



Liturgy Propers

20th Sunday After Pentecost

St. Cyprian, Priest-Martyr
St. Justina, Virgin-Martyr
St. Andreas, Fool for Christ
October 2, 2016

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 3 (p. 135)

Kontakion of the Resurrection — Tone 3 (p. 136)

Prokiemenon — Tone 3 (p. 136)

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19

Alleluia — Tone 3 (p. 136)

Gospel: Luke 6:31-26

Communion Hymn (p. 178)

Fr. Lee Gross, Celebrant

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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.

Last Week's Liturgy

September 25, 2016

Attendance: 20 Souls

*Of everything you give Me,
I will faithfully return a tenth part to you.*

1 Timothy 6:18-19

Upcoming

■ **Wedding Anniversary Celebration** — Most Reverend Kurt Burnette, Bishop of Passaic, will celebrate a Divine Liturgy for married couples of the Middle States Syncellate who are celebrating their 5-year wedding anniversaries (5th, 10th, 15th, etc.) at a Vigil Divine Liturgy in October.

If you and your spouse are celebrating a 5-year anniversary of a valid marriage during 2016, please call the Parish Office between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or send an e-mail to epiphanyoffourlord@verizon.net. Invitations with a response card included will be mailed to each couple. Please return the response card whether or not you plan to attend the liturgy.

■ **Food Festivals** — St. Gregory of Nyssa Byzantine Catholic Church in Beltsville, Md., will sponsor a food festival featuring Eastern European dishes on Saturday, November 5, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. For more information, call, 301-953-9323. On Saturday, November 19, Patronage of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church near Baltimore, Md., will hold its annual Slavic food festival from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. For more information, call 410-247-4936.

■ **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.

Announcements

■ **Today's Liturgy Intention** — Today's Divine Liturgy is offered by Joni and Vince Kovalick for the blessed repose of +Robert Maugushok, +William Burcin, and +Richard Danko. *Vičnaja pamjať.*

"For You, O Christ our God, are the resurrection, the life, and the repose of your departed servants, 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 the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost. Commemorated on this date, October 2, is the Priest-Martyr St. Cyprian, a cultured Carthaginian who was converted and consecrated Bishop of Carthage. He wrote much and was a cordial friend of the Martyr Pope, St. Cornelius. St Cyprian was beheaded A.D. 258 under the Emperor Valerian.

Also commemorated today is St. Justina, Virgin-Martyr, beheaded at Nicodemia under Emperor Diocletian A.D. 300; and St. Andreas, who became "a fool for Christ's sake."

■ **Fool for Christ's Sake** — As noted above, today we remember the "Fool for Christ" St. Andreas (Andrew). According to Christian ideals,

"foolishness" included consistent rejection of worldly cares by imitating Christ, who endured mockery and humiliation from the crowd. That's why the spiritual meaning of "foolishness" from the early ages of Christianity was akin to the rejection of common social rules of



hypocrisy, brutality, and thirst for power and gains.

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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 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.
- 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

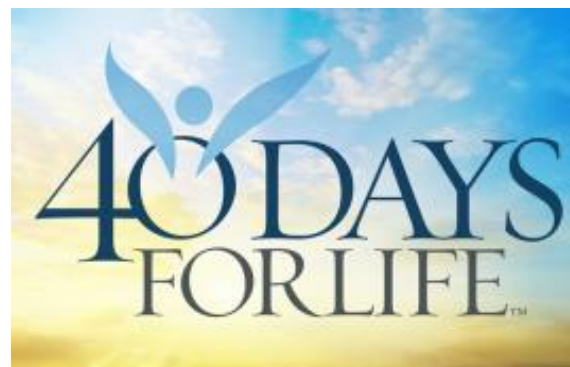
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Part of the biblical basis for it can be seen in the words of the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 4:10, which says: "We are fools on Christ's account, but you are wise in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are held in honor, but we in disrepute." (NAB). Also see Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 3:19; 1 Corinthians 1:18; and 1 Corinthians 1:21.

■ **Mirovanije** — In commemoration of the Feast of the Protection (Patronage) of the Holy Theotokos annually on October 1, there will be anointing (mirovanije) and distribution of blessed bread at today's Divine Liturgy. All are welcome to receive anointing with blessed oil and blessed bread. Christ is among us! He is and shall be!

■ **Day of Penance** — Friday, October 7, is designated by the Byzantine Church as a day of penance. Abstaining from meat or performing an appropriate act of penance is prescribed.

■ **Prayer for Vocations** — "...Almighty God, Holy King, we pray that more of Your people will be generous in responding to Your invitation to be priests, deacons, nuns, and monks. Teach them to follow in Jesus' footprints by bringing the light of the Holy Spirit to all people. For You are Holy our God, and we give glory to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen."



■ **40 Days of Prayer** — From September 28 through November 6, you are invited to put your faith into action and join other Christians for 40 Days of Life — 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. For more information about the initiative, go to 40daysfor-life.com. Locally, contact Andrew Glenn at 301-202-40DL or prayforcarhart@gmail.com.

■ **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.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

Oct. 9	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Oct. 16	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Oct. 23	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Oct. 30	Mother of God School 10 a.m.