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Until now, Archbishop William C. Skurla of the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh has had pastoral governance of the Ohio-based eparchy. Bishop John M. Kudrick, who headed the eparchy, retired in May 2016.

Lach, 43, was ordained an auxiliary bishop for Prešov in 2013. A native of Kezmarok, Slovakia, he entered the Society of Jesus in 1995 and was ordained a Jesuit priest on July 1, 2001. Fluent in several languages, including English, he is the first European-born bishop to be appointed to oversee the Eparchy of Parma since its founding in 1969. *Axios!*

■ **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 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.

PLEASE NOTE DATES & TIMES

Divine Liturgy Schedule

July 2	Mother of God School 10 a.m. (<i>Fr. Dan</i>)
July 9	Mother of God School 10 a.m. (<i>Fr. Dan</i>)
July 16	Mother of God School 10 a.m. (<i>Fr. Dan</i>)

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 **July** is now available on the information table. **Thank you!**

Announcements

■ **Today’s Liturgy Intention** — Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered by Joni and Vince Kovalick for the physical health of Fr. Lee Gross. In peace, health, and happiness, God grant him many years. *Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na v’iki!*

“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

■ **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost** — Today is the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. On this date, July 2, the Byzantine Catholic Church commemorates the Deposition of the Venerable Robe of the Theotokos in the Church of Blachernae in the reign of the Emperor Leo and his consort Irene.

Also commemorated today is our Holy Father Juvenal, who, after St. Cyril, was the third Patriarch of Jerusalem.

■ **Thank You, Fr. Dan** — A prayerful thank you to Fr. Daniel Griggasy, OFM, who is praying the Divine Liturgy with us today, for assisting our Mission Community this month during Fr. Lee’s recovery. Fr. Dan celebrated the Divine Liturgy this past Thursday, the Feast of St. Peter and Paul, and will also be at the Mission the next two Sundays.

■ **Mirovanije for SS. Peter & Paul** — There will be anointing (*mirovanije*) and distribution of blessed bread at today’s Divine Liturgy in commemoration of the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul this past Thursday. All are welcome to receive anointing and the blessed bread. *Christ is among us! He is and shall be!*

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

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

- 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

■ **SS. Peter & Paul** — On June 29, we celebrated the Feast of the Prime Apostles Peter and Paul. So important is this celebration in the Byzantine Catholic and Orthodox Churches that it is marked by a preparatory fasting period — called the Apostles Fast — beginning on the Monday after the Sunday after Pentecost and lasting until the eve of the feast.

One may ask why these two apostles are celebrated on the same day. Peter was one of the Twelve, whereas Paul was not. From the biblical evidence that we have we know that Peter's ministerial outlook was very different from Paul's. At the council of Jerusalem (A.D. 48), great problems had arisen in the Church from a large influx of Gentile converts, and these saints had different opinions as to how they should be received. Yet we find that not only are they celebrated on the same day, but even icons portray these two major apostles embracing each other.

Historically, the reason the Church combined the feast day of the two apostles into one was that they were both martyred in Rome on the same day. There is a very ancient tradition that claims that they were both executed during Nero's persecution, approximately A.D. 68. For this reason, probably from the fourth century onwards, the Church in Rome came to celebrate their feast day on June 29.

Theologically speaking, the reason why the feast day of these two apostles was combined into one was to show that even though their

ministerial vision was not the same, both were necessary, and even complemented each other. Although the Apostle Paul was not one of the Twelve, he would claim that his ministry was considered equal if not superior to those ministers who had been appointed by Christ because he had suffered so much for Christ.

During their lifetime, these two great apostles of our Church disagreed greatly as to how to receive new members into the newly established Christian faith. St. Paul is said to have rebuked St. Peter for duplicity in this matter. In Galatians 2.11, St. Paul tells us of a disagreement he had with St. Peter: "when Peter came to Antioch, I withstood him in the face because he was to be blamed."

Peter believed that new members firstly had to fulfill the requirements of the Jewish law by being circumcised before they could become Christians whereas Paul was totally opposed to this.

What we can learn from this is that when the Church is ruled by the Holy Spirit, tensions of this kind can be overcome.

■ **Day of Penance** — As each Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord, each Friday is a commemoration of Holy and Great Friday and is observed with penance. One may abstain from meat or instead offer prayer of charitable works.

■ **News from Parma** — Pope Francis has named Auxiliary Bishop Milan Lach of Prešov, Slovakia, as Apostolic Administrator of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma, Ohio.

The appointment was announced in Washington June 24 by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States.

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Last Week's Liturgy

June 25, 2017

Attendance: 20 Souls