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the Theotokos under that title.

The Pilgrimage is a source of ongoing renewal and provides for the diverse spiritual needs of the many pilgrims who frequent this major unifying event in the life of the Byzantine Catholic Church. Its participants include clergy and faithful from across the country.

The Pilgrimage offers the celebration of Divine Liturgy; opportunities for the Mystery of Reconciliation; Anointing of the Sick; Adult Enrichment Programs; activities for children, teens, young adults; and pastoral counseling.

The Pilgrimage is the oldest and largest Byzantine Catholic Pilgrimage in the United States. The Sisters welcome all people of faith to share in this special ministry and in its many blessings.

■ **Lemko/Rusyn Documentaries** — A documentary on the forced deportation of the Lemko Rusyns in Poland following World War II has been completed by two documentary filmmakers, John Righetti and Maria Silvestri of Pittsburgh, and debuted in Poland, Pitts-

Liturgy Propers

Third Sunday of Pentecost
Saint Febronia, Venerable-Martyr

June 25, 2017

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

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Celebrant: Fr. Lewis Rabayda

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burgh, and New York the last week of April on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the infamous action.

The film, *Even Tears Were Not Enough*, is available online at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_JCGkBiRZVA.

Righetti and Silvestri previously worked on *Changed by Thalerhof*, which is also available online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n6Q6SRbDQic>. It is the story of the Rusyns being interred in Europe's first concentration camp in 1914 during World War I. Both documentaries were produced by the John and Helen Timo Foundation.

PLEASE NOTE DATES & TIMES

Divine Liturgy Schedule

June 29	[Feast of SS. Peter & Paul] Mother of God School 7:30 p.m. (Fr. Dan)
July 2	Mother of God School 10 a.m. (Fr. Dan)
July 9	Mother of God School 10 a.m. (Fr. Dan)
July 16	Mother of God School 10 a.m. (Fr. Dan)

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 **July**
is now available on the information table.

Thank you!

Announcements

■ **Today's Liturgy Intention** — Today's Divine Liturgy is offered for the good intentions of the members of our Mission Community. *Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na v'iki!*

■ **Third Sunday after Pentecost** — Today is the Third Sunday after Pentecost. On this date, June 25, the Byzantine Catholic Church commemorates St. Febronia of Nisibis, also known as Febronia of Sebaste, who was a nun at Nisibis, Assyria.

She suffered persecution under Diocletian, who offered her freedom if she renounced her faith and married his nephew, Lysimachus, who had been



leaning towards conversion to Christianity. Febronia refused and was tortured and suffered mutilation and death. Lysimachus, witnessing her suffering, converted.

Febronia is one of the 140 Colonnade saints whose images adorn St. Peter's Square. She is known as a Holy Virgin Martyr. Detailed

information about this saint can be found at <http://antiochian.org/node/18851>.

■ **Thank You, Fr. Lewis** — A prayerful thank you to Fr. Lewis Rabayda of St. Gregory of Nyssa Church in Beltsville, who is praying the Divine Liturgy with us today, for assisting us this month during Fr. Lee's recovery.

Welcome to our
visitors and guests.

Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church



Montgomery County Mission

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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

- 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

■ **Apostles Fast & Feast Liturgy** — The Apostles Fast concludes on the eve of the Feast of the Prime Apostles, Peter and Paul this Wednesday.

The Feast of Peter and Paul (Thursday), a day of precept (obligation) for the Byzantine Church, falls annually on June 29. Divine Liturgy with Fr. Dan Grigassy, O.F.M., will be prayed that evening at 7:30 p.m.

■ **Birth of John the Baptist** — Annually on June 24 the Byzantine Church commemorates the Solemn Feast of the Birth of the Holy Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist.

St. John was born of the righteous parents Elizabeth and Zachariah. Although old and barren, Elizabeth came to be with child. Fearing derision at being pregnant so late in life, she kept it a secret for five months. Then her cousin, the Virgin Mary, came to share with her Her own joy. Elizabeth, "filled with the Holy Spirit," was first to greet the Most Holy Virgin Mary as Theotokos (God-bearer). St. John leaped in his mother's womb at the visit of the Theotokos and the Son of God incarnate within Her.

This feast of St. John the Baptist was very popular in ancient times and throughout the Middle Ages in both the Eastern and Western Churches.



Last Week's Liturgy

June 18, 2017

Attendance: 27 Souls

Greetings from Fr. Lee:

I just wanted to express my thanks and appreciation to all of you for your cards, prayers, and good wishes during my convalescence. I miss all of you, and I very much regret the inconvenience it has caused you and the Liturgy schedule for the Mission.

The good news is that I have recently graduated from a walker to a cane! The bad news is that I still must wear a stabilizer on my leg, which means I cannot bend it. This makes driving impossible, and until the stabilizer comes off, I cannot resume anything resembling normal activity. According to the surgeon, it will likely be at least another month, but that depends on my progress.

In the meantime, please keep the prayers going, and I hope to see you soon again. God bless you.

Fr. Lee

■ **Day of Penance** — Friday, June 30, is a day of simple abstinence in the Byzantine Church. One may abstain from meat or perform an appropriate act of penance.

■ **Uniontown 'Otpust'** — The 83rd Annual Pilgrimage (otpusť) in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held September 2 & 3.

The pilgrimage has been held every Labor Day weekend since 1934. It was that year that the Sisters and pilgrims celebrated the blessing of the then newly acquired Monastery for the Sisters. In 1935, Pope Pius XI gifted the Sisters with a beautiful icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help requesting that they spread devotion to

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