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2018. For more information, go to 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!*

Krisztus feltámadt! Valóban feltámadt!

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Liturgy Propers

Second Sunday of Pascha [Thomas Sunday]

SS. Herodion, Agavus, Ruphus, Assyncritis, Phlegon, Hermas and Others, Bishop-Martyrs, Apostles
Venerable Celestine, Pope of Roman,
April 8, 2018

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

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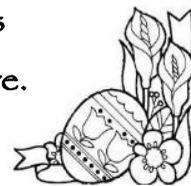
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Let God arise,
let His enemies be scattered;
let those who hate Him
flee from before His face.

As smoke vanishes,
so let them vanish;

as wax melts
before the fire.

Psalm 68:1 & 68:2



Divine Liturgy Schedule

- 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

Great and Holy Friday Vespers March 30, 2018

32 Souls

Pascha April 1, 2018

47 Souls

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 by Elizabeth and Claire Keyes and Marion Kniska for the blessed repose of +Peter Fernandes. *Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!*

When You descended to death, O Immortal Life, You destroyed Hades by the brilliance of Your Divinity; and when You raised the dead from the depths of the earth, all the heavenly powers cried out, "O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to You."

— Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 2)

■ **St. Thomas Sunday** — Today is the Second Sunday of Pascha. It is known as the Sunday of St. Thomas in the Byzantine Church because the confirmation of the Resurrection is celebrated.

Thomas, one of the Twelve, was not with the other disciples when Jesus appeared to them on the evening of that first day of the week. Despite the testimony of others that they had seen the risen Lord, Thomas, challenged the reality of the Resurrection until he could see for himself.

Eight days later they had again gathered behind locked doors. Thomas, upon seeing the risen Lord for himself cried: "My Lord and my God!" Jesus then said to him: "You became a believer because you have seen Me. Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed."

"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

■ **Also Commemorated** — On this date, April 12, the Byzantine Church commemorates SS. Herodion, Agavus, Ruphus, Assyncritis, Phlegon, Hermas, and

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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

- Vince Kovalick
- Jeff Sesok
- Ron Pytel.
- Lou Shanks.
- Rosemary Chisarich.
- 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

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others, Bishop-Martyrs, apostles, who are mentioned by St. Paul the Apostle (*Romans 16:11-14*).

Also commemorated is the Venerable Celestine, Pope of Roman, who was remarkable for his zeal, deposed a bishop in Africa, repressed abuses, sent SS. Paladius and Patrick as missionaries to the Scots and Irish. He condemned the Nestorian heresy. Through his Legates, he presided over the 3rd Ecumenical Council of Ephesus A.D. 431. He died A.D. 432.

■ **Artos** – Last Sunday, the Artos (Pascha) was placed on the tetrapod and blessed. Today, 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 (*mirovanije*).

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

"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)

"Jesus said to them, 'Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.'"

– John 6:53-56 (NAB)

■ **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! Voistinnu Voskrese!*" In Greek, it is transliterated as "*Christos anesti! Alithos anesti!*"

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

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Χριστος воскρεσε 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!

■ **Sit or Stand** – As a sign of joy that is ours in the Resurrection, we do not kneel from Easter until Pentecost for any liturgical service, for the time of repentance is completed and joy now reigns. We stand instead of kneeling, and we stand whenever "Christ is risen..." is sung. We sit at the Epistle and Homily. You may sit at the litanies and at the First and Second Antiphons and at the Troparia. You also may sit at other times if you feel the need to rest.

■ **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 Jerusalem and the church in iterations throughout time and what it looks like today following the restorations. The exhibit runs to August 15,

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