

PLEASE TAKE NOTE...

During the remainder of the Great Fast and for Pascha, several Mission members will be out of town because of family matters. In order to have religious services on Palm Sunday, Holy and Great Friday, and Pascha, it is imperative that we have individuals be responsible for one of more of the following duties:

- ⇒ Provide pussy willows to be delivered by Sunday, March 18.
- ⇒ Bundle pussy willows and palms to be delivered on Sunday, March 25 (Palm Sunday).
- ⇒ Set up for March 25 (Palm Sunday).
- ⇒ Cantor for March 25 (Palm Sunday).
- ⇒ Set up for Holy and Great Vespers (7:30 p.m./Friday, March 30).
- ⇒ Cantor for Holy and Great Vespers (7:30 p.m./Friday, March 30).
- ⇒ Serve at the altar for Holy and Great Vespers (7:30 p.m./Friday, March 30).
- ⇒ Set up for Pascha Liturgy and Basket Blessing on Sunday, April 1. (We may be able to set up after Vespers on March 30.)
- ⇒ Cantor for Pascha Divine Liturgy on Sunday April 1.
- ⇒ Serve at the altar for Pascha Divine Liturgy on Sunday April 1.

Please note that you will not be left "out in the cold." We will provide instructions/music for the various services in advance. For more information, please see Marie Shanks or Rick Neimiller today after Liturgy. Without individuals to step in, having services at the Mission may become very problematic. Thank you!

Divine Liturgy Schedule

- Mar. 4...** **3rd Sunday of Great Fast/
Veneration of the Holy
Cross**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.
- Mar. 11...** **4th Sunday of Great Lent**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.

DAYLIGHT SAVING
TIME BEGINS

Liturgy Propers

Third Sunday of the Great Fast Veneration of the Holy and Lifegiving Cross

**Our Venerable Father Gerasimus
SS. Paul and His Sister Juliana, Martyrs
March 4, 2018**

Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Veneration of the Holy Cross

Typical Psalms (p. 16/18) and Beatitudes (p. 23)

Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 6 (p. 152)

Troparion of the Cross — Tone 1 (p. 223)

Kontakion of the Cross — Tone 7 (p. 224)

"We Bow to Your Cross..." (p. 32)

Prokiemenon — Tone 6 (p. 224)

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Alleluia — Tone 8 (p. 225)

Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

Magnification ["In You O Woman..." (p. 102)

Communion Hymn: Psalm 4:7 (p. 225)

CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS

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*In Your ineffable love for humankind,
O Christ our God,
make us worthy of Your voice,
which we long to hear,
number us among those
at Your right hand,
and have mercy on us.*

Last Week's Liturgy

February 25, 2018
22 Souls

Announcements

■ **Today's Liturgy Intention** — Today's Divine Liturgy is offered by Lou and Marie Shanks for the blessed repose of +Charles and +Mary Oros, Marie's parents. Eternal memory. *Vičnaja pamjat'*.

"O God of spirits and of all flesh, you trampled death and broke the power of the devil and granted life to Your world. Now grant rest, O Lord, to the soul of your departed servants in a place of light, joy, and peace where there is no pain, sorrow, nor mourning."

— From the Litany for the Deceased

■ **Third Sunday of the Great Fast** — Today in the Byzantine Church is the Third Sunday of the Great Fast. It is dedicated to the veneration of the lifegiving Cross of our Lord.

The Kingdom of God comes only through the Cross and through suffering. Life follows death; resurrection follows Golgotha.

Saint Paul teaches that, in the worldly sense, the Cross is a sign of foolishness, signifying death and sorrow. The faithful, however, look in faith and hope beyond the suffering brought about by the Cross, discerning the loving victory that it truly proclaims.

At Sunday matins we sing: "Behold! Through the Cross joy has come to all the world!" The Cross is a sign of victory and the landmark of paradise. It is inseparable from the Resurrection. For this reason we sing on this Sunday: "We bow to Your Cross, O Lord, and we glorify Your Holy Resurrection."

Not only is the Cross a sign of victory for Christ, "the leader to salvation made perfect through suffering" (*Hebrews 2:10*), but for us as well. And as we approach Pascha, it stands as a reminder to us to take up our crosses and worthily follow Christ in His suffering, and ultimately, in His eternal victory as well (*Matthew 10:38*).

■ **Also Commemorated** — Commemorated on this date, March 4, are our Venerable Father Gerasimus and SS. Paul and his sister Juliana, Martyrs.

Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church



Montgomery County 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

- Ron Pytel.
- Lou Shanks.
- Rosemary Chisarick.
- Doris Fejka.
- Raymond Klimkosky.

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- Andy Yost.
- Mary Neimiller.
- Paula and Tom Tate & Family.
- 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.



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

■ **The Great Fast** — The 40-day Great Fast (Lent) for the Byzantine Church symbolizes the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the desert, while the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is the fulfillment of the promise of manna.



In the Great Fast, we imitate Jesus our Lord, Who fasted for 40 days in the desert following His baptism. The Feast of Pascha was also the time for baptisms, and 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.

■ **Abstinence/Fasting Guidelines** — The law of abstinence forbids the use of meat but allows the use of eggs and dairy products. All the faithful of the Eparchy who receive Holy Communion are obliged to abstain. Abstinence is observed on all Wednesdays and Fridays during the season of the Great Fast.

The law of strict abstinence (fast) forbids the use of meat, eggs, and dairy products. All of the adult faithful of the Eparchy who receive Holy Communion are obliged to observe strict abstinence. Strict abstinence is to be observed on the first full day of the Great Fast (February 12) and on Holy and Great Friday (March 30).

Pastors and administrators, for just cause, may grant to the individual faithful and to individual families dispensations or commutations of abstinence and strict abstinence into other pious practices.

■ **Lenten Services** — There are no Lenten services scheduled for our mission except for Ho-

ly and Great Friday on March 30 at 7:30 p.m. Please avail yourself of Lenten services at Epiphany-Annandale (see schedule in bulletin) or St. Gregory of Nyssa in Beltsville (301-953-9323 or stgregorynyssa.net).

Note also that Epiphany-Annandale will have meatless meals during the Fridays of Great Fast, except for Holy and Great Friday. Please see additional information in the Annandale section of the bulletin.

■ **All Souls Saturdays** — If you would like to have a deceased individual or individuals remembered during the five All Souls Saturdays observed by the Byzantine Church during the liturgical year, please list their names and place them in the All Souls envelope found in your envelop packet, along with the requested donation, and place it in the collection basket. The envelopes will be forwarded to Epiphany-Annandale. You may specify particular names or just a family name (e.g., the deceased members of the Smith Family). The fourth All Souls Saturday for 2018 is March 10.

■ **A "Great" Fast Activity for Our Younger Members** — If you are looking for an activity our child can do as part of their observance of the Great Fast, consider having them participate in the Food Pantry Program by clipping manufacturer coupons from the newspaper each week, putting them in an envelop, and placing the envelop in the weekly food basket. Note that coupons need to be manufacturer coupons and not store coupons.

■ **January Offerings** — Monetary offerings for the month of January were \$1,705, \$650, \$550, and \$520 for January 7, 14, 21, and 28, respectively. God bless you for your generosity.