

Pray for Peace

...We pray for Your peace and Your mercy in the midst of the great suffering that people are now inflicting on each other. Accept the prayers of Your Church, so that by Your goodness peace may return to all peoples. Hear us and have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Lord our God, remember and have mercy on our brothers and sisters who are involved in every civil conflict. Remove from their midst all hostility, confusion, and hatred. Lead everyone along the path of reconciliation and peace, we pray You, hear us and have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Let all believers turn aside from violence and do what makes for peace. By the strength of your mighty arm save your people and Your Holy Church from all evil oppression; hear the supplications of all who call to You in sorrow and affliction, day and night. Merciful God, let their lives not be lost, we pray You, hear us and have mercy.

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Amen.

[Text excerpted from "In Communion," the website of the Orthodox Peace Fellowship. To access the complete prayer and other resources, visit www.incommunion.org.]

Announcements

■ **Today's Liturgy Intention** — Today's Divine Liturgy is offered for the blessed repose of +Jim Siemucha on the anniversary of his birth by his daughter Tonja Siemucha. *Vičnaja pamjat'.*

"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, James, 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 is the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. It is also a post-festive day of the Feast of the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos, which is commemorated annually on August 15.

Commemorated on this date, August 20, is St. Samuel, Prophet, who

lived in the 11th century B.C. Also commemorated is St. Stephen, Apostolic King of Hungary, who died A.D. 1038. His right hand is miraculously kept intact.

■ **Today: Mirovanije and Blessing** — Among Byzantine Catholic and Orthodox Slavs, the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos is marked by the traditional 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.

There will be a blessing of flowers, herbs, and medicines at the close of today's Divine Liturgy, along with anointing (*mirovanije*) and distribution of blessed bread. All are welcome to receive anointing and the blessed bread. *Christ is among us! (Christos posred'i nas!) He is and shall be! (Jest'i budet!)*

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

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Post-Festive of the Feast of the Dormition
St. Samuel, Prophet
St. Stephen the First, Apostolic King of Hungary
August 20, 2017

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 2 (p. 130)

Troparion of the Dormition — Tone 7 (p. 352)

Kontakion of the Dormition — Tone 7 (p. 352)

Prokiemenon — Tone 2 (p. 132)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12

Alleluia — Tone 2 (p. 132)

Gospel: Matthew 18:23-35

Magnification & Irmos (p. 353)

[in place of "It is truly proper..."]

Communion Hymns: ("F" (p. 81) and of the Feast (p. 355)

Celebrant: Fr. Lee Gross

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Divine Liturgy Schedule

Aug. 27 Mother of God School
10 a.m. (*Fr. Lee*)

Sept. 3 Mother of God School
10 a.m. (*Fr. Lee*)

Sept. 10 Mother of God School
10 a.m. (*Fr. Lee*)

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 **September** is now 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.
- 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

■ **Our Condolences** — Our Mission Community offers its prayers and condolences to the members of the Mother of God Community upon the death of Fr. Francis Martin, noted Catholic biblical scholar, who fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, August 11, 2017. Interment was held at All Souls Cemetery, Germantown, Md. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his name to the Word Proclaimed Institute. You may also sign the family guest book at www.DeVolFuneralHome.com. *Vičnaja jemu pamjat'.*

"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

— Revelation 21:4 (NKJV / OSB)

■ **Day of Abstinence** — Friday, August 25, 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 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/>.

■ **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.

■ **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.)

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

Last Week's Liturgy

August 13, 2017

Attendance: 23 Souls