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Upcoming

- **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).
The Feast of Peter and Paul, a day of precept (obligation) for the Byzantine Church, falls annually on June 29.
- **Orientale Lumen XXI** — The Orientale Lumen XXI Conference will be held on June 19-

22, 2017, in Washington, D.C., on the theme of “Chieti and Crete: Two Historical Events.”
Speakers are invited to discuss the importance of the Agreed Statement of the International Theological Commission on the role of the Bishop of Rome in the first millennium (Chieti Agreement) juxtaposed with the Great Council of Crete, which brought together a majority of the Orthodox Churches for the first time in nearly 1,000 years.

The Papal Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, along with Archbishop Job of Telmessos, will participate in the Moleben to the Holy Spirit and make a few remarks at the Opening Session.
Archbishop Job will be meeting with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in early June and might bring a greeting from him to the conference.

For more information, visit <http://olfoundation.net/conferences/ol-xxi-june-19-22-2017/>

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

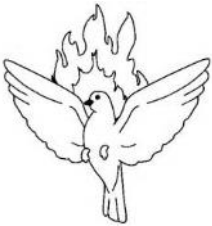
In the Liturgy we pray “for those who serve and have served in this holy church.”
Until the happy day when we have our own temple (grant it, O Lord!),
we will need men and women to help with setup and takedown.

The signup sheet for June is now available on the information table.

Thank you!

For Your name's sake, Lord,
I have waited for You.
My soul has waited for Your promise,
my soul has hoped in the Lord.

From the Kneeling Prayers
of the Vigil of Pentecost



Announcements

- **Today's Liturgy Intention** — Today's Divine Liturgy is offered for the good intentions of our Mission Community. *Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!*
- **Great Feast of Pentecost** — Today we celebrate the Great Feast of Pentecost, on which the Holy Spirit descended upon the infant Christian Church. It is a celebration of the new life that God breathes into the faithful, first in Jerusalem and then through the Church to the ends of the earth.

This new life is made possible only through the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ. The Spirit comes as a confirmation that the Father's work — through the historical life of the Son — is complete, but that His work continues through the Church for the salvation of the world through all the ages.
It is a Slavic custom to wear the color green on Pentecost to symbolize the growth of the new Church, as well as to decorate church sanctuaries with the boughs of linden trees, as the have heart-shaped



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Epiphany of Our Lord
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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 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 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

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leaves. The Slavic people 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.

■ **Also Commemorated Today** — On this date, June 4, our Church commemorates our Holy Father Metrophanes, Patriarch of Constantinople, who suffered imprisonment in the persecution under Diocletian, Emperor. He died A.D. 325 in the reign of Constantine the Great, Emperor.

■ **Mirovanije: Pentecost** — In commemoration of the Feast of Pentecost there will be anointing (*mirovanije*) and distribution of blessed bread at today's Divine Liturgy. All are welcome to receive the anointing and blessed bread. *Christ is among us! He is and shall be!*

■ **Fast Free Week** — In celebration of the Feast of Pentecost, the week of Pentecost (June 5-10) is free from abstinence and fasting.

■ **Welcome, Fr. Alexei** — We welcome Fr. Alexei Michalenko, who is praying the Divine Liturgy with us today, and we thank him for assisting us during Fr. Lee's recovery. Fr. Alexei is no stranger to many of us who attended the Mission in its early years.

■ **Our Sympathies** — Our Mission Community extends its prayers and condolences to Nancy Sesok and her family upon the passing of her father, Abram Norman (Norm) Dennis, who recently fell asleep in the Lord. Funeral liturgy was this past Thursday from St. Grego-

ry of Nyssa Byzantine Catholic Church in Beltsville. *Blessed repose and eternal memory.*

"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 servant, Abram Norman, in a place of light, joy, and peace where there is no pain, sorrow, nor mourning."

— From the Litany for the Deceased

■ **Fr. Lee** — 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

■ **Any Graduates?** — If you or a family member is graduating this spring (from elementary school, middle school, high school, etc.), please provide that information to Rick Neimiller so it can be included in an upcoming bulletin.

■ **In Case of Emergency** — Please make sure that we have your current phone number and/or e-mail address so that we can notify you when unforeseen events arise. Give your infor-

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Last Week's Liturgy

May 28, 2017

Attendance: 22 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