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saalem and the church in iterations throughout time and what it looks like today following the restorations. The exhibit runs to August 15, 2018. For more information, go to [www.nationalgeographic.org/dc/exhibitions/tomb-of-christ](http://www.nationalgeographic.org/dc/exhibitions/tomb-of-christ).

■ **Pray for Our Suffering Church** – Many Christian clergy, religious, and laity have been killed by Islamic radicals throughout the world. Please continue to pray for all those afflicted by these barbaric acts and for the conversion and forgiveness of the perpetrators. *Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen.*

*We welcome our visitors and guests who are praying with us today.*

## Liturgy Propers

### FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

[Pascha]

April 1, 2018

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

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**CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS**

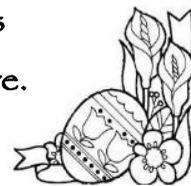
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Let God arise,  
let His enemies be scattered;  
let those who hate Him  
flee from before His face.

As smoke vanishes,  
so let them vanish;

as wax melts  
before the fire.

Psalm 68:1 & 68:2



Christ is risen! + Indeed, He is risen!  
Christos voskrese! + Voistinnu voskrese!  
Christos anesti! + Alithos anesti!  
Christus resurrexit! + Vere resurrexit!

## Announcements

■ **Today's Liturgy Intention** – Today's Divine Liturgy is offered for the good intentions of our Mission Community. *Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!*

■ **Pascha** – Today is Pascha, the Feast of Feasts. It is our Lord's Passover – the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Word of Light enters into us to enlighten our darkness. "The life was the light of men, and the light shone in the darkness and the darkness could not overcome it" (*John 1:4-5*). The risen Christ reveals to us from within the true meaning of death. Death has no reality in and of itself. Death is a broken relationship, an absence of light, a lack of communion. It is a rupture, an exile, a slavery.

But, it is the Resurrection that reconciles us, it justifies us, it leads us back into communion. When Christ descends into hell that the actual moment of salvation is realized. The Word of Light enters into and assumes darkness, and thereby He disperses the darkness, just as the rising sun disperses the shadow of the night.

*"Today all things are filled with light—earth and heaven and the world beneath. Let all creation celebrate the resurrection of Christ, In Him is the firm foundation of all things."*

– Excerpt from the Third Ode of Pascha Matins

## Divine Liturgy Schedule

- April 1...** **HOLY PASCHA**  
**Blessing of Easter Foods**  
Mother of God School  
10 a.m.
- April 8...** **Thomas Sunday**  
Mother of God School  
10 a.m.
- April 15...** **Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers**  
Mother of God School  
10 a.m.
- April 22...** **Sunday of the Paralytic Man**  
Mother of God School  
10 a.m.

## Last Week's Liturgy

**March 25, 2018**  
32 Souls

## 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](http://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 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."*



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

Christ is risen from the dead,  
by death He trampled death,  
and to those in the tombs  
He granted life!

+ + +

Христос воскрес из мертвых,  
смертию смерть поправ,  
и сущим во гробех  
живот даровав!

+ + +

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν,  
θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας,  
καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι,  
ζωὴν χαρισάμενος!

■ **Paschal Greeting** — From now until the Feast of the Ascension, we greet each other with the Paschal proclamation: "Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!" In Old Church Slavonic, it is transliterated as "Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!" In Greek, it is transliterated as "Christos anesti! Alithos anesti!"

■ **Today's Gospel Reading** — To emphasize the universal message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, today's reading (*John 1:1-17*) will be proclaimed in English, Greek, and Latin.

■ **Pascha/Blessing of Easter Foods** — Easter baskets and Paschal foods will be blessed at the close of today's Divine Liturgy. Prior to the blessing, there will be the kissing of the cross.

■ **Prayerful Thank You!** — Thank you to Michael McGonnigal of St. Gregory of Nyssa Church, who filled in last Sunday and today as cantor. Also thank you to Jack Figel who was our cantor for Holy and Great Vespers this past Friday.

■ **Kneeling** — In the Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches, as a joyous sign of the Resurrection, there is no kneeling during the entire Paschal season. Today (for those who are physically able), we remain standing during the Divine Liturgy except for the reading from the Acts of the Apostles and the homily. Please stand whenever "Christ is risen..." is sung.

■ **Fast Free Week** — In celebration of the Resurrection, from today through April 7 (Bright Week) there is no fasting.

■ **The Artos** — Today, the Artos (Pascha) is placed on the tetrapod and blessed. Next Sunday, the top of the Artos is placed on the tetrapod while the remainder is cut, blessed, and distributed to the faithful as they are anointed with blessed oil.

The word "Artos" comes from the Greek and means bread. It reminds us that Jesus is the "Bread of Life."

A prayerful thank you to Tonja Siemucha for providing this year's Pascha. Thank you also to Tonja for baking our Communion bread and the bread blessed used for *mirovaniye* on special feast days.

*"I am the living Bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this Bread will live forever; and the Bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."*

- Matthew 18:20 (NAB)

■ **Exhibit of Holy Sepulcher** — The "Tomb of Christ" exhibit at the National Geographic Museum details the restorations recently completed to the edicule, which contains and protects the empty tomb of Jesus Christ, at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem.

Visitors to the museum are shown stunning 3-D and virtual reality views of the Jeru-

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