

■ **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. 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 U.S. and cousin of Charles Carroll,

Liturgy Propers

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
St. Abercius, Bishop of Hieropolis,
and Equal to the Apostles
Seven Youths of Ephesus, Saints
October 22, 2017
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 3 (p. 135)
Kontakion of the Resurrection — Tone 3 (p. 136)
Prokiemenon — Tone 3 (p. 137)
Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19
Alleluia — Tone 3 (p. 137)
Gospel: Luke 16:19-31
Communion Hymn: Psalm 148:1A (p. 78)
CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS
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Divine Liturgy Schedule

Oct. 29 Mother of God School
10 a.m. (Fr. Lee)
Nov. 5 Mother of God School
10 a.m. (Fr. Lee)
Nov. 12 Mother of God School
10 a.m. (Fr. Lee)

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 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
Throughout the World

Last Week’s Liturgy

October 15, 2017
Attendance: 21 Souls

September Sunday Offerings
September 3: \$1,885
September 10: \$848
September 17: \$390
September 24: \$520

Hurricane Relief Special Collection
\$1,820

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse,
that there may be food in my house, and try me in this,
says the Lord of Hosts: Shall I not open for you
the floodgates of heaven,
to pour down blessing upon you without measure?”
Malachi 3:10

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 the remainder of **October**
is available on the information table.

Thank you!

Announcements

■ **Today’s Liturgy Intention** — Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered for the blessed repose of +David and +Eleanor Mueller by Lou and Marie Shanks. *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 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost. Commemorated on this date, October 22, is Abercius, Equal to the Apostles, Bishop of Hieropolis. Also known as Abercius Marcellus, he was an apologist and bishop of Hierapolis in Phrygia during the second century and at the time of the Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius. Little is known of the life of St. Abercius. That he was the bishop of Heiropolis in the area called Phrygia Salutaris is known. An epitaph, that is attributed to him, on a stele now in the Vatican and known as the “Inscriptions of Abercius,” bears witness in his comments on the dazzling seal of Baptism that unites Christians everywhere. However, later interpretations of the “Inscription,” written in Greek, introduced embellishments and vagueness of detail that led to debate through the centuries concerning their authenticity.



debuting in the 19th century. Abercius is said to have evangelized extensively throughout Syria, Cilicia, and Mesopotamia. He traveled even to Rome, visiting cities

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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.
- 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."

Psalm 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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and villages, healing the sick, and preaching the Kingdom of God. It is upon these great works that he is referred to as one Equal-to-the-Apostles. During his time in Rome, Abercius is said to have been imprisoned by Marcus Aurelius. After returning to Hieropolis, St. Abercius reposed about A.D. 167.

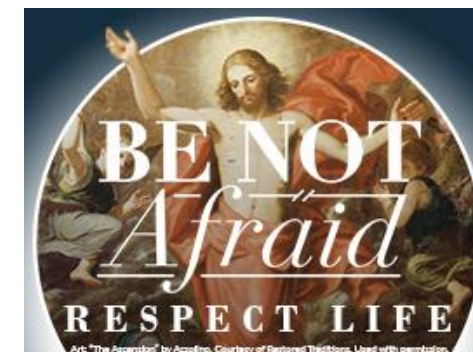
Also commemorated on this date are the Seven Youths of Ephesus. In Christian and Islamic tradition, the Seven Youths (Sleepers) of Ephesus is the story of a group of youths who hide inside a cave outside the city of Ephesus around A.D. 250 to escape a religious persecution and emerge 200 years later.

■ **Day of Abstinence** — Friday, October 27, is a day of simple abstinence in the Byzantine Church. One may abstain from meat or perform an appropriate act of penance.

■ **Bishop's Annual Appeal 2017** — Mission members have received a letter from Bishop Kurt with a pledge/donation card and more information. Please return card with you check made out to the Eparchy of Passaic to 445 Lackawanna Ave., Woodland Park, NJ 07424. You can also pledge online. Go to www.eparchyofpassaic.com. Our goal for this year is once again \$6,000. Questions, see Vince Kovalick.

■ **Holy Land Pilgrimage** — Fr. Ephrem Handel, associate pastor of Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek Catholic Church in McLean, Va., is offering to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land for his parish, Epiphany-Annandale, and Epiphany Mission.

Fr. Ephrem is a married Melkite Greek Catholic Priest who was born in Bethlehem. This would be a pilgrimage as only a resident of the Holy Land could lead. If interested, con-



October is Respect Life Month.

<http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/>

tact Epiphany Parish Office. More details, such as dates, departure airport, carrier, and costs will be provided as they develop.

■ **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.

Fall 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.