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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.

■ **Slavic-American Festival** — Epiphany’s annual Slavic-American Day is set for September 10 on church grounds following Divine Liturgy. Watch upcoming bulletins for details..

Liturgy Propers

Feast of the Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ
August 6, 2017
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■ **Praying College Moms** — Praying College Moms reminds Catholics that the second Sunday of August is a special day to pray for college students. Known as the “Universal Pray for College Students Day,” this is a day to recognize and bless our college-age students as they prepare for college, vocational training, military service, or other endeavors. This year, the observance falls next Sunday, August 13.

“Praying Moms” is a Catholic 501(c)3 organization established in 2012 to support college students and their parents during this critical time when these young adults experience independence, may be faced with temptations, and are called upon to make good choices. Please refer to the organization’s website (www.prayingcollegemom.org) for more information.

Divine Liturgy Schedule	
Aug. 13	Mother of God School 10 a.m. (Fr. Lee)
Aug. 20	Mother of God School 10 a.m. (Fr. Lee) [Blessing of Flowers, Herbs & Medicines]

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.

Signup sheets for **August** is available on the information table.
Thank you!

Announcements

■ **Today’s Liturgy Intention** — Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered by Christine Dennis for the blessed repose of +Joseph Chisarick, grandson of Rosemary Chisarick. May his memory be eternal.

“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 in a place of light, joy, and peace where there is no pain, sorrow, nor mourning.”

— From the Litany for the Deceased

■ **Today’s Commemorations** — Today, August 6, is commemorated as the Feast of the Holy Transfiguration of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In the Feast of the Transfiguration, we see Jesus as God, wonderfully “wrapped in light as in a robe.” This event on Mt. Tabor is a window into the divinity of Jesus Christ, surrounded with glory, intensely white. Nothing else could produce such brilliance. Jesus is God, and in His presence we worship in silence.

Once before, Moses and Elias (Elijah) worshipped God on this mount and in silence fell on their faces before Him. Here, now, however, “they are speaking with Jesus.” Let us, as disciples might, bask in the brightness of this mystery, begging our Savior God to reveal Himself more fully to us. For what we see is beautiful and alluring.

■ **Mirovaniye and Blessing of the First Fruits** — It is a tradition in the Byzantine Catholic and Orthodox Churches to bless the first fruits of the harvest



(especially grapes and apples) on the Feast of the Transfiguration.

We will bless grapes, apples, and other produce today at the close of Divine Liturgy. Everyone is

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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

- 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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invited to partake of the blessed grapes and bread, and receive anointing (*mirovaniye*).

■ **Welcome Back, Fr. Lee!** — We are happy to have Fr. Lee back with us for Divine Liturgy. Please pray for his continued recovery. May God grant him many years!

■ **Dormition Fast** — The fourth of four fasting periods during the liturgical year of the Byzantine Church begins Tuesday, August 1. The Dormition Fast is observed each year from August 1 to 14, the eve of the Feast of the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos. Traditionally, the Dormition Fast is a fast from meat and dairy products Monday through Friday with a mitigation on Saturdays, Sundays, and the Feast of the Transfiguration. [The Feast of the Dormition is referred to as the Feast of the Assumption in the Latin (Roman) Church.]

The Mother of God was without sin. Therefore, she was always prepared during her life on earth for the journey to eternal life in heaven. Through a life of prayer and fasting she was prepared always to meet her Son upon her falling asleep.

During the Dormition Fast, we prepare for a worthy life and happiness in heaven through prayer, repentance, and fasting in imitation of our Mother, the most pure Theotokos, that we might be prepared for death and a good account before the fearsome judgment seat of Christ and to be worthy of eternal life. Therefore, during August, the last month of the Byzantine Church Year, we prepare in advance for the end of our lives.

■ **Share My Faith Day** — On Saturday, August 12, join with Byzantine Catholics and members of other religious traditions for a free

workshop that explores our unique "Eastern Rite" through pysanky egg dying, holiday traditions, Slavic cuisine, and our liturgy.

The workshop, which includes lunch, will run from 9:45 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at Epiphany Church-Annandale for ages 12 and older. To receive more information or to register, e-mail your name, contact information, number of guests, and home church/religion to go.gold.kelsey@gmail.com by August 8. The workshop is presented by Kelsey Lee as part of her Girl Scout Gold Award Project, the highest award in Girl Scouting.



■ **Uniontown 'Otpust'** — The 83rd Annual Pilgrimage (*otpus*) 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

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Last Week's Liturgy

July 30, 2017

Attendance: 18 Souls