

■ **Philip's Fast** — Philip's (or the Christmas) Fast begins at sundown on 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.

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 need of nonperishable foods, baby food and supplies, and personal hygiene items.

■ **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/>

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

Thank you!



Liturgy Propers

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
St. Artemis, Great Martyr
October 20, 2019
[Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom]
Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 2 (p. 130)
Kontakion of the Resurrection – Tone 2 (p. 131)
Prokeimenon – Tone (p. 132)
EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 9:6–11
Alleluia – Tone 1 (p. 132)
GOSPEL: Luke 16:19–31
Communion Hymn (p. 78)
[PAGE NUMBERS REFERENCE GREEN LITURGY BOOK]
CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS

Divine Liturgy Schedule

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



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 Rick Neimiler for the blessed repose of +Frank C. Ream. 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 in the Byzantine Church is the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost. On this date, October 20, we commemorate St. Artemis, Great Martyr.

St. Artemis came from a noble family, and was appointed military Governor of Alexandria and Egypt by the Emperor Constantine the Great. Some years later, the Emperor Julian the Apostate strove to restore pagan idolatry as the official religion of the Empire. He also entered into a war with Persia, and established Antioch as his headquarters.

In Alexandria, Artemius received an order to come to Antioch with the military forces under his command. Artemius reported to the apostate Emperor just in time to see him ordering the cruel execution of two pious Christians, Eugenius and Macarius. Fearlessly, St Artemius immediately denounced the Emperor, telling him to his face that his anti-Christian policy was of demonic origin. The enraged Emperor instantly had Artemius stripped of all offi-

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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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cial rank and thrown into prison. The following day, he had Artemius brought before him and promised him high Imperial office if he would only renounce Christ and worship the idols. When Artemius forcefully refused to do this, he was publicly tortured to death.

A pious noblewoman secretly recovered the Saint's relics and took them to Constantinople, where they were venerated and wrought many miracles for several centuries..

■ **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

■ **Beltsville and Baltimore Festivals** — On Saturday, November 2, St. Gregory of Nyssa Church in Beltsville will sponsor their ethnic food festival beginning at 10 a.m. and running until 2 p.m.

On Saturday, November 23, Patronage of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church, Baltimore, will hold their annual ethnic food festival from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Plan to be there early. Both festivals are very well attended.

■ **Liturgy at Mount St. Mary** — The Divine Liturgy will again be celebrated in the Immaculate Conception Chapel at Mount St. Mary Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, the Feast of St. Josaphat. Fr. Lee will be concelebrating with other Byzantine and Latin (Roman) Rite priests. All are invited.

Let us pray to the Lord...

For our President, members of Congress, and the Supreme Court, and for all political leaders throughout the world, that they may recognize the sacredness of life, and defend the fundamental right of every man and woman to live, from the moment of conception until natural death, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all children and adults with disabilities, that they will be loved and cared for in healthy and nurturing environments; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the sick and the suffering, that they may find strength, courage and healing in the cross of Christ and discover the redemptive value of their suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have been involved in abortion, that they may come to true repentance and seek God's merciful and healing love, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all bishops and priests, that they may teach the world to love the Gospel of Life, encouraging all to embrace each new child, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the elderly, that they may spend the rest of their lives in peace and repentance, cherishing each day and experiencing the love and care that they need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Amen.