

■ **Divine Liturgy at Mount St. Mary** — The Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Holy and Glorious Apostle St. Andrew will again be celebrated at Mount St. Mary Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, at 4 p.m. on November 30, the feast of the Apostle.

Fr. Lee will concelebrate the Liturgy with various Byzantine Catholic clergy. The Seminary Schola (choir) will lead the responses, and several seminarians will assist at the altar. All are welcome to attend.

Liturgy Propers

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Feast of the Patronage of the Holy Theotokos

October 1, 2017

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 8

Troparion of the Protection — Tone 4

Kontakion of the Protection — Tone 3

Kontakion of the Resurrection — Tone 8

Prokiemenon — Tone 8

Epistles:

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 / Hebrews 9:1-7

Alleluia — Tone 8

Gospels:

Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 / Luke 6:31-36

Communion Hymn: Psalm 115:4 — A (p. 78)

CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS

Divine Liturgy Schedule	
Oct. 8	Mother of God School 10 a.m. (Fr. Lee)
Oct. 15	Mother of God School 10 a.m. (Fr. Lee)
Oct. 22	Mother of God School 10 a.m. (Fr. Lee)

■ **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!*

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 available on the information table.

Thank you!

Announcements

■ **Today’s Liturgy Intention** — Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered by Marge Rusnak for the blessed repose of her parents, +Margaret and +Michael Rusnak. *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 servants 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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost. On this date, October 1, the Byzantine Church annually celebrates the Feast of the Protection (Patronage) of the Holy Theotokos, which commemorates the constant help that our heavenly Mother gives to those who ask her help and protection.
The feast came into being because of the following event. During the reign of Constantine VII (Porphyrogenitus), 913–959, the Saracens were trying to take Constantinople and had begun the decisive battle. The terror-stricken people gathered in various churches of the city to pray. In the Blachernae Church near Constantinople, during the night services when the faithful implored the Mother of God for help, St. Andrew, the Fool for Christ’s Sake, and his disciple. St. Epiphanius, saw the Mother of God appear in a cloud and pray with outstretched hands together with the people.
Then, at the close of her prayers, she removed her beautiful veil (*omophorion*) from her head and held it over the faithful as a sign of her unfailing protection. The next day the city was freed from danger.

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

Epiphany of Our Lord
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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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- Travis Waters.
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- 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

■ **Fool for Christ's Sake** — As noted earlier, today's feast involves the "Fool for Christ" St. Andreas (Andrew).

According to Christian ideals, foolishness" included consistent rejection of worldly cares by imitating Christ, who endured mockery and humiliation from the crowd. That's why the spiritual meaning of "foolishness" from the early ages of Christianity was akin to the rejection of common social rules of hypocrisy, brutality, and thirst for power and gains.

Part of the biblical basis for it can be seen in the words of the Apostle Paul in *1 Corinthians 4:10*, which says: "We are fools on Christ's account, but you are wise in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are held in honor, but we in disrepute." (NAB). Also see Paul's words in *1 Corinthians 3:19*; *1 Corinthians 1:18*; and *1 Corinthians 1:21*.

■ **Day of Abstinence** — Friday, October 6, 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 the Parish Office between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, or send an e-mail to

Last Week's Liturgy

September 24, 2017

Attendance: 21 Souls

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.

"O God, our God, You came to Cana in Galilee and blessed the marriage there; now bless Your servants who through Your Providence were united in marriage and who now offer thanksgiving to You for all the good things which they have received from You in their years of marriage. Bless the daily course of their life; fill their life with good things; and accept their crowns into Your Kingdom, keeping them pure, blameless, and above reproach forever."

— From the Byzantine Ritual of Marriage

■ **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.

■ **Fall Food Festivals** — St. Gregory of Nyssa Byzantine Catholic Church in Beltsville, Md., will sponsor a food festival featuring Eastern European dishes on Saturday, November 4, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call, 301-953-9323. On Saturday, November 18, Patronage of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church near Baltimore, Md., will hold its annual Slavic food festival from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call 410-247-4936.

October is Respect Life Month.