

■ **Slavic-American Festival** — Information regarding Epiphany’s annual Slavic-American Day on September 10 has been mailed out to members of our Mission Community. You can also access information through the website: www.slavicamericanfestival.com.

■ **Today: Praying College Moms** — Praying College Moms reminds Catholics that the second Sunday of August (today) 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.

“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.

■ **Thank You!** — A prayerful thank you to everyone who has stepped up to fill the shoes of cantor during these past several months. Your help and assistance has been tremendous. Remember: He [or she] who sings prays twice. (Attributed to St. Augustine of Hippo.)

Announcements

■ **Today’s Liturgy Intention** — Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered by Rick Neimiller for the health and well being of his mother, Mary (Hartle) Neimiller, who will observe her 96th birthday on Tuesday, the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos. May God grant His handmaid peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years. *Mnohaja l’ita!*

■ **Today’s Commemorations** — Today is the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost. It is also the Leave-Taking of the Feast of the Holy Transfiguration of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ on Mount Tabor, which was observed last Sunday, August 6.

Commemorated on this date is our Venerable Father Maximus, Confessor, who was a Greek of noble birth. At first, he was attached to the Court of the Emperor Heracluis but later retired to the monastery of Chrysopolis. For championing the Faith against the Monothelites, St. Maximus was seized in Rome and taken as a prisoner to Constantinople. For his steadfastness, his right hand was cut off and his tongue torn out. He died of his wounds A.D. 662.

■ **Feast of the Dormition** — The Feast of the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos is celebrated annually on August 15. Known as the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Latin Church, it is considered to be our Lady’s greatest feast.

This feast is a day of precept (obligation) in the Byzantine Church. Divine Liturgy will be prayed this coming Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Mother of God School. Fr. Lewis Rabayda will be the celebrant. [Note that flowers, herbs, and medicines will be blessed next Sunday, August 20.]

The commemoration of the Dormition dates to Ephesus in the first century. Among the Byzantine Catholic and Orthodox Slavs, it is marked by the tra-

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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.

Liturgy Propers

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Leave-Taking of the Feast of the Holy
Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Savior,
Jesus Christ

Our Venerable Father Maximus, Confessor
August 13, 2017

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

First Antiphon (p. 14)

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Kontakion — Tone 7 (p. 348)

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Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Alleluia — Tone 8 (p. 348)

Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23

Magnification & Irmos (p. 349)

[in place of “It is truly proper...”]

Communion Hymn (p. 350)

Celebrant: Fr. Lee Gross

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Divine Liturgy Schedule

Aug. 15 **[Dormition of the**
Theotokos]
Mother of God School
7:30 p.m. (Fr. Lewis)

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

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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ditional blessing of flowers, herbs, and medicines. Also remembered in prayer are all those in health care services and their dedication to protecting human life from conception until natural death.

After the Ascension of our Lord, the Mother of God remained in the care of the Apostle John the Theologian, and during his journeys She lived at the home of his parents, near the Mount of Olives. She was a source of consolation and edification both for the Apostles and for all the believers. Conversing with them, she told them about miraculous events: the Annunciation, the seedless and undefiled Conception of Christ born of Her, about His early childhood, and about His earthly life. Like the Apostles, she helped plant and strengthen the Christian Church by her presence, her discourse, and her prayers.

According to holy tradition, the reverence of the Apostles for the Most Holy Virgin was extraordinary. After the receiving of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, the Apostles remained at Jerusalem for about 10 years attending to the salvation of the Jews and wanting moreover to see the Mother of God and hear her holy discourse. Many of the newly enlightened in the Faith even came from faraway lands to Jerusalem, to see and to hear the All-Pure Mother of God.

Holy tradition holds that God could not allow the body of the Theotokos, the flesh that had given Christ flesh, to know corruption, so the angels came to bring Mary to heaven with her body.

■ **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.

■ **Middle Eastern Food Festival** — Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek Catholic Church in McLean, Va., will hold its annual Middle Eastern Food Festival on Saturday, Sept. 2 from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m., and on Sunday, Sept. 3 from 12 noon until 6 p.m. on the parish grounds.

For more details, go to <https://middleeasternfoodfestival.com/festival/>.

Last Week's Liturgy

August 6, 2017

Attendance: 24 Souls