

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.

■ **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/>

Divine Liturgy Schedule

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.
Nov. 10...	22 Sunday after Pentecost Mother of God School 10 a.m.

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!

Note: Mission Tax Exemption

Atty. Sean Patrick Hughes of the firm Miller, Miller & Canby of Rockville, MD, who have been retained by the Eparchy of Passaic as legal counsel for Epiphany Mission, has reported to Atty. Thomas Duch, the legal counsel of the Eparchy of Passaic, that the State of Maryland has responded favorably to the mission submission request for tax relief on the recently acquired property, 9301 Warfield Road, Gaithersburg, Md., to be used for religious purposes by the Eparchy of Passaic. The State of Maryland specified that this exemption does not include WSSC taxes and fees for the Chesapeake Bay. Epiphany Finance Officer Joel Susco is reviewing the tax payments made by Epiphany church on the property to request refund of the tax payment. — Fr. John Basarab

Liturgy Propers

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost The Holy and Praise-Worthy Apostle Thomas

October 6 29, 2019

[Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom]

Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 8 (p. 161)

Troparion of the Apostle Thomas — Tone 2

Kontakion of the Resurrection — Tone 8 (p. 162)

Prokeimenon of the Resurrection — Tone 8 (p. 162)

Prokeimenon of an Apostle — Tone 1 (p. 369)

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 6:16–7:1

Alleluia of the Resurrection — Tone 8 (p. 163)

Alleluia of an Apostle — Tone 1 (p. 369)

GOSPEL: Luke 7:11–16

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 by Ron Pytel for the blessed repose of +Irene Petrick. May her memory be eternal. *Vičnaja jej 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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost. On this date, October 6, we commemorate St. Thomas, one of the Twelve Apostles of our Lord ...the doubter. The believer. Patron saint of the blind. Patron saint of craftsmen. Patron saint of theologians. Patron saint of geometers. Perhaps it is because so little is actually known about the Apostle Thomas that so many diverse groups can look to him for guidance.

The Bible portrays St. Thomas — at varying points in Jesus's ministry — as both a doubter and a believer. He's been labeled a “doubter” for his inability to understand Christ's resurrection from the dead following His crucifixion. His request to see the wounds on Jesus' hands left by the nails before he would actually believe that he was speaking to the risen Christ has provided us with the phrase “Doubting Thomas.”

However, Thomas could be equally labeled as a believer — and a fiercely loyal one at that. The incident occurred when Jesus told his disciple that He

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Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church



Montgomery County Mission

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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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intended to visit the home of Martha and Mary in Jerusalem again, where his dear friend Lazarus had recently died. His disciples reminded Christ that the last time He went to the city He was nearly stoned — an act that had it been achieved would have resulted in certain death. Only Thomas the disciple, unhesitatingly and unflinchingly vowed to accompany Him. He said in *John 11:16*: "Let us also go, that we may die with him" — a "twin" reputation.

With this dual reputation, it's curious to note that Thomas in Syrian means twin. At times in the New Testament you may also notice that Thomas is referred to as Didymus — this means twin in Greek.

If nothing else, St. Thomas had a mind of his own. Following Christ's ascension into heaven, the Apostles divided the world for missionary purposes. Thomas was assigned to travel to India to spread Christianity. He objected to this group decision. He said he wasn't healthy enough to travel, and he could not possibly be successful there, contending that a Hebrew couldn't possibly teach the peoples of India. It is even said that Christ appeared to him in a vision encouraging him to travel to India. Thomas remained unmoved by this revelation as well.

A merchant eventually sold Thomas into slavery in India. It was there, when he was freed from bondage, that this saint began to form Christian parishes and building churches. St. Thomas Christians (Syro-Malabar Christians) trace their origins to the saint. According to legend, Thomas built a total of seven churches in India, as well as being martyred with a spear during a prayer session around A.D. 72.

■ **Mirovanije** — In commemoration of the Feast of the Protection (Patronage) of the Theotokos 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! He is and shall be!*

■ **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.