



Divine Liturgy Schedule

Oct. 6...	17th Sunday after Pentecost Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Oct. 13...	Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Oct. 20...	19th Sunday after Pentecost Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Oct. 27...	20th Sunday after Pentecost Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Nov. 3...	21st Sunday after Pentecost Mother of God School 10 a.m. [Standard Time Resumes]

■ **Online: God With Us Seminars** — Interested in learning more about your faith as expressed through the Byzantine/Eastern Christian tradition? Join us for live webinars, all offered free of charge. Webinars open 30 minutes ahead of time for questions and pre-class discussion. Detailed information and registration instructions are at <http://easterncatholic.org/>

*A prayerful welcome to
our visitors and guests
who are praying with us today.*

In the Liturgy we pray “for those who serve and have served in this holy church.”
For now, we still need men and women to help with liturgy setup and takedown.

The signup sheet for **October** is available on the information table.

Thank you!

Liturgy Propers

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost Our Venerable Father St. Cyracius, Hermit

September 29, 2019

[Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom]

Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 7 (p. 156)

Kontakion of the Resurrection — Tone 7 (p. 157)

Prokeimenon of the Resurrection — Tone 7 (p. 158)

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 6:1–10

Alleluia of the Resurrection — Tone 7 (p. 158)

GOSPEL: Luke 6:31–36

Communion Hymn (p. 78)

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CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS



Christ is among us!

(Christos posred'i nas!)

He is and shall be!

(Jest'i budet!)

Announcements

■ **Today's Liturgy Intention** — Today's Divine Liturgy is offered in memory of + Raymond Klimkosky by Lorain Klimkosky and family. May his memory be eternal. *Vičnaja jemu pamjať.*

“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

— Revelation 21:4 (NKJV / OSB)

■ **Today's Commemorations** — Today is the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost. On this date, September 29, we commemorate our Venerable Father Cyriacus, a hermit who was Greek by birth and entered the monastic life in Palestine. He is said to have lived for 198 years and died A.D. 550.

■ **Tuesday: Feast of the Protection of the Theotokos** — The Protection of the Mother of God is one of the most beloved feast days on the Orthodox and Byzantine calendar among the Slavic peoples. It is commemorated annually on October 1. The feast is celebrated additionally on October 28 in the Greek tradition.

The feast is also known as the feast of the Virgin Mary's Cerement. In most Slavic languages the word “cerement” has a dual meaning of “veil” and “protection.” The Russian word “Pokrov” (Покров), like the Greek word “Skepi” (Σκέπη), has a complex meaning. First of all, it refers to a cloak or shroud, but

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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 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

- Jeff Sesok.
- Ron Pytel.
- Lou Shanks.
- Rosemary Chisarick.
- Doris and Rich Fejka.

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- Delores Moldowan.
- Mary Neimiller.
- Yazmine Nickerson.
- 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 and Doris Kreger.
- Robert Diethrich.
- Lucy Fontenot.
- Patricia Minihane.
- Brother Joseph Comber, CFX.

SPECIAL INTENTION

- Elizabeth Basarab.
- Sally Pekarik.
- Fr. Conan Timoney.
- Fr. Lee Gross.
- Deacon Peter Turko.

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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it also means protection or intercession. For this reason, the name of the feast is variously translated as the Veil of Our Lady, the Protecting Veil of the Theotokos, the Protection of the Theotokos, or the Intercession of the Theotokos. The feast day celebrates the appearance of the Mother of God at Blachernae (Vlaherna) in the tenth century.

At the end of St. Andrei (Andrew of Constantinople) Yurodivyi's life, he, with his disciple St. Epiphanius, and a group of people, saw the Mother of God, St. John the Baptist, and several other saints and angels during a vigil in the Church of Blachernae, nearby the city gates. The Blachernae Palace church was the place where several of her relics were kept, including her robe, veil, and part of her belt that had been transferred from Palestine during the fifth century.

The Theotokos approached the center of the church, knelt down, and remained in prayer for a long time. Her face was drowned in tears. Then she took her veil (cerement) off and spread it over the people as a sign of protection. During the time, the people in the city were threatened by a barbarian invasion. After the appearance of the Mother of God, the danger was averted and the city was spared from bloodshed and suffering.

The Protection is commemorated most fervently in Slavic churches, probably because St. Andrei was a Slav. The first celebration of the Theotokos's cerement in the Russian Orthodox Church dates back to the 12th century.

■ **Day of Penance** — 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 prayers or charitable works.

Upcoming Events

■ **Wedding Anniversary Celebration** — The Wedding Anniversary Celebration for married couples observing their five-year anniversaries (i.e., 5th, 10th, 15th, etc.) will be held on Saturday, November 16 at Epiphany-Annandale. If you are celebrating one of these five-year anniversaries, please notify the parish office so that you receive a formal invitation from the Eparchy. A dinner reception will follow the Divine Liturgy celebrated by Bishop Kurt.

O God, our God, You came to Cana in Galilee and blessed the marriage there; now bless Your servants who through Your Providence were united in marriage and who now offer thanksgiving to You for all the good things which they have received from You in their years of marriage. Bless the daily course of their life; fill their life with good things; and accept their crowns into Your Kingdom, keeping them pure, blameless, and above reproach forever.

— From the Byzantine Ritual of Marriage

■ **Patronage Festival** — Fr. Conan and the parishioners of Patronage of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church in Arbutus (Baltimore) invite you to their annual fall festival scheduled for Saturday, November 23. More details to follow.

Evangelization

■ **Food Pantry** — Our Mission Community's ministry to the unfortunate of our area through the local Food Pantry program, administered by St. Martin Roman Catholic Church, Gaithersburg, is always in great need of non-perishable foods, baby food and supplies, and personal hygiene items. Hunger never takes a vacation or holiday.