

■ *Feast of the Presentation* — The Feast of the Entrance (Presentation) of the Theotokos into the Temple is observed annually by the Byzantine Church on November 21. The history of this feast is found mostly in apocryphal works, particularly the *Proto-evangel of St. James*.

According to the narrative, Anna, after an angel informed her that she was at last to bear a child, vowed to offer this child to the Lord. At the age of three, Mary, accordingly was brought to the Temple to be dedicated to the Lord. The epistle reading for the feast (Hebrews 9:1-7) is oriented in that direction. Just as the High Priest of the Jews entered the sanctuary once a year to offer the blood of expiation for himself

The sign-up sheet to assist with the setup for the remaining Sundays in November is available on the information table. Thank you to all those who continue to provide assistance in setting up and taking down.

Liturgy Propers

Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Our Holy Father St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople

November 13, 2016

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

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Troparion of the Saint — Tone 1

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Epistle: Ephesians 5:9-19

Alleluia — Tone 1 (p. 127)

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Communion Hymn “B” (p. 78)

Fr. Lee Gross, Celebrant

and for the sins of the people, Christ himself would once and for all enter the Tabernacle on high with His own blood for He is our High Priest.

At Matins on this feast, the first liturgical hint of Christmas is to be heard in the singing of the Christmas Canon (*Katavasia*): Christ is born, glorify Him! Christ is from heaven, receive Him!

Upcoming

■ *Patronage Food Festival* — This coming Saturday Patronage of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church, Baltimore, will hold its annual Slavic food festival from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. For 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.

Divine Liturgy Schedule	
Nov. 20	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Nov. 27	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Nov. 30	Mount St. Mary Seminary Emmitsburg, Maryland 4 p.m.

Last Week’s Liturgy

November 6, 2016

Attendance: 23 Souls

Announcements

■ *Today’s Liturgy Intention* — Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered by the Kretschmaier family for the blessed repose of +Raymond Matiasowski. *Vičnaja jemu pamjať.*

“O God of spirits and of all flesh, you trampled death and broke the power of the devil and granted life to Your world. Now grant rest, O Lord, to the soul of your departed servant in a place of light, joy, and peace where there is no pain, sorrow, nor mourning.”

– From the Litany for the Deceased

■ *Today’s Commemorations* — Today is the Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. On this date, November 13, the Byzantine Church commemorates our Holy Father St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, who is honored by both the Greek and Latin (Roman) Churches and is one of the four great Doctors of the Orient.

He is called “Golden-Tongued” because of his eloquence. The Catholic Church honors him as the “Heavenly Patron of Ecclesiastical Orators.” He is also known for revising the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. He suffered deposition and exile for his firm stand against the dissolute life at the court of the emperors Arcadius and Honorius. He died at Comana in Cappadocia at the age of 62 A.D. 407.

■ *Mirovaniye* — We will have anointing (*mirovaniye*) and distribution of blessed bread at today’s Divine Liturgy in commemoration of the Synaxis of St. Michael the Archangel and all the Angelic Hosts this past Tuesday. All are welcome to receive anointing and blessed bread. *Christ is among us! He is and shall be!*

■ *Day of Penance* — Philip’s (or Christmas) Fast begins at sundown tomorrow, 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

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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

- Christine Dennis.
- Jim Siemucha.
- 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.

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."

Psalms 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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Christ's birth and Christ's baptism in the Jordan. According to tradition, it was customary to observe a strict fast (no meat or dairy) on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and a lesser fast on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season. The fast may be observed voluntarily, partially, or in its entirety. However, Friday's during this period remain as days of penance. Abstaining from meat or performing an appropriate act of penance is prescribed.

■ **Wedding Anniversary Liturgy** — Yesterday, Bishop Kurt honored those couples who were celebrating 5-year wedding anniversaries with a vigil Divine Liturgy at Epiphany Church-Annandale. A celebratory dinner followed in the parish center.

O God, our God, You came to Cana in Galilee and blessed the marriage there; now bless Your servants who through Your Providence were united in marriage and who now offer thanksgiving to You for all the good things which they have received from You in their years of marriage. Bless the daily course of their life; fill their life with good things; and accept their crowns into Your Kingdom, keeping them pure, blameless, and above reproach forever.

— From the Byzantine Ritual of Marriage

■ **Fr. Dan Grigassy** — Fr. Daniel Grigassy, OFM, will be filling in for Fr. Lee next Sunday so that Fr. Lee will be able to meet obligations at Mount St. Mary Seminary. Fr. Dan was a familiar face during the early years of our Mission Community and we welcome him back.

■ **Ask a Priest** — Fr. Dr. Vasyl Chepelskyy, is Administrator of St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, Lansford, Pa., and St. Mary Church, Nesquehoning, Pa. Fr. Vasyl holds a doctorate in Moral Theology and is a professor of Theology at DeSales University, Allentown, Pa. If you have a question on theology, spiritu-

ality, the sacraments, morality, Church history, or the lives of the saints, you may contact Fr. Vasyl and he will answer it or direct it to one of the priests of our eparchy expert in that topic. You can submit your question by e-mail: stjohnpastor@ptd.net or on the wall of or by private message through Facebook: *Saint JohntheBaptistByzantineCatholicChurch*.

■ **Address for Fr. Conan** — If you wish to send a card to Fr. Conan Timoney, address it to him c/o University of Maryland Rehabilitation & Orthopedics Institute, Room G721, 2200 Kernan Dr., Baltimore, MD 21207. If you are also interested in stopping by to see Father, he can receive visitors after 4:30 p.m. each day until 8:30 p.m.

■ **Bishop's Appeal** — The Bishop's Appeal for the Eparchy of Passaic has begun. 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. Our goal once again is \$6,000. Also, as last year, if our Mission Community reaches the goal, we will receive a reversion of 40% of donations sent to the chancery.

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