

■ **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.

Last Week's Liturgy

October 22, 2017

Attendance: 19 Souls

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 month of **November**
is available on the information table.

Thank you!

Divine Liturgy Schedule

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| Nov. 5 | Mother of God School
10 a.m. |
| Nov. 12 | Mother of God School
10 a.m. |
| Nov. 19 | Mother of God School
10 a.m. |

■ **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, 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.

Welcome Visitors and Guests

Liturgy Propers

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
St. Anastasia of Rome, Venerable-Martyr
SS. Abram, Hermit of Edessa & His Niece, Mary

October 29, 2017

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 4 (p. 141)

Kontakion of the Resurrection — Tone 4 (p. 141)

Prokiemenon — Tone 4 (p. 142)

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

Alleluia — Tone 4 (p. 11429)

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Communion Hymn: Psalm 148:1A (p. 78)

CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS

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Announcements

■ **Today's Liturgy Intention** — Today's Divine Liturgy is offered for the blessed repose of +Chester and +Stella LaPeer by Marion Kniska and Elizabeth and Claire Keyes. *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 Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost. Commemorated on this date, October 29, is St. Anastasia, Venerable-Martyr, from Rome.

Anastasia lost her parents in infancy, and was then taken to be reared by the abbess of a women's monastery, named Sophia. She raised Anastasia in fervent faith, in the fear of God and obedience.

The persecution against Christians by the emperor Decius (249-251) began at that time. The city administrator, Probus, on the orders of the emperor commanded that Anastasia be brought to him. Blessed by her abbess to suffer for Christ, the young martyr Anastasia humbly came out to meet the armed soldiers. Seeing her youth and beauty, Probus first attempted flattery to make her deny Christ.

“Why waste your youth, deprived of pleasure? What is there to gain by enduring tortures and death for the crucified? Worship our gods, marry a handsome husband, and live in glory and honor.”

The saint steadfastly replied, “My spouse, my riches, my life and my happiness are my Lord Jesus Christ, and you will not turn me away from Him by your deceit!”

Probus subjected Anastasia to fierce tortures. The holy martyr bravely endured them, glorifying and praising the Lord. In anger the torturers cut out her tongue. The people, seeing the inhuman and disgust-

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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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- 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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ing treatment of the saint, became indignant, and the ruler was compelled to end the tortures by beheading the martyr. In this manner, Saint Anastasia received the crown of martyrdom. The body of the saint was thrown out beyond the city to be eaten by wild animals, but the Lord did not permit her holy relics to be dishonored. At the command of a holy angel, Abbess Sophia went to find Saint Anastasia's mutilated body. With the help of two Christians, she buried it in the earth.

Also commemorated on this date are SS. Abram, Hermit of Edessa and his niece Mary, who died about A.D. 360.

■ **Day of Abstinence** — Friday, November 3, is a day of simple abstinence in the Byzantine Church. One may abstain from meat or perform an appropriate act of penance.

■ **Turn Back Your Clocks** — Standard Time resumes at 2 a.m. on next Sunday, November 5. Turn your clocks back one hour before retiring on Saturday evening.

■ **Philip's (Christmas) Fast** — Philip's (or Christmas) Fast begins at sundown on Tuesday, November 14, the Feast of St. Philip, and runs 40 days until Christmas Eve. This fast was introduced to prepare the Church for a worthy celebration of the great and holy days of Christ's birth and Christ's baptism in the Jordan (Theophany).

■ **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 your check made out to the Eparchy of Passaic to 445 Lackawanna Ave., Woodland Park, NJ 07424.

October is Respect Life Month.

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



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

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.