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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.

■ **Abstinence** — Friday, May 19, is designated by the Byzantine Church as a day of penance. Abstaining from meat or performing an appropriate act of penance is prescribed.

■ **Thank You!** — Fr. John wishes to thank everyone who assisted with the reception for Larry and Debbie Baranyi last Sunday. He thought it was very well done and appreciates the care with which it was planned and carried out.

Divine Liturgy Schedule	
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.
June 4	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 the remainder of
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

Fifth Sunday of Pascha
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman
St. Isadore, Martyr
May 14, 2017
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Resurrection Troparion (p. 164)
Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 4 (p. 186)
Kontakion of the Feast — Tone 8 & Tone 4 (p. 187)
Prokiemenon of the Feast — Tone 3 (p. 188)
New Testament Reading: Acts 11:19-26 & 29-30
Alleluia — Tone 4 (p. 188)
Gospel: John 4:5-42
Exaltation and Irmos (p. 167)
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Paschal “Our Father” (p. 167)
Communion Hymn (p. 188)
Celebrants 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 Andy Haba for the blessed repose of +John; +Anna; +George; +George, Jr.; +Ellen; +Edward; +Andrew John; +Andrea; and +Janet Haba, in addition to +Mark Nickerson and +Anthony Spin. *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 Fifth Sunday of Pascha. It is known as the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. On this Sunday, which follows Mid-Pentecost, we remember the Samaritan woman who announced that Jesus Christ was truly the Messiah and Savior. Through her encounter with Jesus she came to a deeper awareness of His mission in the world. She drank the living water of faith that only He could give and went on to proclaim Him to her neighbors and friends. Like her, we too, must proclaim our faith in Jesus to everyone we meet.

■ **Who Is the Samaritan Woman?** — Every Fifth Sunday of Pascha we hear the story of Jesus’ meeting with the Samaritan Woman at the well. Although we do not hear her name in today’s Gospel reading, by tradition she is called Photina and revered by the Byzantine Catholic and Orthodox Churches as a mar-

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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

*Kal-Masīḥ qām!
Ḥaqqan qām!*

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tyr. Her feast day is February 26.

Photina is an image (icon) of our baptism. Though the well of Jacob could not quench her thirst, the Lord revealed to her true worship of the Father in spirit and truth. In this week of the Samaritan Woman, we draw of the water of the well of enlightenment and imitate the holy and repentant Photina, the woman enlightened by our Lord.

■ **Also Commemorated Today** — On this date, May 14, the Byzantine Church commemorates St. Isadore, martyr, who on the island of Chios was put to death under the reign of the Emperor Decius.

■ **Why Is a Christian a Threat?** — The following is from *On the New Martyrs of the Middle East: An Orthodox Christian View* (Part 2):

"...Just look at the responses of the martyrs: They sometimes laugh in the face of martyrdom. Sometimes, they sing. Sometimes, they go out preaching. They so very often go out with the name of Jesus on their lips, praying even for those who are killing them. They go out with joy!

So while we feel the pain of their loss and grieve in our hearts for them and their families, and while we pursue all that we can to bring peace to that troubled land, we do not 'grieve as those who have no hope' (1 Thess. 4:13). An earthly power may slay the bodies of Chris-

tians, but he can have no ultimate power over them, for they have joined their risen Savior in the conquest of death itself.

We grieve the death of the martyrs, but our grief will be swallowed up in rejoicing. We rejoice with them in their victory over temptation, their victory over the cares of this world, their victory over even death, 'the last enemy'" (1 Cor. 15:26).

■ **Mid-Pentecost** — This past 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.

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Last Week's Liturgy

May 7, 2017

Attendance: 33 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