

A Note from Fr. Lee

Many thanks to all of you for your kind words and good wishes in the Christmas card, and especially for your exceedingly generous gift, which I deeply appreciate. May God richly bless you and our Mission in the year to come.

Liturgy Propers

Sunday After Theophany

**St. Tatiana, Martyr
Venerable Euphraxis**

January 12, 2020

[Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom]

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CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS

Divine Liturgy Schedule

Jan. 19... Sunday After Theophany
Mother of God School
10 a.m.

Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. Christ is baptized; let us go down with Him, and rise with Him. Today let us do honor to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of humanity, for who His every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all humanity, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of Him Who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received— though not in its fullness—a ray of its splendor, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to Whom be glory and power forever and ever. Amen!

St. Gregory Nazianzus

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

Thank you!



*Christos
Khreshchayetsya!
Vo Yordani!*

Christ is baptized!
In the Jordan!

Announcements

■ **Today's Divine Liturgy Intention** – Today's Divine Liturgy is offered by Doris and Rich Fejka for the blessed repose of Mary Neimiller. May her memory be eternal. *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)

■ **Today's Commemorations** – Today in the Byzantine Church is the Sunday after the Theophany (Epiphany) of our Lord.

In commemoration, there will be the Blessing of Water and *mirovaniye* (anointing and distribution of blessed bread). Everyone is invited to partake of the blessed water and bread and receive anointing.

On this date, January 12, the Byzantine Church commemorates St. Tatiana, martyr, who lived in A.D. 227 in the reign of Alexander. Her father was a Soldier and Elder of the city. After many tortures, she died by the sword along with her father. Also commemorated is the Venerable Euphraxia.

■ **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

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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

- Ron Pytel.
- Lou Shanks.
- Rosemary Chisarick.
- Doris and Rich Fejka.

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- Delores Moldowan.
- 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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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).

■ **Abstinence** – Friday, January 17, is a day of simple abstinence for the Byzantine Church. One may abstain from meat or one may perform an appropriate act of penance.

■ **All Souls Hramoty** – There are five All Souls Saturdays during the liturgical year of the Byzantine Church on which we pray the Divine Liturgy and remember our faithful department by name.

The first All Souls Saturday this year is February 15. If you wish to add any names to the list of persons remembered in your family, known as "diptychs" or "hramoty," please use the appropriate envelop in your offertory envelope box. Place the envelope in the Sunday collection with the list of names you wish to add along with your offering for their remembrance. New mission members should list the members of those they wish remembered on the reverse side of the envelop. It is also permissible to simply list "all the departed of the (your family name) family" rather than each person by name. If you wish to update, delete, or add new names, please contact the Parish Office during office hours. Hramoty envelopes must be received on or before February 5 to be remembered at all five All Souls Saturdays.

■ **National Prayer Vigil for Life** – The National Prayer Vigil for Life is an all-night, pro-life prayer vigil held on the eve of the March

for Life each January in Washington, D.C.

More than 20,000 pilgrims from across the nation pray through the night for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life. It is held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The vigil schedule includes the Opening Mass celebrated in the Great Upper Church at 5:30 p.m., On Thursday, January 23, and prayer continues throughout the night with the National Rosary for Life, Night Prayer (Byzantine Rite with Bishop Kurt and Epiphany's Slava Mens Chorus), and Hours for Life. The following morning, the prayer vigil concludes with Morning Prayer, Benediction, and the Closing Mass.

For a complete listing of events and times, visit www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/national-prayer-vigil-for-life-schedule.cfm

The National Prayer Vigil for Life is one small part of the Church's "great prayer for life." It is sponsored by the USCCB Pro-Life Secretariat, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and The Catholic University of America Office of Campus Ministry.

People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them, and when the disciples saw this, the rebuked them. Jesus, however, called the children to himself and said, "Let the children come to me and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it."

– Luke 18:15-17 (NAB)

■ **Bishop's Annual Appeal 2019** – It's not too late to 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 at www.eparchy-ofpassaic.com