

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 or more of the following duties:

- ⇒ 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 today after Liturgy. Without individuals to step in, having services at the Mission may become very problematic. Thank you!

Last Week's Liturgy

March 11, 2018
23 Souls

Divine Liturgy Schedule

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| Mar. 18... | 5th Sunday of Great Lent
Mother of God School
8 a.m. |
| Mar. 25... | Palm (Flowery Sunday)
Mother of God School
10 a.m. |

*"Receive us all into Your kingdom,
declaring us to be
children of the light
and children of the day."*

The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great



Liturgy Propers

Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast
Memory of Our Holy Mother Mary of Egypt
Our Holy Father Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem
SS. Alexandra, Claudia, Evphrasia & Other Martyrs
March 18, 2018

Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 8 (p. 161)

Troparion of a Venerable Woman — Tone 8 (p. 230)

Kontakion — Tone 3 (p. 230)

Prokiemenon — Tone 8 (p. 162)

Prokiemenon of a Venerable Women — Tone 4 (p. 231)

EPISTLE: Hebrews 9:11-14

Alleluia — Tone 8 (p. 163)

GOSPEL: Mark 10:32-45

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

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Psalm 148:1 (p. 78) — for Sunday

Psalm 111:6,7 (p. 227) — for a Venerable

CELEBRANT: FR. LEWIS RABAYDA

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Announcements

■ **Today's Liturgy Intention** — Today's Divine Liturgy is offered for the good intentions of our Mission Community. *Lord have mercy! Hospodi pomiluj!*

■ **Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast** — Today in the Byzantine Church is the Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast and is dedicated to the memory of St. Mary of Egypt, a harlot who, having recognized her sinfulness, sought to bring about an essential change in her life: she ran from sinfulness and devoted the remainder of her life to placing God's will above her own.

In her person we recall Christ's words: "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the harlots go into the Kingdom of God before you" (*Matthew 21:31*).

The end is drawing near, yet repentance is still possible, even for the greatest of sinners. We see how the harlot repents and is forgiven. There is no sin so great that God will not forgive it. There is no amount of sinfulness that can condemn us if we are willing to repent and to merge our vision with that of the Lord. But we must not only count on His mercy; we must change ourselves as well. Even if we have sought forgiveness for the same sins a thousand time, the Lord welcomes us. All we need do is ask.

■ **Also Commemorated** — On this date, March 18, we commemorate our Holy Father Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem. His "Catechetical Instruction," given to Catechumens, on the elements of the Faith are among the most precious documents of Catholic teachings. He was named by Pope Leo XII among the Doctors of the Church. He died A.D. 386 in the reign of Theodosius, Emperor.

Also commemorated on this date are the Saints Alexandra, Claudia, Evphrasia, and other Martyrs who suffered death in Missena A.D. 237 during the reign of Maximian, Emperor.

Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church



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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 Fejka.
- Raymond Klimkosky.

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- 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."

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

■ **Thank You, Fr. Lewis** – A prayerful thank you to Fr. Lewis Rabayda of St. Gregory of Nyssa Byzantine Catholic Church for praying with us today in Fr. Lee's absence.

■ **The Season of Bright Sadness** – "...The Lenten season is meant to kindle a 'bright sadness' within our hearts. Its aim is precisely the remembrance of Christ, a longing for a relationship with God that has been lost. Lent offers the time and place for recovery of this relationship. The darkness of Lent allows the flame of the Holy Spirit to burn within our hearts until we are led to the brilliance of the Resurrection." – Fr. Alexander Schmemmann (+1983)

■ **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).

■ **Lenten Services** – There are no Lenten services scheduled for our mission except for Holy and Great Friday on March 30 at 7:30 p.m. (*tentative*). 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.

■ **Slavic Food Festival** – Fr. Conan Timoney and his parishioners at Patronage of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church near Baltimore once again extend an invitation to their Slavic Food Festival, which will take place Saturday, March 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ **February Offerings** – Monetary offerings for the month of February were \$1,809 and \$827 for February 11 and 25, respectively. There were no services at the Mission on February 4 and 18. God bless you for your generosity.



■ **Blessing of Willows and Palms** – In commemoration of our Lord's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem

next Sunday, we will bless palms and willows.

Willows and palms are considered as sacramentals. As such, last year's willows and palms should be disposed of by burning or burying them. Please do not place them in your household refuse.

■ **Delivery of Pascha Meats** – Pascha meats will be delivered next Sunday, March 25, for pickup.

■ **Pascha/Blessing of Easter Foods** – Divine Liturgy for the Resurrection of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 1. Easter foods will be blessed at the end of Divine Liturgy.