

■ **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.

■ **Eastern Catholic Radio** — Eastern Catholic Radio is celebrating Eastern Christianity and all things Catholic!

Eastern Catholic Radio is a 24/7 internet radio station broadcast through *Live365.com*. Programing consists of continuous Eastern Christian Church music and selections from Western Christianity. We also broadcast daily prayers, church services, sermons, podcasts, inspirational talk radio, and lectures. Lecture series produced by OLV and Eastern Christian Publications are heard daily as well as “Light of the East,” featuring Father Thomas Loya.

Eastern Catholic Radio is a production of Eastern Catholic Broadcasting, a media Apostolate affiliated with the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic. With the permission of Bishop Kurt Burnette, the apostolate was founded in 2014 at Saint Joseph Byzantine Catholic Church in New Brunswick, N.J., and

Divine Liturgy Schedule	
Nov. 24...	24th Sunday after Pentecost Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Dec. 1...	25th 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 & December** is available on the information table.

Thank you!

Saints Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church in Somerset, N.J., by Father Francis Rella.

The ministry began as weekly broadcasts of the Sunday Divine Liturgy and the production of multiple videos for the Eparchy, including a full-length documentary titled “A Time for Living.” The media ministry continues with funding from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Toms River, N.J., and private donations.

Liturgy Propers

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost
Our Holy Father Gregory, the Wonderworker

November 17, 2019
[Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom]

Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 6 (p. 152)
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EPISTLE: Ephesians 2:4–10
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GOSPEL: Luke 12:16–21
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 by Andy Haba for the blessed repose of +Mark Nickerson and +Andrea Haba-Gose. May their memories be eternal.

“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 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost. On this date, November 17, we commemorate our Holy Father Gregory, “Taumaturgus,” i.e., Wonderworker, Bishop of Neocaesarea, who died A.D. 270 in the reign of Emperor Aurelian.

Tradition says that he was instructed on the Holy Trinity by the Theotokos and St. John the Evangelist.

Parents today sometimes worry that their children will go off to college and return as converts to some strange, new religion. But that's exactly what happened 1,700 years ago to Gregory of Pontus (named Theodore at his birth), only the strange, new religion was Christianity.

Born into an affluent pagan family in Neocaesarea (in modern Turkey), Gregory studied law and the traditional Greek and Roman classics. Then he and his brother were sent for further study to Caesarea in Palestine, where they enrolled in the school of the great Christian thinker Origen. Gregory came to

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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."

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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learn pagan philosophy; his teacher converted him (and his brother, Athenodorus) to Christianity.

■ **Feast of the Entrance** — The Feast of the Entrance (Presentation) of the Theotokos into the Temple is observed annually by the Byzantine Church on November 21. The history of this feast is found mostly in apocryphal works, particularly the *Protoevangel of St. James*.

According to the narrative, Anna, after an angel informed her that she was at last to bear a child, vowed to offer this child to the Lord. At the age of three, Mary accordingly was brought to the Temple to be dedicated to the Lord.

The epistle reading for the feast (*Hebrews 9:1-7*) is oriented in that direction. Just as the High Priest of the Jews entered the sanctuary once a year to offer the blood of expiation for himself and for the sins of the people, Christ himself would once and for all enter the Tabernacle on high with His own blood for He is our High Priest. At Matins on this feast, the first liturgical hint of Christmas is to be heard in the singing of the Christmas Canon (Katavasia): *Christ is born, glorify Him! Christ is from heaven, receive Him!*

■ **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 people he was called to serve and for whom he gave his life.

■ **Philip's Fast** — Philip's Fast, also known as the Christmas Fast or Pre-Nativity Fast, began 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 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.

■ **Bishop's Annual Appeal 2019** — Mission members should have received a letter from Bishop Kurt with a pledge/donation card and more information regarding the 2019 appeal. Please return the pledge card with your check made out to the Eparchy of Passaic, 445 Lackawanna Ave., Woodland Park, NJ 07424. You can also pledge online. Go to www.eparchy-ofpassaic.com. If you have questions or did not receive the mailing from the Chancery Office, please see Vince Kovalick. Every year since our community began participating in the appeal, we have either met or exceeded our goal. Any monies over our goal are returned for religious education.

■ **Mission Update** — As noted in a previous Epiphany-Annandale section of the Sunday bulletin, two civil engineering firms, VIKa and CAS, submitted proposals for the civil engineering work needed by Montgomery County for our property at 9301 Warfield Road, Gaithersburg, to prepare the property for the county to issue a permit for assembly. VIKa was selected for the project. The company is preparing the contract for Bishop Kurt to sign.