

■ **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.

■ **Thank You** — A prayerful thank you to Annamarie Kaczmarek and to Tom Klimkosky for providing the beautiful flowers throughout the year that are placed before the icon stands and on the tetrapod and information table.

■ **Appreciation Social Hour** — We will hold a special social hour following Divine Liturgy on May 7 in appreciation of our cantor, Larry Baranyi, and his wife, Debbie. Please join us in the dining room of the Goshen House. If you have questions, please see Marie Shanks.

Welcome to our visitors and guests.

Divine Liturgy Schedule	
Apr. 30	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
May 7	Our Ladys’ Chapel Goshen House 10 a.m. [Social Hour following Divine Liturgy]
May 14	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
May 21	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
May 28	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	
Second Sunday of Pascha [Thomas Sunday]	
St. George the Great-Martyr and Wonderworker St. Alexandra April 16, 2017	
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom Resurrection Troparion (p. 164)	
Troparion of Thomas Sunday — Tone 7 (p. 175)	
Kontakion of Thomas Sunday — Tone 7 (p. 175)	
Prokiemenon of Thomas Sunday — Tone 3 (p. 176)	
New Testament Reading: Acts 5:12-20	
Alleluia of Thomas Sunday — Tone 8 (p. 176)	
Gospel: John 20:19-31	
Exaltation and Irmos (p. 167)	
[in place of “It is truly just...”]	
Paschal “Our Father” (p. 167)	
Communion Hymn (p. 177)	
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 by Debbie and Larry Baranyi for Debbie’s parents, +Mae and +William Ohge, and her brother +William, Jr.; and for Larry’s parents, +Alex and +Betty Baranyi. *Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!*

When You descended to death, O Immortal Life, You destroyed Hades by the brilliance of Your Divinity; and when You raised the dead from the depths of the earth, all the heavenly powers cried out” O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to you.”

— Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 2)

■ **Thomas Sunday** — Today is the Second Sunday of Pascha. It is known as the Sunday of St. Thomas in the Byzantine Church because the confirmation of the Resurrection is celebrated.

Thomas, one of The Twelve, was not with the other disciples when Jesus appeared to them on the evening of that first day of the week. Despite the testimony of others that they had seen the risen Lord, Thomas challenged the reality of the Resurrection until he could see for himself.

Eight days later they had again gathered behind locked doors. Thomas, upon seeing the risen Lord for himself cried: “My Lord and my God!” Jesus then said to him: “You became a believer because you have seen Me. Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed.”

“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

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.

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

Krisztus feltámadt! Valóban feltámadt!

HUNGARIAN

■ **Also Commemorated Today** — On this date, April 23, the Byzantine Church commemorates St. George the Glorious Great Martyr and Wonderworker. He refused to sacrifice to the gods and was tortured beheaded at Nicomedia in Asia Minor. Also commemorated is St. Alexandra, Martyr, and wife of the Emperor Diocletian. Both Saint George and Saint Alexandra were martyred during the reign of Diocletian about A.D. 296.

■ **Artos** — Last Sunday, the Artos (Pascha) was placed on the tetrapod and blessed. Today, 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 (mirovaniye). The word "Artos" comes from the Greek and means bread. It reminds us that Jesus is the "Bread of Life."

"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)

■ **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!"*

■ **Abstinence** — Friday, April 28, is designated by the Byzantine Church as a day of pen-

ance. Abstaining from meat or performing an appropriate act of penance is prescribed.

■ **Paschal Traditions** — As a sign of the joy that is ours in the Resurrection, we do not kneel from Easter Sunday until Pentecost for any of the liturgical services, because the time of penance is completed, and joy now reigns. We stand instead of kneeling, and we stand whenever "Christ is risen..." is sung. We sit at the Epistle and homily. Individuals may sit at the litanies, the First and Second Antiphons and the Troparia. You may sit at other times if you have physical limitations.

■ **Pray for Our Suffering Church** — Many Christian clergy, religious, and laity have been killed by Islamic radicals. Recently an attack on two Coptic Christian churches in Egypt 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

Last Week's Liturgy

April 16, 2017

Attendance: 54 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