

## Liturgy Propers

### First Sunday of the Great Fast

#### [Sunday of Orthodoxy]

St. Eudoxia, Venerable-Martyr

March 1, 2020

[Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great]

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**EPISTLE: Hebrews 11:24-26 & 32-12:2**

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CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS



## Divine Liturgy Schedule

- March 8...\*** **Second Sunday of the Great Fast**  
**Mother of God School**  
**10 a.m.**
- March 15...** **Third Sunday of the Great Fast / Veneration of the Holy Cross**  
**Our Lady's Chapel / Goshen House**  
**10 a.m.**
- March 22** **Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast / Memory of St. John Climacus**  
**Mother of God School**  
**10 a.m.**

\*March 8 is first day of Daylight Saving Time.

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All courses are offered as live webinars and are free of charge. Please go to [www.easterncatholic.org/events](http://www.easterncatholic.org/events) to register.

■ **Byzantine Catholic Convention** – The Byzantine Catholic Convention will be held at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Pittsburgh from Nov. 12 through Nov. 14, 2020. It is an event primarily for the leaders and members of the Byzantine Catholic Church for the purpose of prayer, and mission as a national body of Eastern Catholics

The theme for the 2020 Convention is *Growing a Vibrant Byzantine Church*, during which talks and workshops will be offered on ways to grow as missionary disciples to help cultivate vibrant parishes, monasteries, missions, outreaches and apostolates where Christ is encountered and worshipped! Sign up for updates at [byzantineconvention.com](http://byzantineconvention.com) Registration opens today, March 1.

■ **Divine Liturgy Broadcasts** – St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Pittsburgh streams live broadcasts of their weekend liturgies (5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday) for those people who unable to leave their homes, but still wish to participate in Divine Liturgy. Details can be found at [www.stjohnsbyzantinecathedral.com](http://www.stjohnsbyzantinecathedral.com)

### Update: Bishop's Appeal

As noted in last week's bulletin, our Montgomery County Mission exceeded its goal of \$6,000 with a final total of \$6,820.08. Because we have met our goal, we will receive a reversion of 40% of the \$6,000.

*Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

*God can multiply his favors among you so that you may always have enough of everything and even surplus for good works (Phil. 4: 19).*



Glory to Jesus  
Christ!

Glory forever!

Slava Isusu Christu!  
Slava na v'iki!

## Announcements

■ **Today's Divine Liturgy Intention** – Today's Divine Liturgy is offered by Andy Haba for the blessed repose of +Andrea J. Haba-Gose. 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 Commemoration** – Today is the First Sunday of the Great Fast, also referred to as the Sunday of Orthodoxy (True Worship). Originally, this Sunday was dedicated to the memory of the Holy Prophets of the Old Covenant. Therefore, in today's Gospel, Philip tells Nathaniel: "We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets" (*John 1:45*).

On March 11, 843, the Empress Theodora made a solemn profession to celebrate the victory of the true faith of icons. This became an annual feast shortly afterward and displaced the Memory of the Prophets. Through this commemoration, we are reminded that Christ, the perfect image (*ikon*) of God the Father, calls us to personal victory by restoring within ourselves "the image and likeness of God: in which we were first created" (see *Genesis 1:26*).

The icons of our Lord, the Holy Theotokos, and all the saints are images of true humanity – signs of what our eternal calling and vocation really is. They

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Epiphany of Our Lord  
Byzantine Catholic Church



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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.
- 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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tell us that we are called to be "living icons" and imitators of Christ bearing the likeness of God as gracious vessels of the Holy Spirit.

As is our tradition, there will be a blessing of personal icons and other religious items at today's Divine Liturgy in commemoration of the Sunday of Orthodoxy.

■ **Also Commemorated** – On this date, March 1, the Byzantine Church commemorates the venerable-martyr St. Eudoxia, who after having led a profligate life was baptized by Theodotus, Bishop. Arrested, she was beheaded for her faith about A.D. 107.

■ **The Great Fast Has Begun** – The Great Fast (Lent in the Western Church) for the Byzantine Church symbolizes the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the desert, while the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (celebrated on Lenten Wednesdays and Fridays) is the fulfillment of the promise of manna.

In the Great Fast, we also imitate Jesus our Lord, Who fasted for 40 days in the desert following His baptism. Because the Feast of Pascha was also the time for baptisms, so the Great Fast was a time of preparation for baptism. Our observance of the Great Fast, therefore, is our renewal of our baptismal fervor.

The Great Fast for the Byzantine Catholic Church began at sundown last Sunday. This past Monday was the first full day of the fast and was observed by abstaining from all meat and dairy products. In addition, during the Great Fast, all Wednesdays and Fridays are days of fasting from meat and meat products. Holy and Great Friday is also a day of fasting from meat and dairy products. Fasting/abstinence requirements may be mitigated for

reasons of health and/or age. Please contact Fr. John at Epiphany Parish Office if you have questions or concerns.

■ **Lenten Services** – There are no Lenten services scheduled for our mission except Solemn Vespers for Holy and Great Friday. Please avail yourself of services at Epiphany-Annandale (see schedule in bulletin) or St. Gregory of Nyssa in Beltsville (call 301-953-9323). Also note that Epiphany-Annandale serves meatless meals on the Fridays of the Great Fast from 5-7 p.m., prior to the praying of Presanctified Liturgy at 7:30 p.m. No meals are served on Holy and Great Friday.

■ **All Souls Saturdays** – 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 departed by name.

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. The Second All Souls Saturday is March 7.

■ **God with Us Online** – The spring schedule of Adult Faith and Spiritual Enrichment is now available. The first offering is "Great Lent: A Spiritual Journey to Pascha" is offered by Fr. David Anderson. The online sessions are Wednesdays (March 4, 11, and 18 from 8-9 p.m.).

Using Fr. Alexander Schmemmann's *Great Lent* as a text, we will examine the liturgies of the Great Fast to more deeply experience and benefit from them.

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