

■ **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.

■ **Uniontown Pilgrimage** — Please remember in prayer the laity, clergy, and religious who are attending 82nd Annual Our Lady of Perpetual Help Pilgrimage (*otrust*) at Mount St. Marina this Labor Day weekend in Uniontown, Pa. Visit www.sistersofstbasil.org.

■ **Slavic-American Day at Epiphany** — Epiphany of Our Lord Church–Annandale will hold its annual Slavic-American Day next Sunday beginning at noon.

■ **Seminary Choir Performance** — The Orientale Lumen Foundation has announced that the third Seminary Concert Tour will take place on September 11 through October 2 at

Byzantine Catholic parishes and other venues throughout the Northeast. The choir includes 16 seminarians from the Blessed Theodore Romzha Seminary in Uzhorod, Ukraine, who will present a two-hour concert of sacred music, both plain chant and choral arrangements, in Church Slavonic.

The choir will perform today at Epiphany’s Slavic-American Day; at St. Gregory of Nyssa, Beltsville, Sept. 29, at 7 p.m.; at St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral in Washington, D.C., Sept. 30; at Patronage of the Mother of God, Baltimore, Oct. 1 (11 a.m.) and at Epiphany Church (afternoon concert); and again on Sunday, Oct. 2 (a.m. Liturgy).

Visit www.olfoundation.net for more information or see the latest edition of *Eastern Catholic Life*.

The sign-up sheet to assist with the setup for the Sundays in September 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	
Sept. 11	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Sept. 18	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Sept. 25	Mother of God School 10 a.m.

Last Week’s Liturgy	
August 28, 2016	
Attendance: 22 Souls	

Liturgy Propers	
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
St. Babylas, Priest-Martyr, and Three Youths with Him	
St. Moses, Prophet and Patriarch	
St. Babylas, Priest-Martyr and 84 Youths with Him	
SS. Hermione and Eutychia	
August 28, 2016	
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	
Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 7 (p. 156)	
Kontakion of the Resurrection — Tone 7 (p. 157)	
Prokiemenon — Tone 7 (p. 158)	
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10	
Alleluia — Tone 7 (p. 158)	
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30	
Communion Hymn “F” (p. 81)	

Announcements

■ **Today’s Liturgy Intention** — Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered by Lou and Marie Shanks for the blessed repose of +John and +Lucille Ounan. May their memory be eternal. *Vičnaja pamjat’.*

“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 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Commemorated on this date, September 4, is St. Babylas, Priest-Martyr and with him Three Youths; St. Moses, Prophet and Patriarch; another St. Babylas, Priest-Martyr and with him 84 Youths; and Saints Hermione and Eutychia, Martyrs.

St. Babylas was Archbishop of Greater Antioch for 13 years. He died in chains awaiting execution during the Decian persecution. Three of his pupils, privileged with him to lay down their lives for Christ, are also remembered.

Moses was of the tribe of Levi and for 40 years a leader of the Israelites in their Exodus from Egypt and their wandering in the Wilderness. He died at the age of 120 near the borders of the Promised Land. No one knows where he is buried.

The other St. Babylas noted above was a teacher of Nicodemia. Eighty-four youths were martyred with him.

Saint Hermione was one of the daughters of Philip the Deacon. She is mentioned as a Prophetess (Acts 21:9) and is said to have suffered martyrdom for the Faith at Ephesus A.D. 117.

■ **Beheading of St. John the Baptist** — On August 29, the Byzantine Church commemorated the Beheading of St. John, Forerunner and Baptist. Herod Antipas, son of the elder Herod, who was the slayer

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Epiphany of Our Lord
Byzantine Catholic Church



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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.
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- 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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of the children of Bethlehem at the time of the birth of the Lord Jesus, was ruler of Galilee at the time when John the Baptist was preaching.

This Herod was married to the daughter of Aretas, an Arabian prince. But Herod, an evil sprout of an evil root, put away his lawful wife and unlawfully took Herodias as his concubine, the wife of his brother Philip, who was still living. John the Baptist stood up against this lawlessness and strongly denounced Herod who then cast John into prison.

At a banquet in his court in Sbastia in Galilee, Salome, the daughter of Herodias and Philip, danced before the guests. The drunken Herod was so taken by this dance that he promised Salome that he would give her whatever she asked of him, even if it be half of his kingdom. Being persuaded by her mother, Salome asked for the head of John the Baptist. Herod gave the order and John was beheaded in prison and his head brought to him on a platter.

John's disciples took the body of their teacher by night and honorably buried it and Herodias pierced the tongue of John with a needle in many places and buried the head in an unclean place. (What later happened to John the Baptist's head is commemorated on February 24.)

However, God's punishment quickly befell this group of evil doers. Prince Aretas, in order to cleanse his daughter's honor, attacked Herod with his army and defeated him. The defeated Herod was sentenced by the Roman Caesar, Caligula, to exile at first to Gaul and later to Spain. As exiles, Herod and Herodias lived in poverty and humiliation until the earth opened up and swallowed them. Salome died an evil death on the Sikaris (Sula) River.

■ **Birth of the Theotokos** — The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament; however, information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the *Book of James* or *Protevangelion*.

According to this book, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, were childless for many years. They remained faithful to God, but their prayers for a child were unanswered. One day, when Joachim came to the temple to make an offering, he was turned away by the High Priest, who chastised him for his lack of children. To hide his shame, Joachim retreated to the hill country to live among the shepherds.

As Joachim was praying, his wife Anna was praying at the same time at their house in Jerusalem. An angel appeared to both of them and announced that Anna would have a child whose name would be known throughout the world. Anna promised to offer her child as a gift to the Lord. Joachim returned home, and in due time Anna bore a daughter, Mary, whose name would be known throughout the world.

■ **Day of Penance** — Friday, September 9, is a day of simple abstinence in the Byzantine Church. One may abstain from meat or perform an appropriate act of penance.

■ **August Sunday Collections** — Collections for August 7, 14, 21, and 28 were \$1,020, \$2,871, \$690, and \$925, respectively. Note the collection for August 14 includes our rebate from the Bishop's Appeal (Stewardship Collection) conducted at the end of last year. God bless all donors for their generosity.

www.colmission.org

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**Sunday, September 11th
12 Noon til' 6:00 P.M.**

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www.slavicamericanfestival.com

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Traditional Slavic Delights • Holupki • Potato Pancakes
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• Bake Sale • Children's Rides, Games & Face Painting
• Rummage Sale • Farmers Market

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John Stevens'
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Nourishment for the Soul

Slavic Religious & Folk Art • Bookstore
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Church tours: 12:30, 2:30, 3:30, and 4:30 pm

Concert of Sacred Slavic Music at 1:30 pm

Romzha Seminary Choir, Uzhorod, Ukraine

Divine Liturgy Schedule:

Saturday Sept 10th-5:00 pm & Sunday Sept 11th-8:00 & 10:30 am

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