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Upcoming

■ **"Tammies" Perform Return Next Saturday** — 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/](http://www.thetamburitians.org/).

■ **Great Fast Begins** — The first full day of the Great Fast is Monday, February 27. At the close of Divine Liturgy on Sunday, February 26 (Cheesefare Sunday), we will pray the Rite of Forgiveness, during which we ask for forgiveness from one another. Cheesefare Sunday is also known as Forgiveness Sunday.



■ **Holy Images Blessing** — As is our tradition, we will bless icons and other religious items on the First Sunday of the Great Fast, March 5, also known as the Sunday of Orthodoxy (True Worship) marking the restoration of the icons to the churches on March 11, 843, following the suppression of the Iconoclastic heresy.

Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
have mercy on me, a sinner!

The Jesus Prayer

Announcements

■ **Today's Liturgy Intention** — Today's Divine Liturgy is offered for the blessed repose of +Charles and +Mary Oros by Lou and Marie (Oros) Shanks. May their memories be eternal.

*"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 servants 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 in the Byzantine Church is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son, the third of our Church's five pre-Lenten Sundays.

Commemorated on this date, February 12, is St. Meletius, Archbishop of Great Antioch, who was elected to the Patriarchal See in A.D. 360, but within a month was sent into exile by the Emperor Constantius. He was reinstated in 378. He held a council of 150 bishops and took a prominent part in the Council of Constantinople A.D. 380.

Also commemorated on this date is St. Marina, virgin, who took male attire and lived in a monastery to the year A.D. 440.

■ **Sunday of the Prodigal Son** — The Gospel lesson for today presents us with a young man who, against his father's advice, had taken all of his possessions, wasted them through foolishness, resorted to tending pigs in order to make a living, and found himself sharing the food they refused to eat.

Today, we are challenged to come to ourselves and see what we must do in order to return to the house of God our Father. Jesus Christ assures us beyond all doubt that our heavenly Father will run to greet us. He will come and kiss us and, with great jubilation, open up the eternal festival of His Kingdom to us. But, we must first see ourselves as we are, see what we must do, and return home to our Father.

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 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.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

|         |                                                                                             |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Feb. 19 | [Sunday of Meatfare]<br>Mother of God School<br>10 a.m.                                     |
| Feb. 26 | [Sunday of Cheesefare/<br>Forgiveness Sunday]<br>Mother of God School<br>10 a.m.            |
| Mar. 5  | [First Sunday of Great Fast/<br>Blessing of Holy Images]<br>Mother of God School<br>10 a.m. |
| Mar. 12 | Mother of God School<br>10 a.m.<br>[Daylight Saving Time]                                   |

Liturgy Propers

**Sunday of the Prodigal Son**  
**St. Meletius**  
**St. Marina, Virgin**  
**February 12, 2017**  
**Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**  
Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 6 (p. 152)  
Kontakion of the Prodigal Son — Tone 6 (p. 216)  
Prokiemenon — Tone 6 (p. 153)  
**Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20**  
Alleluia — Tone 6 (p. 153)  
**Gospel: Luke 15:11-32**  
Communion Hymn (p. 78)  
**Celebrants: Fr. John G. Basarab & Deacon Peter Turko**  
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## 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 and Norman 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.
- 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

■ **Days 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.

■ **Pray for Our Suffering Church** — The Chaldean Diocese of St. Thomas for the Church in Iraq and Syria requests prayers for the Church in Iraq and Syria. Many clergy, religious, and laity have been killed by Islamic radicals.

■ **Fr. Conan** — According to Patronage's bulletin, Fr. Conan Timoney's rehabilitation is progressing to the point where he is able to move around in the house with his wheelchair. (An outdoor wheelchair lift was recently installed.) Father started rehab to strengthen his leg muscles, and he intends to regularly celebrate Sunday Divine Liturgy. Father thanks all who visited, prayed for his recovery, and kept the parish moving in a prayerful manner.

■ **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.

■ **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, baby food and supplies, and personal hygiene items. Hunger never takes a vacation or holiday.

## Of Educational Note

■ **Adult Education Class** — Fr. Lewis Raybada is conducting an Adult Education Class at St. Gregory of Nyssa, 12420 Old Gunpowder Spur Rd., Beltsville. Topic is "The Early Church: From the Resurrection of Christ to Catholicism" on February 1, 8, 15, & 22 at both 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. to accommodate for people's differing schedules. No registration or materials needed, just show up. Questions, please call Fr Lewis at 570-573-1565.

■ **Cantor Training Classes Begin** — The Metropolitan Cantor Institute will begin its Spring 2017 Cantor's Institute online classes from February 12 to April 7 with two course offerings using the newly acquired license agreement with Theta Music Trainer.

The classes of the Institute are open to all cantors of the Archeparchy and the eparchies of Passaic, Parma, and Phoenix of the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh. Cantors can follow the instruction and link at the website of the Metropolitan Cantor

## Last Week's Liturgy

February 5, 2017

Attendance: 31 Souls

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