

■ **Updates Regarding Warfield Road** – Please note that any updates regarding our Warfield Road property are being posted in the Epiphany–Annandale section of the Sunday bulletin.

■ **Bishop’s Annual Appeal 2019** – 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.eparchyofpassaic.com. Every year since our community began participating in the appeal, we have either met or exceeded our goal. Monies over our goal are returned for religious education.

■ **Eastern Catholic Radio** – 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 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.

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*Joy to the world,
the Lord is come!
Let Earth receive
her King.*

Announcements

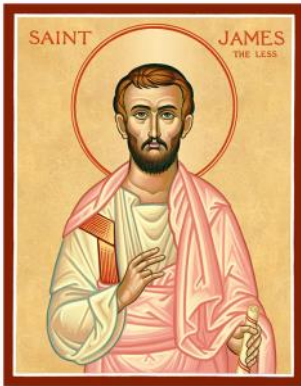
■ **Today’s Divine Liturgy Intention** – Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered for the good intentions of the members of our Montgomery County Byzantine Catholic Mission. *Christ is born! Glorify Him!*

“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

– John 1:14 (NAB)

■ **Today’s Commemorations** – Today in the Byzantine Church is the Sunday after Christmas, which the Church dedicates to the memory of the Holy and Just Joseph, husband of Mary; of David, prophet and king; and of the Holy Apostle James, brother of the Lord.

On this date, December 29, the Byzantine Church also commemorates The Holy Innocents, 14,000 in number, who were put to death by order of King



Herod in Bethlehem and the boarders of Judea. Also commemorated on this date is our Venerable Father Marcellus, Hegumen-Abbot.

Among the saints the Byzantine Church honors today is St. James, “Brother of the Lord,” (also known as

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Liturgy Propers

**Sunday After Christmas
Memory of the Holy and Just Joseph,
Husband of Mary;
of David, Prophet and King;
and of the Holy Apostle James, Brother of the Lord
The Holy 10,400 Innocents**

Our Venerable Father Marcellus, Hegumen-Abbot

December 29, 2019

[Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom]

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CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS

Divine Liturgy Schedule

Jan. 5... Sunday before Theophany
Mother of God School
10 a.m.

*Epiphany of Our Lord
Byzantine Catholic Church*



*Montgomery County
Mission*

*Mother of God Community School
20501 Goshen Road
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20879
301-482-0282
www.eolmission.org*

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. 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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James the Less), first bishop of Jerusalem and author of the first universal epistle. Those Protestant traditions that hold to a literal interpretation of the Bible claim that this title, which is found in the Gospel, proves that Mary was not ever-virgin, as she had other children. But from its earliest day, the Universal Church (Orthodox and Catholic) has maintained that James the Brother of the Lord was the son of Alphaeus of Cleophas. His mother Mary was either a sister or a close relative of the Blessed Virgin, and for that reason, according to Jewish custom, he was sometimes called the brother of the Lord.

James the Less held a distinguished position in the early Christian community of Jerusalem. St. Paul tells us he was a witness of the Resurrection of Christ; he is also a "pillar" of the Church, whom St. Paul consulted about the Gospel. According to tradition, he was the first Bishop of Jerusalem, and was at the Council of Jerusalem about the year A.D. 50. The historians Eusebius and Hegesippus relayed that St. James was martyred by the Jews for the Faith in the spring of A.D. 62, although they greatly esteemed his person and had given him the surname of "James the Just."

Tradition has always recognized him as the author of the Epistle that bears his name. Internal evidence based on the language, style, and teaching of the Epistle reveals its author as a Jew familiar with the Old Testament, and a Christian thoroughly grounded in the teachings of the Gospel. External evidence from the early Fathers and Councils of the Church confirmed its authenticity and canonicity. The date of its writing cannot be determined exactly.

In his epistle, St. James addresses himself

to the "twelve tribes that are in the Dispersion," that is, to Christians outside Palestine; but nothing in the Epistle indicates that he is thinking only of Jewish Christians. St. James realizes full well the temptations and difficulties they encounter in the midst of paganism, and as a spiritual father, he endeavors to guide and direct them in the faith. Therefore, the burden of his discourse is an exhortation to practical Christian living.

■ **Fast Free** — The period from Christmas Day through January 3 is free from fasting and abstinence.

■ **Christmas Greeting** — Our Byzantine-Ruthenian Catholic greeting to one another for the Feast of the Nativity is "Christ is born!" Our response is "Glorify Him!" In Slavonic (transliterated), it is "Christos razhdajetsa!" And the response, "Slavite Jeho!"

Liturgically, the Christmas season for the Eastern Churches runs 40 days (mirroring the 40 days following Pascha) from the Feast of the Nativity to the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple on February 2.

■ **Theophany** — Each year on January 6 the Byzantine Church commemorates the baptism of Jesus Christ in the Jordan River. This feast is often called "Epiphany" or "Theophany," which means the Holy Manifestation of the Divinity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. One of the oldest feasts of the Eastern Church, it has been traced back to the beginning of the second century. The Western Church accepted this Great Feast from the Eastern Church in the third century. Part of the tradition of the Eastern Church is to bless water (Great Sanctification of Water).