

■ **Abstinence** — Friday, May 12, is designated by the Byzantine Church as a day of penance. 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.

SOCIAL HOUR

Today
May 7

Follows
Divine Liturgy
In the dining area of the
Goshen House

PLEASE JOIN US!



Divine Liturgy Schedule

May 14	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
May 21	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
May 25	Feast of the Ascension Mother of God School 7:30 p.m.
May 28	Mother of God School 10 a.m.

In the Liturgy we pray “for those who serve and have served in this holy church.”
Until the happy day when we have our own temple (grant it, O Lord!),
we will need men and women to help with setup and takedown.

The signup sheet for May is available on the information table.

Thank you!

*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

Fourth Sunday of Pascha
Sunday of the Paralytic Man
Commemoration of the Appearance of the Sign of the Cross
St. Acacius, Martyr
May 5, 2017
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Resurrection Troparion (p. 164)
Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 3 (p. 181)
Kontakion of the Feast — Tone 3 (p. 181)
Kontakion of the Resurrection — Tone 8 (p. 182)
Prokiemenon of the Feast — Tone 1 (p. 182)
New Testament Reading: Acts 9:32-42
Alleluia — Tone 5 (p. 182)
Gospel: John 5:1-15
Exaltation and Irmos (p. 167)
[in place of “It is truly just...”]
Paschal “Our Father” (p. 167)
Communion Hymn (p. 183)
Celebrants Fr. Lee Gross & Fr. John G. Basarab
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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 Elizabeth Keyes for the peace, health, and happiness of Mary Anne Diamond on the occasion of her birthday. *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)

■ **Sunday of the Paralytic Man** — Today is the Fourth Sunday of Pascha. It is known as the Sunday of The Paralytic. On this Sunday, we remember the cure of the paralyzed man that happened at the pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem.
In Hebrew, Bethesda means “House of Mercy.” Jesus reveals Himself as the Merciful Savior who frees the man from his lifelong ailment. We share in the joy of this at our baptism when the same Savior washes us free from sin and makes us whole through His grace.
Thus His life-giving death and glorious resurrection free us from the crippling effects of sin and recreate us in the image and likeness of God.
“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

We welcome our visitors and guests
who are praying with us today.

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.
- 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



■ **Also Commemorated Today** — On this date, May 7, the Byzantine Church commemorates the appearance of the Sign of the Cross that was formed by the stars in the heavens over Jerusalem, which extended from Calvary to Mt. Olivet A.D. 346. Also commemorated is the martyr St. Acacius, who testified for the Faith in the reign of Emperor Maximian.

■ **Why Is a Christian a Threat?** — The following is from *On the New Martyrs of the Middle East: An Orthodox Christian View*:

"Christianity is the only faith in the world whose seminal, defining event is the death and resurrection of the God whom we worship. And we believe that we can be joined to His death and therefore also His resurrection. We can join Him in the conquest of death itself. And if death itself can be conquered, that means that no king, no emperor, no premier, no president and no caliph can claim ultimate power over us."

■ **Mid-Pentecost** — This coming Wednesday is Mid-Pentecost, the midpoint of the 50 days between the feasts of Pascha and Pentecost.

In the Divine Liturgy Gospel passage, we read that "in the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the Temple, and taught" (John 7:14). The feast in question is the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles, which commemorates the Israelites wandering in the desert for 40 years, when they lived under tents and tabernacles.

"Tabernacles" served as the middle link between the Jewish Passover, which recalls God's deliverance of His people from the Egyptian pharaoh, and the Jewish Pentecost, which remembers Old Israel's entry into the "promised land" of Mount Sinai.

The risen Christ is the link for New Israel as it celebrates the New Passover (Pascha, the Resurrection) and the New Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples and apostles.

When Jesus had preached in the temple, he had just healed the Paralytic Man and was about to give sight to the Blind Man. The apolytikion of Mid-Pentecost announces the "waters of true worship," which Christ will give us to drink, just as He gave the Samaritan Woman to drink. Thus, Mid-Pentecost reveals to the world that Christ will heal all of its infirmities, both physical and spiritual.

■ **Paschal Greeting** — From Pascha 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 Voskresel! Voistinnu Voskresel!"* In Greek, it is transliterated as *"Christos anesti! Alithos anesti!"*

Last Week's Liturgy

April 30, 2017

Attendance: 27 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