

**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. Visit [www.incommunion.org](http://www.incommunion.org).]

*Divine Liturgy Schedule*

|                |                                                                             |
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| <b>Nov. 19</b> | Mother of God School<br>10 a.m.                                             |
| <b>Nov. 26</b> | Mother of God School<br>10 a.m.                                             |
| <b>Nov. 30</b> | Immaculate Conception<br>Chapel, Mount St. Mary,<br>Emmitsburg, Md., 4 p.m. |

Troparion of St. Josaphat

Tone 4

*You have become a brilliant light,*

*O priest-martyr Josaphat.*

*You gave up your life for your sheep*

*like the Good Shepherd.*

*You were slain by*

*the lovers of schism,*

*and you have walked*

*into the Holy of Holies*

*to rest in the company of angels.*

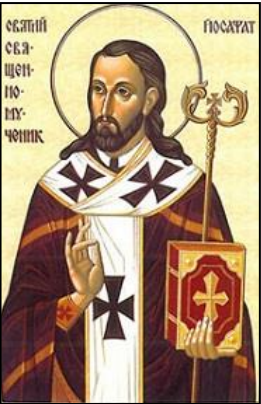
*O long-suffering saint,*

*we make this petition to you:*

*Beg Christ,*

*the Prince of Shepherds,*

*to save our souls*



*Liturgy Propers*

**Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost**

**Holy Martyr Josaphat, Bishop of Polotsk**

**Our Holy Father John the Almoner**

**Our Venerable Father Nilus**

**November 12, 2017**

**Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 6 (p. 152)

Troparion of St. Josaphat — Tone 4

Kontakion of the Resurrection — Tone 6 (p. 152)

Prokiemenon — Tone 6 (p. 153)

**Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10**

Alleluia — Tone 6 (p. 153)

**Gospel: Luke 10:25-37**

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

Communion Hymn for St. Josaphat: Psalm 111:6,7 (p. 377)

**CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS**

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*Announcements*

■ **Today's Liturgy Intention** — Today's Divine Liturgy is offered by Lou and Marie Shanks for the blessed repose of +Alma and +Thomas Shanks, Lou's parents. *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-Third Sunday after Pentecost. Commemorated on this date is the Holy Martyr St. Josaphat, bishop of Polotsk.

St. Josaphat (1580–1623) was one of those figures in history who was caught in a web of controversy where even good people find it hard to keep their heads. He was caught in a battle between Catholic and Orthodox, Latin and Byzantine, and found himself criticized and opposed on every side: by the Orthodox for being Catholic and by the Latins for being Byzantine. He held firmly to Catholic unity against the Orthodox and just as firmly to Byzantine rights against the Latins. At that period of history, it was a no-win situation. He was martyred on November 12, 1623, when a mob broke into the house where he was staying, shouting hatred and violence. When he confronted them, he was struck in the head with a halberd and shot. His mangled body was dragged out and thrown into the river. He was canonized by Pope Pius IX in 1867.

Also commemorated on this date are our Holy Father John the Almoner and our Venerable Father Nilus.

■ **Mirovaniye** — In commemoration of the Feast of the Archangel Michael and All the Angels this past Tuesday, there will be anointing (*mirovaniye*) and distribution of blessed bread today's. All are welcome to receive anointing and blessed bread.

*Epiphany of Our Lord  
Byzantine Catholic Church*



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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.
- 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

■ **Philip's Fast Begins** — Philip's (or the Christmas or Winter) 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).

According to tradition, it was customary to observe a strict fast (no meat or dairy) on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and a lesser fast on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season. The fast may be observed voluntarily, partially, or in its entirety. However, Friday's during this period remain as days of penance. Abstaining from meat or performing an appropriate act of penance is prescribed.

■ **Ask a Priest** — Fr. Dr. Vasyl Chepelskyy, is Administrator of St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, Lansford, Pa., and St. Mary Church, Nesquehoning, Pa. Fr. Vasyl holds a doctorate in Moral Theology and is a professor of Theology at DeSales University, Allentown, Pa. If you have a question on theology, spirituality, the sacraments, morality, Church history, or the lives of the saints, you may contact Fr. Vasyl and he will answer it or direct it to one of the priests of our eparchy expert in that topic. You can submit your question by e-mail: [stjohnpastor@ptd.net](mailto:stjohnpastor@ptd.net).

## Slavic Food Festival

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.

■ **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](http://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.

■ **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.

■ **Thank You, Fr. Lewis** — Our prayerful thank you to Fr. Lewis Rabayda, who celebrated Divine Liturgy with us last Sunday so Fr. Lee could meet obligations at Mount St. Mary.