

■ **Philip's Fast** — Philip's (or Christmas) Fast begins at sundown on Monday, November 14, the Feast of St. Philip, and runs 40 days until Christmas Eve. This fast was introduced to prepare the Church for a worthy celebration of the great and holy days of Christ's birth and Christ's baptism in the Jordan.

■ **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.

Liturgy Propers

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday of the Fathers
of the Seventh Ecumenical Council
St. Longinus
October 16, 2016

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
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Fr. Lee Gross, Celebrant

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Last Week's Liturgy

October 9, 2016

Attendance: 32 Souls

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

1 Timothy 6:18-19

October Is Respect Life Month

"Human life is sacred and inviolable. Every civil right is based on the recognition of the first, fundamental right, the right to life, which is not subject to any condition, of a qualitative, economic and certainly not of an ideological nature."

Our Holy Father Francis, Pope of Rome,
address to the Italian Movement for Life,
April 2004

"The love of God does not distinguish between the newly-conceived infant still in the mother's womb, the baby, the youth, the grown adult or the elderly, because in each of them He sees the sign of His own image and likeness."

Pope Benedict XVI

Divine Liturgy Schedule

Oct. 23	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Oct. 30	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Nov. 6	Mother of God School 10 a.m.



SOCIAL HOUR

Today
October 16

Following
Divine Liturgy
Mother of God School
PLEASE JOIN US!

Announcements

■ **Today's Liturgy Intention** — Today's Divine Liturgy is offered by Elizabeth and Claire Keyes for the blessed repose of +Geraldine Hess. *Vičnaja jej pamjať.*

"For You, O Christ our God, are the resurrection, the life, and the repose of Your departed servant Geraldine, 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 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost. It is also the Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council.

In 787, the bishops met in Nicea and reaffirmed the true teaching that Christ is both true God and true man. This restored the use of icons in Christian worship, stating that the honor that is given to the image (*eikon*) passes on to that which the image represents, and he who venerates or reveres the image reveres that which the image represents.

Also commemorated on this date, October 16, is St. Longinus, the centurion credited by tradition as the one who pierced the side of Jesus as he hung on the cross (John 19:34). Longinus converted to Christianity and was later put to death in Cappadocia. His body is venerated in the Church of St. Augustine in Rome.

■ **Day of Penance** — This Friday, October 21, 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

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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 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.
- Fr. Conan Timoney



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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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."

(Please note the latest edition of *Eastern Catholic Life*, in which Bishop Kurt details his trip to Ukraine and his efforts to attract young seminarians there to serve the Byzantine-Ruthenian Church here in America.)

■ **Fr. Conan** — Please pray for the health and healing of Fr. Conan Timoney.

"O Lord Jesus Christ... We beseech You, look mercifully upon him and in Your great love grant him relief from his pain... that restored to the vigor of health, he may serve You faithfully and gratefully all his life and become heir of Your kingdom, for You are the physician of our souls and bodies, O Christ..."

— St. John Chrysostom

■ **Bishop's Appeal Begins** — Bishop Kurt Burnette has announced this year's Bishop's Appeal for the Eparchy of Passaic. Please watch your mailbox, access the eparchy's website, or see the latest issue of *Eastern Catholic Life* for details and instructions.

Note: Pledges/payments must be sent directly to the Eparchy and checks must be made out to "Eparchy of Passaic." Please see Vince Kovalick with questions.

■ **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 pro-

gram, 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.

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 on **November 12**.

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 epiphanyofourlord@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 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 information, call 410-247-4936.

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