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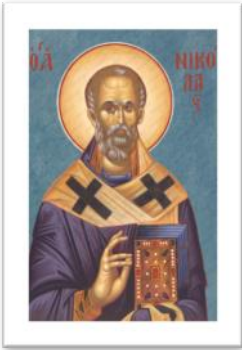
founded in 2014 at Saint Joseph Byzantine Catholic Church in New Brunswick, N.J., and Saints Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church in Somerset, N.J., by Fr. Francis Rella.

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.

For the past 10 months, Eastern Catholic Radio has beta-tested the station, without any formal advertising and publicity. So far, over 250,000 listeners have tuned in to Eastern Catholic Radio from around the world. The easiest way to listen to Eastern Catholic Radio is through the free *Live365 app* or on your computer or smartphone at *www.easterncatholicbroadcasting.com* or *Live365.com*.

■ **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.



*O kto, kto Nikolaja l'ubit,
O kto, kto Nikolaju
Služit,
:Tomu svjatyj Nikolaj
Na vsjakij cas pomahaj
Nikolaj, Nikolaj.*

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

Thank you!

Liturgy Propers

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Prophet Nahum
St. Filaret the Almsgiver
St. Ananias, Martyr

December 1, 2019
[Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom]
Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 8 (p. 161)
Kontakion of the Resurrection – Tone 8 (p. 162)
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EPISTLE: Ephesians 4:1–6
Alleluia – Tone 8 (p. 163)
GOSPEL: Luke 12:16–21
Communion Hymn (p. 78)
[PAGE NUMBERS REFERENCE GREEN LITURGY BOOK]
CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS

Divine Liturgy Schedule

Dec. 8...	28th Sunday after Pentecost / Maternity of the Holy Anna Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Dec. 15...	Sunday of the Forefathers 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 Divine Liturgy Intention** — Today's Divine Liturgy is offered by Andy Haba, and family, for the blessed repose of his son, +Andrew John Haba. May his memory 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-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. On this date, December 1, we commemorate St. Nahum, one of the Minor Prophets.

The Holy Prophet Nahum, whose name means “God consoles,” was from the village of Elkosh (Galilee). He lived during the seventh century B.C. The Prophet Nahum prophesies the ruin of the Assyrian city of Nineveh because of its iniquity, the destruction of the Israelite kingdom, and the blasphemy of King Sennacherib against God.

The Assyrian king Ashurbanipal died in 632 B.C., and over the next two decades, his empire began to crumble. Nineveh fell in 612 B.C. Nahum differs from most of the prophets in as much as he does not issue any call to repentance, nor does he denounce Israel for infidelity to God.

Details of the prophet's life are unknown. He died at the age of 45, and was buried in his native region. The seventh of the Twelve Minor Prophets, the

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*Epiphany of Our Lord
Byzantine Catholic Church*



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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

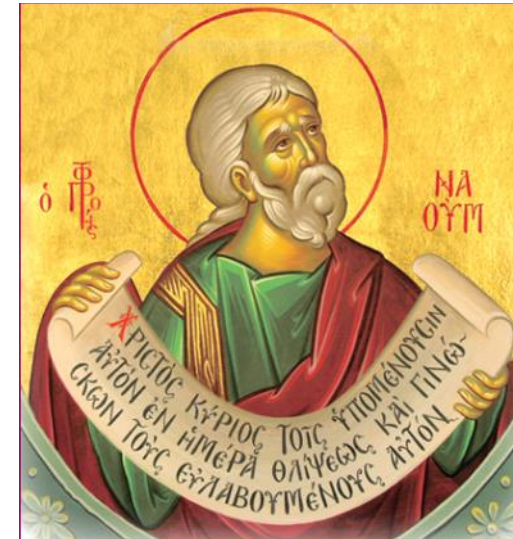
Our community places a food collection basket near the information table as you enter the gymnasium. Don't forget those who are less fortunate. Nonperishable food items, diapers, baby food, and personal care items are always in demand. The Food Pantry Program, administered by St. Martin of Tours Roman 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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Prophet Nahum is invoked for people with mental disorders. Also commemorated on this date are St. Filaret "the Almsgiver," and St. Ananias, Martyr.

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

■ **Yes, Virginia, There Is a St. Nicholas** — On December 6, the Byzantine Church commemo-

rates our Holy Father St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, and patron of all Byzantine Catholics. So, just who is St. Nicholas? To uncover the real story behind "Santa Claus," visit stnicholascenter.org/

■ **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. 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.

■ **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 OLTV 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

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