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doxy (True Worship) marking the restoration of the icons to the churches on March 11, 843, following the suppression of the Iconoclastic heresy.

■ **Food Festival at Patronage** — Mark your calendar for Patronage of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church’s spring food festival on April 8. Watch upcoming bulletins for more details.

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 Insti-

tute (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](mailto:plainchanter@gmail.com), or call 412-735-1676. Watch the MCI website and Byzantine Catholic Seminary website (<http://www.bcs.edu/>) for updates.

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

Liturgy Propers

Sunday of the Last Judgment  
(Meatfare Sunday)  
St. Archippus, Apostle  
SS. Maxim, Theodot, Isychus, &  
Asklepiodotus, Martyrs  
February 19, 2017  
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 7 (p. 156)  
Kontakion of Meatfare Sunday — Tone 1 (p. 217)  
Prokiemenon of Meatfare Sunday — Tone 3 (p. 217)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2  
Alleluia of Meatfare Sunday — Tone 8 (p. 218)  
Gospel: Luke 25:31-46  
Communion Hymn (p. 78)

Celebrants: Fr. Lee Gross & Deacon Peter Turko  
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| Divine Liturgy Schedule |                                                                                             |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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                                    |
| Mar. 19                 | Mother of God School<br>10 a.m.                                                             |

Announcements

■ **Today’s Liturgy Intention** — Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered by Ron Pytel for the blessed repose of his cousin +Amelia Puziewicz, who recently fell asleep in the Lord. May her memory 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 servant Amelia 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 Last Judgment, also known as Meatfare Sunday because, by tradition, no meat was eaten after this day until the celebration of Pascha (Easter).

On this Sunday, we commemorate the Second Coming of Jesus Christ as Judge. The Gospel lessons of the five pre-Great Fast Sundays give us the guidelines to complete the Great Fast successfully. The Gospel reading for today is taken from Matthew 25:31-46, in which Jesus describes in detail the Terrible Judgment. His simple words raise to the divine sphere the most delicate acts of human kindness.

Early philosophers branded compassion and mercy as weaknesses, but in reality they are the signs of a nobility of heart. Christ has taught us that all those who are filled with love for Him should realize that whatever they do for the poor and the afflicted is done for Him. For a slice of bread and for a glass of water given in His name, our Lord promises heaven. In describing the Last Judgment, we are led to hope for mercy if we have been charitable to our neighbors. We must realize that our Lord is merciful in the highest degree, but He is also just.

Commemorated on this date, February 19, is St. Archippus, Apostle, a co-worker with St. Paul, he was the first Bishop of the Colossians. Tradition holds he was stoned to death during the reign of Ne-

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Epiphany of Our Lord  
Byzantine Catholic Church



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Mission

Mother of God Community School  
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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 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."*

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

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ro, Emperor. Also commemorated on this date are SS. Maxim, Theodot, Isychus, and Asklepiodotus, Martyrs.

■ **Great Fast Begins** — The first full day of the Great Fast is Monday, February 27. At the close of Divine Liturgy next 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.

The 40-day Great Fast (Lent) for the Byzantine Church symbolizes the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the desert, while the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is the fulfillment of the promise of manna.

In the Great Fast, we imitate Jesus our Lord, Who fasted for 40 days in the desert following His baptism. The Feast of Pascha was also the time for baptisms, and so the Great Fast was a time of preparation for baptism. Our observance of the Great Fast, therefore, is our renewal of our baptismal fervor.

■ **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.

■ **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.

## Upcoming

■ **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 Ortho-

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## Last Week's Liturgy

February 12, 2017

Attendance: 21 Souls