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ment (15th Street & Constitution Avenue) followed by the March for Life, which begins at Constitution between 15th and 17th streets.

For more information, please visit <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-ro-e-events/national-prayer-vigil-for-life-schedule.cfm>.

Liturgy Propers

Sunday After Theophany

**Our Venerable George of Chozeba
and Emilian, Confessor**

Our Venerable Mother Dominica

SS. Juliana and Basilissa

January 8, 2017

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

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

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Fr. Lee Gross, Celebrant

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Welcome Visitors and Guests

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

■ **"Tammies" Return** — The Tamburitzans (Tammies) will perform at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre in Rockville on Saturday, February 18, 2017, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

The "Tammies," America's longest-running multicultural song and dance company, is a unique ensemble of talented young folk artists from the Pittsburgh area dedicated to the performance and preservation of the music, songs, and dances of Eastern Europe and neighboring folk cultures.

For ticket information, call 240-314-8690. For more information about the Tamburitzans, visit www.thetamburitzans.org/.

A sincere thank-you from Fr. Lee:

Once again I must express my gratitude to the members of the Mission for their kindness and thoughtfulness to me at Christmas.

I thank you all, not only for the most generous Christmas gift, but for all you do Sunday after Sunday to make the Divine Liturgy possible. So many of you contribute in so many ways.

May God bless you all, and please know that you are in my daily prayers as we enter the New Year.

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Divine Liturgy Schedule

Jan. 8	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Jan. 15	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Jan. 22	Mother of God School 10 a.m.

*Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light.
Christ is baptized; let us go down with Him,
and rise with Him.*

*Today let us do honor to Christ's baptism
and celebrate this feast in holiness.*

Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed.

*Nothing gives such pleasure to God
as the conversion and salvation of humanity,
for who His every word and every revelation exist.
He wants you to become a living force for all humanity,
lights shining in the world.*

*You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ,
the great light, bathed in the glory of Him
Who is the light of heaven.*

*You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling
light of the Trinity, as now you have received
— though not in its fullness—*

*a ray of its splendor, proceeding from the one God,
in Christ Jesus our Lord,
to Whom be glory and power forever and ever.*

Amen!

St. Gregory Nazianzus

Announcements

■ **Today's Liturgy Intention** — Today's Divine Liturgy is offered for the blessed repose of +Vera Barrett by Elizabeth and Claire Keyes. May her memory be eternal. *Vičnaja jej pamjať.*

"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

— Revelation 21:4 (NKJV / OSB)

■ **Today's Commemorations** — Today in the Byzantine Church is the Sunday after Theophany, or the Holy Manifestation of the Divinity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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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.
- Peggy Winkermann.
- 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.
- 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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On this date, January 8, we commemorate our Venerable Father George of Chozeba and Emilian, Confessor, who were martyred A.D. 820 in the reign of Nicephorus Gennicus; our Venerable Mother Dominica of Carthage, who lived in the year A.D. 374, in the reign of Theodosius the Great; and SS. Julian and Basilissa, martyred A.D. 300, during the reign of Diocletian, Emperor.

■ **The "Light" of the World** — The feasts of the Nativity of Jesus Christ and Theophany are the celebration of a single, most profound event — the coming of the Light of the World among us. In these glorious feasts we remember Jesus was sent by the Father through Mary the Godbearer (*Theotokos*), to bring "a people in darkness" into the light of salvation. In this revelation, the birth and public appearance of the Messiah is the sign, the expression, and the proclamation that God's love for His people is boundless, total, and infinitely tender.

As we arrive at the celebration of "God-with-us" in these feasts, may we re-immers ourselves in the warm and saving light of Jesus Christ. Filled with His radiance once again, we will be better able to perceive that God's image does indeed shine brightly and beautifully within ourselves and that He is ever present in our family, neighbors, and in the people of our Church, no matter what darkness may surround us.

■ **Mirovaniye** — There will be anointing (*mirovaniye*) and distribution of blessed bread at today's Divine Liturgy in commemoration of the Feast of Theophany on January 6. All are welcome to receive anointing and blessed bread. *Christ is baptized! In the Jordan!*

■ **Day of Penance** — As each Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord, each Friday is a commemoration of Holy and Great Friday and is observed with penance. One may abstain from meat or instead offer prayer of charitable works as our penance.

■ **New Year's Resolution** — Make a New Year's resolution to 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.

Upcoming

■ **National Prayer Vigil for Life** — Activities for the National Prayer Vigil for Life in Washington, D.C., include a Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on January 26. Later that evening, Night Prayer according to the Byzantine Rite will be prayed from 10 to 11 in the Crypt Church by our Bishop Kurt Burnette.

On January 27, Bishop Kurt will celebrate the Divine Liturgy at Epiphany Church—Annandale at 10 a.m.

The March for Life Rally will take place at noon on the grounds of the Washington Monu-

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Last Week's Liturgy

January 1, 2017

Attendance: 17 Souls