

Announcements

■ **Today's Liturgy Intention** — Today's Divine Liturgy is offered by Marion Kniska and Elizabeth and Claire Keyes for the spiritual and physical well being of Fred Webb on the occasion of his birthday and his full initiation into the Catholic Church. *Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!*

■ **Today's Commemorations** — Today is commemorated as the Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross. It is also a post-festive day of the Feast of the Nativity of the Birth of the Theotokos (September 8), the first Solemn Feast of the new Church Year.

Our Holy Mother was of royal lineage, being of the House of David. Except for the Feast of the Dormition (Assumption), this is one of the most ancient and famous Marian feasts.

Commemorated on this date, September 11, is our Venerable Mother Theodora of Alexandria, Penitent, an Egyptian woman who lived a long life of austere penance because of a sin committed in her youth. She is said to have donned male attire, entered a monastery, where she endured much from Satan, and passed to her reward A.D. 472 in the reign of the Emperor Zenon.



■ **Mirovaniye** — In commemoration of the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos on September 8, there will be anointing (*mirovaniye*) and distribution of blessed bread at today's Divine Liturgy. All are welcome to receive anointing and blessed bread. *Christ is among us! He is and shall be!*

■ **Birth of the Theotokos** — The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels nor

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Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church



Montgomery County Mission

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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.
- 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.
- Joseph Repasi.

SPECIAL INTENTION

- Elizabeth Basarab.
- Fr. Francis Martin.
- Sally Pekarik.



Pray for Our Community

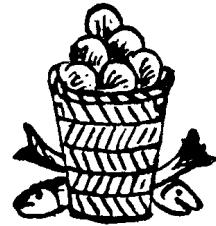
"Return, we beseech You, O God of hosts; Look down from heaven and see, and visit this vine and the vineyard which Your right hand has planted, and the branch that You made strong for Yourself."

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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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 16, is designated by the Byzantine Church as a day of penance. Abstaining from meat or performing an appropriate act of penance is prescribed.

■ **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.

■ **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 Cath-

olic 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.

Of Special Note

■ **Today: Slavic-American Day at Epiphany** — Epiphany of Our Lord Church-Annandale is holding its annual Slavic-American Day today beginning at noon on parish grounds.

■ **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.

Last Week's Liturgy

September 4, 2016

Attendance: 25 Souls

www.eolmission.org

■ **"Lyra" Vocal Ensemble** — Lyra, a vocal ensemble of professional musicians from St. Petersburg, Russia, will perform selections from the musical heritage of the Russian Orthodox Church, as well as traditional Russian folk music, at a concert on September 13 at St. Benedict Church, 2612 Wilkens Avenue, Baltimore. For information, call 410-947-4988, or visit http://www.lyra-online.org/en/about_en.html.

Liturgy Propers

Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Postfestive Day of the Nativity of the Theotokos

**Our Venerable Mother Theodora
of Alexandria, Penitent**

August 28, 2016

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

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

Troparion of the Nativity — Tone 4 (p. 243)

Kontakion of the Nativity — Tone 4 (p. 243)

Prokiemenon — Tone 6 (p. 248)

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18

Alleluia — Tone 1 (p. 249)

Gospel: John 3:13-17

Magnification and Irmos (p. 245)

[in place of "It is truly just..."]

Communion Hymn (p. 81) and of the Feast (p. 246)

Fr. Lee Gross, Celebrant

Divine Liturgy Schedule

Sept. 18	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Sept. 25	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Oct. 2	Mother of God School 10 a.m.

In Memory of Those Killed or Injured by Acts of Foreign and Domestic Terrorism

God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.

Therefore we won't be afraid,
though the earth changes,
Though the mountains are shaken
into the heart of the seas;

Though the waters of it roar and are troubled,
Though the mountains
tremble with their swelling.

There is a river, the streams of which make
the city of God glad,
The holy place of the tents of the Most High.

God is in her midst. She shall not be moved.
God will help her at dawn.

The nations raged.
The kingdoms were moved.

He lifted His voice, and the earth melted.

Yahweh of Hosts is with us.
The God of Jacob is our refuge.

From Psalm 41

Vičnaja pamjat'

The sign-up sheet to assist with the setup
for the last two 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.

Join us for our **43rd Annual**

SLAVIC AMERICAN FESTIVAL



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

Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine
Catholic Church

www.slavicamericanfestival.com

Nourishment for the Body

Traditional Slavic Delights • Holupki • Potato Pancakes
• Haluski • Kolbasi • Pirohi • and Nutrolls/Kolachi

Nourishment for the Mind

Silent Auction • Football on TV • Bingo & Instant Bingo
• Bake Sale • Children's Rides, Games & Face Painting
• Rummage Sale • Farmers Market

Music by
**John Stevens'
Doubleshot**

Nourishment for the Soul

Slavic Religious & Folk Art • Bookstore
• Arts, Crafts & Polka Lessons



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

Free Admission • Free Shuttle parking from 3301 Woodburn Road.
No Pets Please

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