Prokiemenon of the Fathers — Tone 8 (p. 342)

Epistle:

1 Corinthians 3:9-17 (or) Hebrews 13:7-16

Alleluia of the Fathers — Tone 1 (p. 342)

Gospel:

Matthew 14:24-32 (or) John 17:1-13

Communion Hymn “F” (p. 81) and “Of the Fathers”

Fr. John G. Basarab, Celebrant

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Divine Liturgy Schedule

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 15	[Dormition of the Theotokos and Blessing of Flowers, Herbs, and Medicines] (TBA)

Announcements

■ Today’s Liturgy Intention — Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered for the good intentions of the members of our Mission Community. Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

■ Today’s Commemorations — Today is the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost. It is also the Sunday on which we commemorate the Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils. The Seventh Council, Nicea II, is commemorated on the Sunday falling between October 11 and 17.

Today’s feast was originally the commemoration of the Council of Chalcedon (451), which was observed on either July 11 or 16, according to the ancient manuscripts. On the present calendar, July 11 is the feast of St. Euphemia, who, by legend, has a posthumous miraculous role in the results of this council. (She is also remembered on September 16.)

Because July 16 was also the commemoration of another ecumenical council (Constantinople II, 536/553), this date attracted the memory of all the other councils, except that of Nicea II because of its importance in the Iconoclast controversy. This feast was then assigned to the Sunday nearest July 16.

Also on this date, the Byzantine Church commemorates the Holy Great-Martyr Marina at Antioch and our Venerable Father and Confessor Paul Gojdich, Bishop of Prešov, who defended the Byzantine Catholic Church against the Soviets.

■ Day of Penance — Friday, July 22, is a day of simple abstinence in the Byzantine Church. One may abstain from meat or perform an appropriate act of penance.

■ Sunday Collections — The Sunday Divine Liturgy collections for May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 were: \$1,127, \$1,484, \$493, \$771, and \$404, respectively. For June 5, 12, 19, and 26: \$1,246, \$591, \$523, and \$715.

Epiphany of Our Lord
Byzantine Catholic Church



Montgomery County
Mission

Mother of God Community School
20501 Goshen Road
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20879
301-482-0282

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

■ **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.

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

Upcoming

■ **Today: Slavic-American Festival in Harrisburg** — St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Church in Harrisburg, Pa., will hold its annual Slavic-American Festival today from noon until 9 p.m. 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



Last Week's Liturgy

July 10, 2016

Attendance: 20 Souls

+BISHOP PAUL P. GOJDICH, O.S.B.M.

(b) July 17, 1888 — (d) July 17, 1960

Bishop Gojdich did not seek episcopal dignity. Rather he chose a hidden life in the Basilian order as a monk. But Divine Providence placed him at the helm of the Prjashev [Prešov] Eparchy.

As a Good Shepherd, he served his people with dedication and love. Fragile in body but strong in spirit, he distinguished himself by the holiness of his life. In his dedicated work he was sustained by his great love of God and his people.

The Communists condemned him for his loyalty to the Greek (Byzantine) Catholic Church. He died in prison as our valiant Confessor.

www.carpatho-rusyn.org/spirit/gojdich.htm

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.