

Announcements

- **Today's Liturgy Intention** — Today's Divine Liturgy is offered by Rosemary Chisarick for the blessed repose of her husband, +Andrew (Andy).
Vičnaja jemu pamjať.

"For You, O Christ our God, are the resurrection, the life, and the repose of your departed servant, Andrew, and we give glory to You, with Your eternal Father, and Your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and forever."

— From the Litany for the Deceased

- **Today's Commemorations** — Today is commemorated as the Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross, which is observed annually on September 14.

On this feast we honor the Holy Cross by which Christ redeemed the world. The public veneration of the Cross of Christ originated in the fourth century, according to early accounts. The miraculous discovery of the cross on September 14, 326, by Saint Helen, mother of Constantine, while she was on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, is the origin of the tradition of celebrating the feast on September 14. Constantine later built the Church of the Holy Sepulchre on the site of her discovery of the cross.

On this same pilgrimage she ordered two other churches built: one in Bethlehem near the Grotto of the Nativity, the other on the Mount of the Ascension, near Jerusalem. In the Western Church the feast came into prominence in the seventh century — after 629, when the Byzantine emperor Heraclitus restored the Holy Cross to Jerusalem, after defeating the Persians who had stolen it.

Christians "exalt" (raise on high) the Cross of Christ as the instrument of our salvation. Adoration of the Cross is, thus, adoration of Jesus Christ, the God Man, who suffered and died on this Roman instrument of torture for our redemption from sin and death. The cross represents the One Sacrifice by which Jesus, obedient even unto death, accomplished

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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

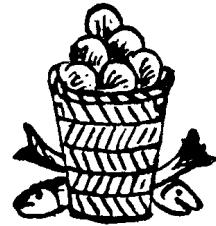
"Return, we beseech You, O God of hosts; Look down from heaven and see, and visit this vine and the vineyard which Your right hand has planted, and the branch that You made strong for Yourself."

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.

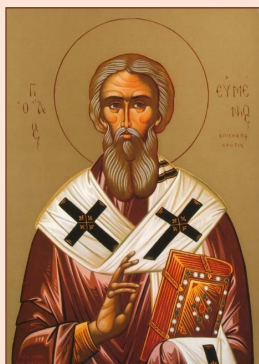


"...for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to Me. ...Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."

Matthew 25:35-36, 40 NKJV/OSB

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our salvation. The cross is a symbolic summary of the Passion, Crucifixion, and Resurrection of Christ — all in one image.



Commemorated on this date, September 18, is our Venerable Father Eumenius, Wonderworker, Bishop of Gortyna on the Island of Crete, who was conspicuous for his charity. He died in exile in the latter half of the third century.

■ **Day of Penance** — Friday, September 23, is designated by the Byzantine Church as a day of penance. Abstaining from meat or performing an appropriate act of penance is prescribed.

■ **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.

Of Special Note

■ **Seminary Choir Performances** — The third Seminary Concert Tour, sponsored by the Orientale Lumen Foundation, has begun and will run 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's upcoming performances include: 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).

Update: Bishop Nil Lusach, O.F.M., Auxiliary Bishop of the Eparchy of Mukachevo, will be the celebrant of a Slavonic Divine Liturgy at Patronage of the Mother of God Church on Saturday, October 1, at 11 a.m. (Solemn Feast of the Patronage of the Mother of God.) The seminarians from Blessed Theodore Seminary in Uzhorod will lead in the responses.

Visit www.olfoundation.net for more information.

Upcoming

■ **Divine Liturgy at Mount St. Mary** — Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Holy and Glorious Apostle St. Andrew will again be celebrated at Mount St. Mary Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, at 4 p.m. on November 30, the feast of the Apostle.

Fr. Lee will concelebrate the Liturgy with various Byzantine Catholic clergy. The Seminary Schola (choir) will lead the responses, and several seminarians will assist at the altar.

All are welcome to attend.

Last Week's Liturgy

September 11, 2016

Attendance: 20 Souls

Of everything you give Me,

I will faithfully return a tenth part to you.

1 Timothy 6:18-19



Liturgy Propers

Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Our Venerable Father Eumenius, Wonderworker,
Bishop of Gortyna

September 18, 2016

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

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Troparion of the Exaltation — Tone 1 (p. 254)

Kontakion of the Exaltation — Tone 4 (p. 255)

"We Bow to Your Cross" (p. 33)

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

Prokiemenon — Tone 7 (p. 260)

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

Alleluia — Tone 1 (p. 260)

Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

Magnification and Irmos (p. 256)

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

Communion Hymns (pp. 78/258)

Fr. Lee Gross, Celebrant

The Conception of the Venerable Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist of the Lord, John

The holy Prophet Malachi prophesied that before the Messiah's birth His Forerunner would appear, and indicate His coming. The Jews, therefore, in awaiting the Messiah also awaited His Forerunner.

In Judea in the land of Palestine lived the righteous priest Zachariah and his wife, Elizabeth, zealously observing the Lord's commandments. However, they remained childless in their old age. They prayed unceasingly to God to grant them a child.

Once, when Zachariah took his turn as priest at the Temple of Jerusalem, he went into the Sanctuary to offer incense. Going behind the veil of the Sanctuary, he beheld an angel of God at the altar of incense. The angel said to him, "Fear not, Zachariah, for your prayer is heard; and your wife, Elizabeth, will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John." But Zachariah did not believe the angel's words. The angel said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God; and I was sent to bring you the good news. Behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until these things come to pass, because you did not believe my words...."

Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zachariah. They were astonished that he had not come out from the Sanctuary after so long a time. When he did come out he was supposed to pronounce a blessing, but he could not because he had been struck speechless. When Zachariah explained by gestures that he was unable to speak, the people then understood that he had experienced a vision.

The prophecy of the Archangel was fulfilled, and Righteous Elizabeth was delivered from her barrenness, and gave birth to John, the Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

Sept. 25	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Oct. 2	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Oct. 9	Mother of God School 10 a.m.

The sign-up sheet to assist with the setup
for the Sundays in October is
available on the information table.

Thank you to all those who continue to provide
assistance in setting up and taking down.