

■ **Pray for Our Suffering Church** — Many Christian clergy, religious, and laity have been killed by Islamic radicals. Most recently was the attack on two Coptic Christian churches in Egypt that resulted in the deaths of at least 47 individuals and injuries to more than 100. Please pray for all those afflicted by these barbaric acts and for the conversion and forgiveness of the perpetrators. *Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!*

“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

■ **Food Pantry** — 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, is always in great need of non-perishable foods, baby food and supplies, and personal hygiene items. Hunger never takes a vacation or holiday.

Divine Liturgy Schedule	
Apr. 16	Pascha (Easter) Mother of God School 10 a.m. Blessing of Paschal Foods
Apr. 23	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Apr. 30	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
May 7	Our Ladys’ Chapel Goshen House 10 a.m.
May 14	Mother of God School 10 a.m.



Let God arise,
let His enemies be scattered;
let those who hate Him
flee from before His face.
As smoke vanishes,
so let them vanish;
as wax melts before the fire.

Psalm 68:1 & 68:21

Liturgy Propers	
Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ	
April 16, 2017	
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom	
Resurrection Troparion, Antiphons & Entrance Hymn (p. 164)	
Troparion of Pascha — Tone 5 (p. 165)	
Kontakion of Pascha — Tone 8 (p. 166)	
Prokiemenon of Pascha — Tone 8 (p. 166)	
New Testament Reading: Acts 1:1-9	
Alleluia — Tone 4 (p. 166)	
Gospel: John 1:1-17	
Exaltation and Irmos for Pascha (p. 167)	
[in place of “It is truly just...”]	
Paschal “Our Father” (p. 167)	
Celebrant Fr. Lee Gross	
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Christ is risen! + Indeed, He is risen!
Christos voskrese! + Voistinnu voskrese!
Christos anesti! + Alithos anesti!
Christus resurrexit! + Vere resurrexit!

Announcements

- **Today’s Liturgy Intention** — Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered for the good intentions of the members of our Mission Community.
- **Pascha** — Today is Pascha, the Feast of Feasts. It is our Lord’s Passover — the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Word of Light enters into us to enlighten our darkness. The life was the light of men, and the light shone in the darkness and the darkness could not overcome it (*John 1:4-5*). The risen Christ reveals to us from within the true meaning of death. Death has no reality in and of itself. Death is a broken relationship, an absence of light, a lack of communion. It is a rupture, an exile, a slavery.

But, it is the Resurrection that reconciles us, it justifies us, it leads us back into communion. When Christ descends into hell that the actual moment of salvation is realized. The Word of Light enters into and assumes darkness, and thereby He disperses the darkness, just as the rising sun disperses the shadow of the night.

“Today all things are filled with light—earth and heaven and the world beneath. Let all creation celebrate the resurrection of Christ, In Him is the firm foundation of all things.”
— Excerpt from the Third Ode of Pascha Matins

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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

- Michael Maffett.
- 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

Christ is risen from the dead,
by death He trampled death,
and to those in the tombs
He granted life!

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Христос воскрес из мертвых,
смертию смерть поправ,
и сущим во гробех
живот даровав!

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Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν,
θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας,
καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι,
ζωὴν χαρισάμενος!

■ **Paschal Greeting** — From now until the Feast of the Ascension, we greet each other with the Paschal proclamation: *"Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!"* In Old Church Slavonic, it is transliterated as *"Christos Voskrese! Voistinnu Voskrese!"* In Greek, it is transliterated as *"Christos anesti! Alithos anesti!"*

■ **Today's Gospel** — To emphasize the universal message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, today's reading (*John 1:1-17*) will be proclaimed in English, Greek, and Latin.

Last Week's Liturgy

April 9, 2017

Attendance: 40 Souls

*I ask you, how can God's love survive in a man
who has enough of this world's goods
yet closes his heart to his brother
when he sees him in need?
Little children, let us love in deed and in truth
and not merely talk about it.*

1 Timothy 6:18-19

■ **Blessing of Easter Foods** — Easter baskets and Paschal foods will be blessed at the close of today's Divine Liturgy. Prior to the blessing, there will be the kissing of the cross.

■ **Fast Free Week** — In the Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches, as a joyous sign of the Resurrection there is no kneeling during the entire Paschal season.

Today (for those who are physically able), we remain standing during the Divine Liturgy except for the reading from the Acts of the Apostles and the homily. Please stand whenever *"Christ is risen..."* is sung.

■ **Fast Free Week** — In celebration of the Resurrection, from Pascha, from April 16, through April 22 (Bright Week) there is no fasting.

■ **Artos** — Today the Artos (Pascha) is placed on the tetrapod and blessed. Next Sunday, the top of the Artos is placed on the tetrapod while the remainder is cut, blessed, and distributed to the faithful as they are anointed with blessed oil. The word "Artos" comes from the Greek and means bread. It reminds us that Jesus is the "Bread of Life."

A prayerful thank you to Tonja Siemucha for providing this year's Pascha. Thank you also to Tonja for baking our Communion bread and the bread blessed for *mirovanije* on special feast days.

*"I am the living Bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this Bread will live forever; and the Bread
that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."*

— Matthew 18:20 (NAB)

*Welcome to our visitors and guests
who are praying with us today.*