

■ **Change in Liturgy Propers** — Because we are now in a fasting period, there is a slight change in the Divine Liturgy propers. The First and Second Typical Psalms (pp. 16-17) replace the First and Second Antiphons. In addition, The Beatitudes (pp. 23-24) replace the Third Antiphon.

■ **This Thursday: 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.

■ **The True Santa Clause** — Annually on December 6, the Byzantine Church commemorates its patron, our Holy Father, St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Ly-

cia. So, just who is St. Nicholas? To uncover the real story behind “Santa Claus,” go to www.stnicholascenter.org/ to find out more.

■ **Christmas Liturgy** — The Divine Liturgy schedule for Christmas is as follows. Liturgy for Sunday, December 24 will be celebrated on Saturday, December 23, at 5:30 p.m. in Our Lady’s Chapel in the Goshen House. Liturgy for the Feast of the Nativity will be celebrated on Sunday, December 24, also at 5:30 and in Our Lady’s Chapel. There will be no Divine Liturgy celebrated on Christmas Day at the Mis-



*God, cleanse me
of my sins and
have mercy on me.*

Боже вчисти грѣхи
моѧ и помилуй мѧ.

Last Week’s Liturgy

November 19, 2017
Attendance: 17 Souls

Divine Liturgy Schedule

Nov. 30...	Immaculate Conception Chapel, Mount St. Mary, Emmitsburg, Md., 4 p.m.
Dec. 3...	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Dec. 10...	Mother of God School 10 a.m.

Liturgy Propers

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
St. Alypius the Stylite
Dedication of the Church of St. George in Kiev
November 26, 2017
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Opening Hymn: “O Come, O, Come Emmanuel”
Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 8 (p. 161)
Kontakion of the Resurrection — Tone 8 (p. 162)
Prokiemenon — Tone 8 (p. 162)
Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6
Alleluia — Tone 8 (p. 163)
Gospel: Luke 13:10-17
Communion Hymn for Sunday: Psalm 148:1A (p. 78)
CELEBRANT: FR. JOHN G. BASARAB
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Announcements

■ **Today’s Liturgy Intention** — Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered by Andy Haba for the blessed repose of his son +Andrew John Haba. *Vičnaja jemu pamjat’.*

“O God of sprits 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 the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. Commemorated on this date is our Venerable Father Alypius the Stylite, a seventh-century ascetic saint. He is revered as a monastic founder, an intercessor for the infertile, and a protector of children. During his lifetime he was a much sought-after starets (a guide in the Christian spiritual life).

Alypius was born in the city of Hadrianopolis in Paphlagonia. His mother, who had been widowed early, was very pious. She sent her son to be educated by the bishop Theodore, gave all of her livelihood to the poor, and herself became a deaconess and lived an ascetic life.

Alypius built a church in honor of the Great-Martyr St. Euphemia the All-Praised on the site of a dilapidated pagan temple. He erected a pillar (stylite) beside the church and lived atop it for the majority of his adult life. Two monasteries were built beside his pillar, one for monks and one for nuns. St. Alypius served as spiritual director of both.

According to his hagiography (the writings of the lives of saints), for the last 14 years of his life he was

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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.
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- Lou Shanks.
- Rosemary Chisarick.
- Doris Fejka.
- Raymond Klimkosky.

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- Christine Dennis.
- Peggy Winkelmann.
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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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unable to stand and had to lie on his side. He died in A.D. 640 at the age of 118 and is recognized as one of the three great stylite ascetics along with Simeon Stylites the Elder and Daniel the Stylite.

Also commemorated on this date is the dedication of the Church of St. George in Kiev.

■ **Mirovanije** — In commemoration of the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple this past Tuesday, 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! (*Christos posred'i nas!*)
He is and shall be! (*Jest'i budet!*)

■ **Feast of the Presentation** — The Feast of the Entrance (Presentation) of the Theotokos into the Temple is observed annually by the Byzantine Church on November 21. The history of this feast is found mostly in apocryphal works, particularly the *Protoevangel of St. James*.

According to the narrative, St. Anna, after an angel informed her that she was at last to bear a child, vowed to offer this child to the Lord. At the age of three, Mary, accordingly was brought to the Temple to be dedicated to the Lord.

The epistle reading for the feast (Hebrews 9:1-7) is oriented in that direction. Just as the High Priest of the Jews entered the sanctuary once a year to offer the blood of expiation for himself and for the sins of the people, Christ himself would once and for all enter the Tabernacle on high with His own blood for He is our High Priest.

At Matins on this feast, the first liturgical hint of Christmas is to be heard in the singing

of the Christmas Canon (Katavasia): *Christ is born, glorify Him! Christ is from heaven, receive Him!*

■ **Philip's Fast** — Philip's (or the Christmas or Winter) Fast began at sundown on Tuesday, November 14, the Feast of St. Philip, and runs 40 days until Christmas Eve.

The Philppian Fast offers several feasts: the Entrance of the Mother of God into the Temple, November 21; St. Nicholas, December 6; Maternity of St. Anna (Immaculate Conception), December 8; two special commemoration on the two Sundays before Christmas; and several aliturgical days, which are days when the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated. These aliturgical are, usually on the day of an Old Testament prophet to recall that the prophets and people of the Old Testament time waited for the coming of the Messiah.

Fridays remain as days of penance and in the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church in the United States the other fasting prescriptions of the Christmas Fast are left to the ability of the individual. 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.

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 **December**
is available on the information table.

Thank you!