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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, other 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 Byzan-

tine 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.

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.

Liturgy Propers

Thirty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday of Zacchaeus

Translation of the Relics of St. Ignatius

SS Roman, James, Philotheus,

and Aphraates, Martyrs Anastasius

January 29, 2017

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 4 (p. 141)

Kontakion of the Resurrection — Tone 4 (p. 141)

Prokiemenon — Tone 4 (p. 142)

Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15

Alleluia — Tone 4 (p. 142)

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Communion Hymn (p. 78)

Celebrant: Fr. Lee Gross

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Divine Liturgy Schedule	
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 Cheeseafare] Mother of God School 10 a.m.

Announcements

■ *Today’s Liturgy Intention* — Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered for the blessed repose of +Jim Sie-mucha by Ron Pytel. May his memory be eternal.
“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 Byz-antine Church is the Thirty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. It is also the Sunday of Zacchaeus, the first of five pre-Lenten Sundays on the Byzantine li-turgical calendar.
Commemorated on this date, January 29, is the Translation of the Relics of St. Ignatius, GodBearer, Priest-Martyr, and Bishop of Antioch, who was de-voured by lions at Rome. His disciples carried his rel-ics to Antioch into his church A.D. 109.
“Translation” in this context means the removal of holy objects from one locality (such as a tomb) to another (usually a reliquary in a church or cathedral). Also commemorated today are SS. Roman, James, Philotheus, and St. Aphraates, Martyrs.

■ *Sunday of Zacchaeus* — The gospel lesson for this the first pre-Lenten Sunday is clear: everything begins with the desire to see Jesus Christ.
Zacchaeus, the rich tax collector, desired to see Jesus so much that he even climbed a sycamore tree to get a good view, not worrying about what others thought of him. Jesus saw him, called him down, and visited his house. Zacchaeus then acknowledged his sinfulness and voluntarily offered to give half of what he had to the poor and four times what he had taken from anyone by false accusation.
The joy of the occasion is evidenced in Christ’s words: “Today salvation has come to this house... for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.” Zacchaeus’ desire to see Jesus led to his salva-tion.

Epiphany of Our Lord

Byzantine Catholic Church



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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 Freder-ick County, and adjoining areas.

We celebrate our faith...

in a diverse community. We welcome all, regard-less 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 Winkelman.
- 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."

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

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."

■ **Feast of the Encounter** — This coming Thursday is the Feast of the Encounter of our Lord with Simeon and Anna. This feast, which was first celebrated in the Christian East, falls yearly on February 2 and brings to a close the 40 days of Christmastide. In the West, the feast is known as the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple. It is also referred to as Candlemas, as on this day candles were blessed. This tradition is still carried on in the Roman Church.

■ **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.

■ **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 nonperishable foods, ba-

by food and supplies, and personal hygiene items. Hunger never takes a vacation or holiday.

■ **Back to School** — We will be back in the Mother of God School for Divine Liturgy next Sunday. We need assistance moving our liturgical items back to the school following liturgy today.

Upcoming

■ **All Souls Saturdays** — If you would like to have a deceased individual or individuals remembered during the five All Souls Saturdays observed by the Byzantine Church during the liturgical year, please list their names and place them in the All Souls envelope found in your envelop packet, along with the requested donation, and place it in the collection basket. The envelopes will be forwarded to Epiphany-Annandale. You may specify particular names or just a family name (e.g., the deceased members of the Smith Family). The first All Souls Saturday for 2017 falls on February 18.

■ **"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

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Last Week's Liturgy

January 22, 2017

Attendance: 28 Souls