

Upcoming Events

- **Baltimore Festival** — 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.
- **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.
- **Philip's Fast** — Philip's Fast, also known as the Christmas Fast or Pre-Nativity Fast, begins at sundown on November 14, the Feast of St. Philip, and runs 40 days until Christmas Eve. This feast 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. According to tradition, it was customary to observe as strict fast (no

Divine Liturgy Schedule

Nov. 10...	22nd Sunday after Pentecost Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Nov. 12...	Feast of St. Josaphat Divine Liturgy at Mount St. Mary Seminary, Emmitsburg 4 p.m.
Nov. 17...	23rd 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 **November** is available on the information table.

Thank you!

meat or dairy products) on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and a lesser fast on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Under current eparchial norms, Fridays are to be observed as days of fasting from meat; Wednesdays are recommended as days of fasting from meat.

- **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.

Liturgy Propers

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
SS. Acepsimas, Bishop; Joseph, Presbyter;
and Aithalus, Deacon

Restoration of the Church of St. George
the Great-Martyr in Lydia

November 3, 2019

[Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom]
Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 4 (p. 141)
Kontakion of the Resurrection – Tone 4 (p. 141)

Prokeimenon – Tone 4 (p. 142)

EPISTLE: Galatians 2:16–20

Alleluia – Tone 4 (p. 142)

GOSPEL: Luke 8:41–56

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 Divine Liturgy Intention** — Today's Divine Liturgy intention is offered for the good intentions of our Mission Community. *Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na v'iki!*

"How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of Adam take refuge in the shadow of your wings."

— Psalm 36:8

- **Today's Commemorations** — Today in the Byzantine Church is the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost. On this date, November 3, we commemorate SS. Acepsimas, Bishop of Hanita in Assyria; Joseph, Presbyter; and Aithalus, Deacon, who were imprisoned, tortured, and put to death by King Sapor II of Persia.

Also commemorated is the Restoration of the Church of St. George the Great-Martyr in Lydia, where his relics repose.

- **A Blessed Anniversary, Bishop!** — Six years ago, Pope Francis named three new bishops for North America — two for the United States and one for Canada. One of the three was Fr. Kurt Burnette, rector of SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Pittsburgh, Pa., who was named the new bishop of the Ruthenian Eparchy of Passaic, one of the three eparchies of the Byzantine Catholic Church in the United States.

Bishop Kurt was born in England, in 1955. He was ordained in 1989, for the Holy Mary of Protec-

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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."

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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tion Byzantine Eparchy of Phoenix. He holds a doctorate in mathematics and a second doctorate in civil law. He earned a licentiate in Canon Law from the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome. In his priestly ministry, he served in several parishes. He was assistant chancellor and eparchial economos (manager of finances) and consultor. He also served as a police chaplain and was the judicial vicar and defender of the bond for the eparchial tribunal.

As a university professor, from 1978 to 2004, he taught mathematics, physics, computer science and engineering in several American universities, including one of the first classes in the world on quantum computing at the University of Portland. He was named rector of Saints Cyril and Methodius Seminary in 2012.

Εἰς πολλὰ ἐτη, δεσποτα!

(Eis Polla Eti, Despota!)

Many Years, Master!

■ **Condolences** — We offer condolences to the family of cantor John Dolinish upon the death of his mother, Alice Potas Dolinish, who died Tuesday, October 15. The funeral was October 21 from St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, Old Forge, Pa., and interment at St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Cemetery, Pittston, Pa. *Vičnaja jej pamjat.*

"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)

■ **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.

■ **Theodore Romzha** — Last week, we commemorated the Holy Priest-Martyr Theodore Romzha, Bishop of Mukačevo.

Born in Veliky Bychkiv in Carpatho-Rus in 1911, Blessed Theodore came from a poor family, but he exhibited a vocation to the priesthood. Sent to Rome for studies, he was ordained in 1937 and sent to the country parish of Berzovo. In 1939, he was called to the seminary in Uzhorod and taught there until 1944. In 1994, despite his youth, he was ordained bishop for the Mukačevo Eparchy.

During the Soviet Army's occupation of Carpatho-Rus, he was tireless in his care for his flock and in his defense of the rights of the Byzantine (Greek) Catholic Church. On October 27, 1947, he was severely wounded in a staged accident. He was taken to a hospital in Mukačevo, where he was where he was subsequently poisoned and died.

Romzha was beatified as a Martyr for the Faith by Pope John Paul II in Lviv on 27 June 2001, with 1 November assigned initially as his feast day. At the request of the Eparchy of Mukačevo, the Congregation for Oriental Churches transferred his feast day to 31 October, effective 2009. Romzha died shortly after midnight 1 November, according to Moscow Time, the Soviet-imposed time zone throughout Ukraine from 1930-1990; however, according to local time, Romzha died before midnight on 31 October.

Theodore Romzha was a Bishop of action, a defender of the faith, a man of prayer and suffering who possessed a great love for the people he was called to serve and for whom he gave his life.