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St. Marina, which will be held this coming Labor Day weekend in Uniontown, Pa. Visit www.sistersofstbasil.org for more information and updates.

■ **Annual Nun Run** — The annual Nun Run, to assist the Little Sisters of the Poor (St. Martin’s Home for Seniors on Maiden Choice Lane) will be held on Saturday, September 10, beginning at 8 a.m. The race commences at the Cathedral of Mary of Our Queen, 5200 North Charles St., Baltimore. Additional information is available at www.charmcityrun.com.

■ **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 updated details about this and other concerts and liturgical events in the greater Washington area.

*Welcome
to our visitors and guests
who are praying with us today.*

**The sign-up sheet to assist with the setup
for the Sundays in August 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 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] (TBD)

Announcements

■ **Today’s Liturgy Intention** — Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered for the blessed repose of +David and +Eleanor Mueller. *Vičnaja pamjat’.*

“O God of sprits and of all flesh, you trampled death and broke the power of the devil and granted life to Your world. Now grant rest, O Lord, to the soul of your departed servants in a place of light, joy, and peace where there is no pain, sorrow, nor mourning.”

– From the Litany for the Deceased

■ **Today’s Commemorations** — Today is the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost. On this date, July 24, the Byzantine Church commemorates the Holy Great-Martyr Christine and the Holy Martyrs Boris and Gleb, baptized Roman and David.

St. Christine was tortured and put to death at Lucas Vulsinus in Tuscany, Italy, A.D. 200 during the reign of Emperor Septimius Severus. SS. Boris and Gleb were the sons of St. Vladimir, the first Christian Grand Duke of “Rus.” They died A.D. 1010.

■ **Today: Blessing of Wheeled Vehicles** — Vehicles (cars, trucks, bicycles, etc.) will be blessed following Divine Liturgy today in commemoration of the Feast of St. Elias (July 20). The Troparion and Kontakion for St. Elias are on page 343 of the green liturgy book.

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 heaven-ward 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

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*Epiphany of Our Lord
Byzantine Catholic Church*



*Montgomery County
Mission*

*Mother of God Community School
20501 Goshen Road
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20879
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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.
- Joseph Repasi.

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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prophet. To learn about Elias and the miraculous events that surrounded him, read Kings I and Kings II.

■ **Day of Penance** — Friday, July 29, is a day of simple abstinence in the Byzantine Church. One may abstain from meat or perform an appropriate act of penance.

■ **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.

■ **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.

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

Upcoming

■ **Dormition Fast and Feast** — The fourth of four fasting periods during the liturgical year of the Byzantine Church begins Monday, August 1. The Dormition Fast is observed each year from August 1 to 14, the eve of the Feast

Last Week's Liturgy

July 17, 2016

Attendance: 34 Souls

of the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos.

The Mother of God was without sin. Therefore, she was always prepared during her life on earth for the journey to eternal life in heaven. Through a life of prayer and fasting she was prepared always to meet her Son upon her falling asleep.

During the Dormition Fast, we prepare for a worthy life and happiness in heaven through prayer, repentance, and fasting in imitation of our Mother, the most pure Theotokos, that we might be prepared for death and a good account before the fearsome judgment seat of Christ and to be worthy of eternal life. Therefore, during August, the last month of the Byzantine Church Year, we prepare in advance for the end of our lives.

■ **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.

■ **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

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