

■ **Smithsonian Religious Exhibit** — The National Museum of American History has opened a new exhibition, “Religion in Early America,” which celebrates the free exercise of religion eventually codified in the First Amendment of the Federal Constitution. The exhibit contains items from various faiths from the 1630s to the 1840s. The Catholic display includes the iron cross made of ballast beams forged by the blacksmith for the Catholic colony of Maryland in 1634. Also attracting attention is the chalice used by Archbishop John Carroll, S.J., the first Catholic bishop of the United States and cousin of Charles Carroll, the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence. The chalice is unique in that it disassembles to be made into a saddle bell. Such chalices were used by Catholic priests when Catholicism was persecuted in English Colonial America.

The exhibition runs until June 3, 2018. It can be viewed online at americanhistory.si.edu/religion-in-early-america.

■ **Pray for Our Suffering Church** — Many Christian clergy, religious, and laity have been killed by Islamic radicals. Please pray for all those afflicted by these barbaric acts and for the conversion and forgiveness of the perpetrators. *Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!*



Liturgy Propers

Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
SS. Sophia and Her Three Daughters,
Faith, Hope, and Charity, Virgins
September 17, 2017
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

First (p. 253); Second (p. 254); & Third (p. 259) Antiphons
for the Feast of the Holy Cross
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[in place of “Holy God”]
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Communion Hymns:
Psalm 148:1 — A (p. 246) & Psalm 115:4 — A (p. 78)
CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS
[Page numbers refer to green Liturgy pew book.]

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

Divine Liturgy Schedule

Sept. 24	Mother of God School 10 a.m. (Fr. Lee)
Oct. 1	Mother of God School 10 a.m. (Fr. Lee)
Oct. 8	Mother of God School 10 a.m. (Fr. Lee)

Announcements

■ **Today’s Liturgy Intention** — Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered by Rosemary Chisarick for the blessed repose of her husband, +Andrew. *Vičnaja jemu 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 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 commemorated as the Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross, which is celebrated annually on September 14.

On this feast we honor the Holy Cross by which Christ redeemed the world. The public veneration of the Cross of Christ originated in the fourth century, according to early accounts. The miraculous discovery of the Cross on September 14, 326, by Saint Helen, mother of Constantine, while she was on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, is the origin of the tradition of celebrating the feast on September 14.

Constantine later built the Church of the Holy Sepulcher on the site of her discovery of the cross. On this same pilgrimage she ordered two other churches built: one in Bethlehem near the Grotto of the Nativity, the other on the Mount of the Ascension, near Jerusalem. In the Western Church the feast came into prominence in the seventh century — after 629, when the Byzantine emperor Heraclitus restored the Holy Cross to Jerusalem, after defeating the Persians, who had stolen it.

Christians “exalt” (raise on high) the Cross of Christ as the instrument of our salvation. Adoration of the Cross is, thus, adoration of Jesus Christ, the God Man, who suffered and died on this Roman instrument of torture for our redemption from sin and death. The cross represents the One Sacrifice by which Jesus, obedient even unto death, accomplished

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Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church



Montgomery County Mission

Mother of God Community School
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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.
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- 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

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our salvation. The Cross is a symbolic summary of the Passion, Crucifixion, and Resurrection of Christ — all in one image.

Also commemorated on this date, September 17, are SS. Sophia and her three virgin daughters, Faith, Hope, and Charity, who suffered death while still children under the Emperor Hadrian. Three days later their mother, praying at their tomb, passed away.

■ **Mirovanije** — there will be anointing (*mirovanije*) and distribution of blessed bread at the close of today's Divine Liturgy in commemoration of the Feast of the Holy Cross. All are welcome to receive anointing and blessed bread. *Christ is among us! He is and shall be!*

■ **Day of Abstinence** — Friday, September 22, is a day of simple abstinence in the Byzantine Church. One may abstain from meat or perform an appropriate act of penance.

■ **Wedding Anniversary Celebration** — Bishop Kurt will celebrate a Divine Liturgy for married couples celebrating their five-year anniversaries (5th, 10th, 15th, etc.) at a Vigil Divine Liturgy on October 14 at 4 p.m. at Epiphany-Annandale. If you or your spouse are celebrating a valid marriage this year, please call

Hurricane Relief Collection

Last weekend, Bishop Kurt authorized that parishes of the Eparchy of Passaic participate in the collection of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for hurricane relief efforts.

We will also accept donations this weekend also. Please make out your check to Epiphany of Our Lord Mission and write "Hurricane Relief" on the memo line.

the Parish Office between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, or send an e-mail to epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net.

Invitations will be mailed to each couple. A response card will be included in the invitation. Please return the response card whether you plan to attend or not.

■ **Sistine Chapel Choir** — The Capella Musicale Pontificia Sistina, affectionately known as the Pope's Choir, will present a concert in the Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on September 20 at 6 p.m.

This highly accomplished group of 30 boys and 22 men under the direction of Maestro Massimo Palombella is the oldest choir in the world, dating back to the seventh century.

This concert is free and open to the public. Seating is on a first-come basis.

■ **Women's Retreat** — A retreat for women of the Eparchy of Passaic will be held October 27 and 28 at St. Mary Villa at the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate, Sloatsburg, N.Y.

Titled "God has gifted me for His work: A gently guided retreat for women in an atmosphere of tranquility and peace," the retreat will be facilitated by Julie V. Burkey, D.Min., Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, Seton Hall University. For more information, contact Diane Rabiej at the Chancery, 973-890-7777 or Dr. Maureen Dadonna, 516-623-6456.

Last Week's Liturgy

September 10, 2017

Attendance: 23 Souls