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ance (abstinence from meat products).

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

■ **Oriental Lumen XXI** — The Oriental 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 Ecu-

menical 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/>

PLEASE NOTE DATES & TIMES

Divine Liturgy Schedule

June 11	Mother of God School 8 a.m.
June 18	Mother of God School 8 a.m.
June 25	Mother of God School 8 a.m.
June 29	[Feast of SS. Peter & Paul] Mother of God School 7:30 p.m.
July 2	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
July 9	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
July 16	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 sheets for **June and July** are now available on the information table.

Thank you!

Your Church throughout the world,
O Lord, clothed with the blood of Your martyrs
as with royal purple and linen,
cries out to You through them, O Christ our God:
Send down Your mercies upon Your people,
grant peace to Your world,
and great mercy to our souls.

Troparion of All Saints Sunday (Tone 4)

Announcements

■ **Today’s Liturgy Intention** — Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered by Marge Rusnak for her parents, +Michael and +Margaret Rusnak. *Vičnaja pamjat’.*

■ **Sunday of All Saints** — Today, the First Sunday after Pentecost, the Byzantine Catholic celebrates the Sunday of All Saints.

Last Sunday we commemorated the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost, which signaled the birth of the universal Church. Today, the first Sunday of the season, our thoughts turn toward the first born of the Kingdom: those men and women who have gone before us in faith. They shall come together and stand witness to Him Who from all eternity has been the Revealer, Lawgiver, and Redeemer.

In the early days, Christians were accustomed to solemnize the anniversary of a martyr’s death for Christ at the place of martyrdom. In the 4th century, neighboring dioceses began to interchange feasts, to transfer relics, to divide them, and to join in a common feast. Frequently groups of martyrs suffered on the same day, which naturally led to a joint commemoration.

In the persecution of Diocletian the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each. But the Church,

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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.
- 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 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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feeling that every martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all.

The first trace of this we find in Antioch on the Sunday after Pentecost. We also find mention of a common day in a sermon of St. Ephrem the Syrian (373), and in the 74th homily of St. John Chrysostom (407). In the West, Boniface IV, on May 13, 609, or 610, consecrated the Pantheon in Rome to the Blessed Virgin and all the martyrs, ordering an anniversary. Gregory III (731-741) consecrated a chapel in the Basilica of St. Peter to all the saints and fixed the anniversary for November 1.

This date of November 1 became the date of commemorating "All Saints" in the Roman Church (as well as in the Anglican and some Lutheran traditions). The Byzantine Catholic and Orthodox Churches, however, retain the traditional date of commemoration.

■ **Also Commemorated Today** — Normally on this date, June 11, our Church commemorates SS. Bartholomew and Barnabas, Apostles. Because today is the Feast of All Saints, their commemoration was transferred to this past Friday.

Bartholomew is thought by many to be Nathaniel the "Israelite without guile" mentioned in St. John's Gospel. He suffered death in Greater Armenia and his relics are enshrined in his church in Rome.

Barnabas was one of the Seventy Disciples/Saints. He labored with St. Paul of Anti-

Last Week's Liturgy

June 4, 2017

Attendance: 27 Souls

och, Seleucia, etc., and is said to have been stoned to death on the Isle of Cyprus.

■ **Welcome and Thank You, Fr. Lewis** — We welcome Fr. Lewis Rabayda of St. Gregory of Nyssa Church in Beltsville, who is praying the Divine Liturgy with us today, and we thank him for assisting us during Fr. Lee's recovery. (Fr. Lewis was also with us for Ascension Day Divine Liturgy.)

■ **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 or Marie Shanks so it can be included in an upcoming bulletin.

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

■ **Apostles Fast & Feast** — The Apostles Fast begins on the day following the Sunday of All Saints (tomorrow) 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 pen-

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