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Sunday. The meats would once again come from a butcher shop near Clearfield, Pa.

■ **“Tammies” Return Next Weekend** — Pittsburgh’s internationally renowned Tamburitzans (Tammies) will return to our area on Saturday, February 10 (Rockville) and Sunday, February 11 (Annandale). The Tammies’ mission is preserve the music, songs, and dances of Eastern Europe and neighboring folk cultures. For more details, including a promotional video highlighting last year’s performances, go to www.thetamburitzans.org/.

■ **Exhibit of Holy Sepulchre** — The “Tomb of Christ” exhibit at the National Geographic Museum details the restorations recently completed to the edicule, which contains and protects the empty tomb of Jesus Christ, at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem.

Visitors to the museum are shown stunning 3-D and virtual reality views of the Jerusalem and the church in iterations throughout time and what it looks like today following the restorations. The exhibit runs to August 15, 2018. For more information, go to www.nationalgeographic.org/dc/exhibitions/tomb-of-christ.

■ **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 Your ineffable love for humankind,
O Christ our God, make us worthy of Your voice,
which we long to hear,
number us among those at Your right hand,
and have mercy on us.
Amen.

Last Week’s Liturgy
January 28, 2018
20 Souls

<i>Divine Liturgy Schedule</i>	
Feb. 4...	Meatfare Sunday Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Feb. 11...	Cheesefare Sunday (Sunday of Forgiveness) Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Feb. 18...	1st Sunday of Great Lent/ Blessing of Icons Mother of God School 10 a.m.

<i>Liturgy Propers</i>
Sunday of the Last Judgment Meatfare Sunday
Our Venerable Father Isodore of Penusium St. Jador, Martyr February 4, 2018
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 2 (p. 130)
Kontakion of the Last Judgment — Tone 1 (p. 217)
Prokiemenon of the Last Judgment — Tone 2 (p. 217)
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2
Alleluia of the Last Judgment — Tone 8 (p. 218)
Gospel: Luke 25:31-46
Communion Hymns: Psalm 148:1 (p. 78) & Psalm 32:1 (p. 213)
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 Marie’s parents, Charles and Mary Oros. Eternal memory. *Vičnaja 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 servants in a place of light, joy, and peace where there is no pain, sorrow, nor mourning.”

— From the Litany for the Deceased

■ **Correction** — Last Sunday’s liturgy intention was incorrectly listed. The intention for the January 28 liturgy should have read: “Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered for the blessed repose of +John Paul Madzin by Elizabeth and Claire Keyes and Marion Kiniska.”

■ **Today’s Commemorations** — Today is the Sunday of the Last Judgement, also called Meatfare Sunday because traditionally no meat products were consumed until Pascha. It is the fourth of the five pre-lenten Sundays leading up to the Great Fast.

In the Gospel lesson, Jesus describes in detail the Terrible Judgement. His simple words raised to the divine sphere the most delicate acts of human kindness. Early philosophers branded compassion and mercy as weaknesses, but in reality they are the signs of a nobility of heart.

Christ has taught us that all those who are filled with love for Him should realize that whatever they do for the poor and the afflicted is done for Him. For a slice of bread and for a glass of water given in His name, our Lord promises heaven. In describing the Last Judgement, we are led to hope for mercy if we have been charitable to our neighbors. We must realize that our Lord is merciful in the highest degree, but He is also just.

On this date, February 4, we also commemorate our Venerable Father Isodore of Penusium and St. Jador, Martyr.

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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 for 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

■ **Feast of the Encounter** — On February 2 each year our Church celebrates the Feast of the Encounter of our Lord with Simeon and Anna. This feast, which was first celebrated in the Christian East, brings to a close the 40 days of Christmastide. In the West, the feast is known as the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple. It is also referred to as Candlemas, as on this day candles were blessed. This tradition is still carried on in the Latin Church.

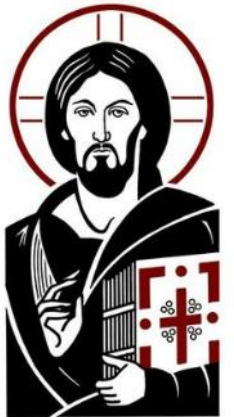
■ **Mirovaniye** — In commemoration of the Feast of the Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon and Anna, observed this past Friday, there will be anointing (*mirovaniye*) and distribution of blessed bread at the close of today's Divine Liturgy. All are welcome to receive anointing and blessed bread. *Christ is among us! He is and shall be.*

■ **Abstinence** — As each Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord, each Friday is a commemoration of Holy and Great Friday and is observed with penance. One may abstain from meat or instead offer prayer of charitable works as our penance.

■ **All Souls Saturdays** — If you would like to have a deceased individual or individuals remembered during the five All Souls Saturdays observed by the Byzantine Church during the liturgical year, please list their names and place them in the All Souls envelope found in your envelop packet, along with the requested donation, and place it in the collection basket. The envelopes will be forwarded to Epiphany-Annandale. You may specify particular names or just a family name (e.g., the deceased members of the Smith Family). The first All Souls Saturday for 2018 was observed yesterday, February 3.

■ **Great Fast Begins** — The first full day of the Great Fast is Monday, February 12. At the close of Divine Liturgy on next Sunday, February 11 (Cheesefare Sunday), we will pray the Rite of Forgiveness, during which we ask for forgiveness from one another. Cheesefare Sunday is also known as Forgiveness Sunday.

■ **Holy Images Blessing** — As is our tradition, we will bless personal icons and other religious items on the First Sunday of the Great Fast, February 18, also known as the Sunday of Orthodoxy (True Worship), which marks the restoration of the icons to the churches on March 11, 843, following the suppression of the Iconoclastic heresy.



■ **Pascha Meats** — If there is enough interest, Tonja Siemucha will again coordinate the delivery of Pascha meats. If you are interested in purchasing, please see Tonja during the next few weeks. Delivery would be around Palm

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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 sheets for **February**
are available on the information table.

Thank you!