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The Feast of Peter and Paul, a day of precept (obligation) for the Byzantine Church, falls annually on June 29.

■ **Update on Fr. Lee and Services at the Mission** — Because this week’s bulletin needed to be completed fairly early, the latest updates regarding Fr. Lee and services at the Mission will be announced during Divine Liturgy today.

Please make sure that we have your current phone number and/or e-mail address so that we can notify you when unforeseen events, such as Fr. Lee’s accident, occur. If you did not receive either a phone call or e-mail during the last two weeks, there is a chance we have an old or inaccurate number/address. Please give your information to Marie Shanks.

Liturgy Propers

Sunday of the Fathers of the
First Ecumenical Council
Postfestive of the Ascension
Our Venerable Father Nicetas, Bishop of Chalcedon
St. Helladius, Priest-Martyr
St. Eutyches, Martyr
May 28, 2017
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

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In addition, and most important, please pray for the quick and complete recovery of Fr. Lee.

“O Lord Jesus Christ... We beseech You, look mercifully upon him and in Your great love grant him relief from his pain... that restored to the vigor of health, he may serve You faithfully and gratefully all his life and become heir of Your kingdom, for You are the physician of our souls and bodies, O Christ...”
— St. John Chrysostom

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

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 June is now available on the information table.

Thank you!

Divine Liturgy Schedule

May 28	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
June 4	Pentecost Mother of God School 10 a.m.
June 11	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
June 18	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
June 25	Mother of God School 10 a.m.

Announcements

■ **Today’s Liturgy Intention** — Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered by Louis and Marie Shanks in thanksgiving for God’s blessings on the occasion of their wedding anniversary. *Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!*

O God, our God, You came to Cana in Galilee and blessed the marriage there; now bless Your servants, Louis and Marie, who through Your Providence were united in marriage and who now offer thanksgiving to You for all the good things which they have received from You in their years of marriage. Bless the daily course of their life; fill their life with good things; and accept their crowns into Your Kingdom, keeping them pure, blameless, and above reproach forever.
— From the Byzantine Ritual of Marriage

■ **Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council** — Today the Byzantine Catholic Church commemorates the more than 300 Fathers who participated in the First Nicean Council. Today is also a post-festive day of the Feast of the Ascension, which was observed this past Thursday.

The First Ecumenical Council, held in Nicea in 325 in the reign of Constantine the Great, was summoned to remove the confusion that Arius, an Alexandrian priest, had created by his false teaching. He had been spreading the teaching that Christ was created from God in time, and that he is not the pre-eternal Son of God, equal in being with God the Father. The council condemned the Arian teaching and anathematized Arius when he would not repent.

This council also definitively confirmed the Symbol of Faith (the Creed), which was later amplified at the Second Ecumenical Council. In addition, the council also confirmed the time of the celebration of Pascha.

■ **Also Commemorated Today** — On this date, May 28, our Church also commemorates our Venerable Father Nicetas, Bishop of Chalcedon; St. Helladius, Priest-Martyr; and St. Eutyches, Martyr.

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.
- Raymond Klimkosky.

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.
- Fr. Lee Gross.



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

■ **Mirovaniye: Feast of the Ascension** — In commemoration of the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord this past Thursday, there will be anointing (*mirovaniye*) and distribution of blessed bread at the close of today's Divine Liturgy. All are welcome to receive the anointing and blessed bread. *Christ is among us! He is and shall be!*

In Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox theology, the Ascension of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ is interpreted as the culmination of the Mystery of the Incarnation, in that it not only marked the completion of Jesus' physical presence among his apostles, but consummated the union of God and man when Jesus ascended in his glorified human body to sit at the right hand of God the Father. The Ascension and the Transfiguration both figure prominently in the Eastern Christian doctrine of theosis (<http://orthodoxwiki.org/Theosis>).

The bodily Ascension into heaven is also understood as the final token of Christ's two natures: divine and human.

■ **Feast of Pentecost** — Next Sunday, June 4, is the Feast of Pentecost. It is a Slavic custom to wear the color green on this Great Feast to



symbolize the growth of the new Church as well as to decorate church sanctuaries with the boughs of linden trees, which have heart-shaped leaves. The Slavic peoples traditionally believed that the Holy Spirit resides in the heart of each of us.

In the Roman Church and some Protestant traditions it is common for the priest/minister and altar to be vested in red to symbolize the tongues of fire that descended on that first Pentecost.

■ **Abstinence** — Friday, June 2, is designated by the Byzantine Church as a day of penance. Abstaining from meat or performing an appropriate act of penance is prescribed.

■ **Apostles Fast & Feast** — The Apostles Fast begins on the day following the Sunday of All Saints and concludes on the eve of the Feast of the Prime Apostles, Peter and Paul.

A fasting period of variable length, in 2017 the fast is observed from June 12 through June 28. Observance of the fast is voluntary, but all Fridays during this period remain days of penance (abstinence from meat products).

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Last Week's Liturgy

May 21, 2017

Attendance: 19 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