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er particularly influential cantors were also called by the title, “Professor.”

In order to better preserve and foster our chant tradition, the Metropolitan Cantor Institute (MCI) has been working with the Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh to collect information about these important leaders in our church. The collected information will be used to document the history of our church singing, foster our plain chant and choral singing, and honor our cantor forebears. It will also be shared with the parishes where these cantors served.

For more information, including a list of those cantors for which the MCI is seeking information, visit <http://mci.archpitt.org/blog/professors>. If you can contribute to this project in any way, please contact Deacon Jeffrey Mierzejewski at plainchanter@gmail.com, or call 412-735-1676. Watch the MCI website and Byzantine Catholic Seminary website (<http://www.bcs.edu/>) for updates.

Liturgy Propers

Thirty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
St. Timothy, Apostle
The Venerable-Martyr Anastasius
January 22, 2017
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. 137)
Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15-17
Alleluia — Tone 3 (p. 137)
Gospel: Luke 18:35-43
Communion Hymn (p. 78)
Celebrant: Fr. Lee Gross

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¹⁷ Then were fulfilled the words spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸ A voice is heard in Ramah, lamenting and weeping bitterly: it is Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted because they are no more.

The Gospel According to Saint Matthew

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

Divine Liturgy Schedule

Jan. 22	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Jan. 29	Our Lady’s Chapel Goshen House 10 a.m.
Feb. 5	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Feb. 12	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Feb. 19	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Feb. 26	[Sunday of Cheesefare] Mother of God School 10 a.m.

Announcements

■ **Today’s Liturgy Intention** — Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered for the blessed repose of +Joyce Oxley by Lou and Marie Shanks. May her memory be eternal. *Vičnaja jej pamjat’.*

“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 Thirty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. On this date, January 22, we commemorate the Holy Apostle Timothy, who was the most famous disciple of St. Paul during the reign of the Emperor Nero. He was the first bishop of Ephesus in Asia Minor. Also commemorated is St. Anastasius, Venerable -Martyr of Persia, who suffered martyrdom A.D. 619.

■ **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.

■ **Our Prayerful Condolences** — Our prayers are offered to Joni Kovalick and her family on the passing of her sister, Irene, last weekend. *Vicnaja jej pampat’.*

“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, Irene in a place of light, joy, and peace where there is no pain, sorrow, nor mourning.”

– From the Litany for the Deceased

■ **Food Pantry** — Please participate in 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 non-perishable foods, baby food and supplies, and per-

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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 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.
- 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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sonal hygiene items. Hunger never takes a vacation or holiday.

In addition, our Mission Community offers a prayerful thank you to Andy Haba for his continuing delivery of our donations to the food bank

■ **This Week: 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 Monument (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-events/national-prayer-vigil-for-life-schedule.cfm>.

■ **Sunday of Zacchaeus** — Next Sunday, January 29 we begin our journey toward the Great Fast, Holy and Great Week, and Pascha (Easter) with the observance of the first of the five pre-Great Fast Sundays, the Sunday of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10).

"Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live."

— Deuteronomy 30:1

■ **Liturgy in Chapel** — The Mother of God School will be holding an open house next Sunday, January 29; therefore, we will be having Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m. in Our Lady's Chapel in the Goshen House. We will need help today to transfer over to the chapel the necessary items for next week's Liturgy.

Upcoming

■ **"Tammies" Return** — The Tamburitians (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 Tamburitians, visit www.thetamburitians.org/.

Of Special Note

■ **Searching for Our "Professors"** — For many years, cantors who received comprehensive cantorial training in Europe were known in this country as "professors." These men led church singing, taught religion classes, directed plays, and often organized church services when clergy were scarce. Over time, oth-

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Last Week's Liturgy

January 15, 2017

Attendance: 32 Souls