

■ *Day of Penance* — As each Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord, each Friday is a commemoration of Holy and Great Friday and is observed with penance. One may abstain from meat or instead offer prayer of charitable works.

In the Liturgy we pray “for those who serve and have served in this holy church.”
 Until the happy day when we have our own temple (Grant it, O Lord!),
 we will need men and women to help with setup and takedown.

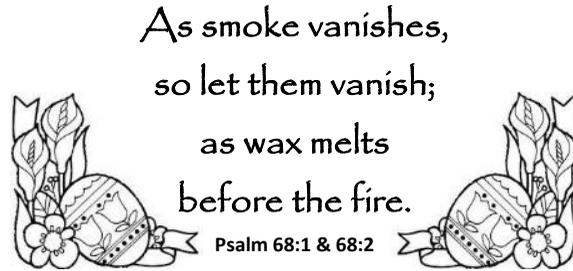
Signup sheets for **April and May** are available on the information table.

Thank you!

<i>Divine Liturgy Schedule</i>	
April 22...	Sunday of the Paralytic Man Mother of God School 10 a.m.
April 29...	Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Goshen House/Chapel 10 a.m.
May 6...	Sunday of the Man Born Blind Mother of God School 10 a.m.
May 10...	Ascension of Our Lord [TBD]

Last Week's Liturgy
April 15, 2018
 22 Souls

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



Khristos aftonf!
Khen oumethmi aftonf!

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Liturgy Propers

Fourth Sunday of Pascha
[Sunday of the Paralytic Man]
 Our Venerable Father Theodore, “Sykiot”
 SS. Nathanael, Luke, and Clement, Apostles
 Venerable Vitalius
April 22, 2018
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
 Resurrection Troparia — Special Tone 5 (p. 164)
 Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 3 (p. 181)
 Kontakion — Tones 3 & 8 (p. 181)
 Prokiemenon — Tone 1 (p. 182)
NEW TESTAMENT READING: Act 9:32-42
 Alleluia — Tone 5 (p. 182)
GOSPEL: John 5:1-15
 Exaltation and Irmos for Pascha (p. 167)
 [“in place of “It is truly just...”]
 Paschal “Our Father” (p. 167)
 Communion Hymns (p. 168 & 78)
CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS

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 health of Michael Joseph Madzin. *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)

■ *Sunday of the Paralytic* – Today is the Fourth Sunday of Pascha. It is known as the Sunday of the Paralytic Man. On this Sunday, we remember the cure of the paralyzed man that happened at the pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem.

In Hebrew, Bethesda means “House of Mercy.”
 Jesus reveals Himself as the Merciful Savior who frees the man from his lifelong ailment. We share in the joy of this at our baptism when the same Savior washes us free from sin and makes us whole through His grace.

Thus His life-giving death and glorious resurrection free us from the crippling effects of sin and recreate us in the image and likeness of God.

“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 22, the Byzantine Church commemorates our Venerable Father Theodore, Sykiot, who died A.D. 541 in the reign of Justinian, Emperor. Also commemorated are

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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 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

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SS. Nathanael, Luke, and Clement, Apostles, and the Venerable Vitalius, who leaving his cell, went to Alexandria, and, enduring many indignities from the men, brought many infamous women to do penance. He died A.D. 615 in the reign of Heraclius, Emperor.

■ **Mid-Pentecost** — This coming Wednesday is Mid-Pentecost, the midpoint of the 50 days between the feasts of Pascha and Pentecost.

In the Divine Liturgy Gospel passage for that day, we read that "in the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the Temple, and taught" (John 7:14).

The feast in question is the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles, which commemorates the Israelites wandering in the desert for 40 years, when they lived under tents and tabernacles.

"Tabernacles" served as the middle link between the Jewish Passover, which recalls God's deliverance of His people from the Egyptian pharaoh, and the Jewish Pentecost, which remembers Old Israel's entry into the

"promised land" of Mount Sinai. The risen Christ is the link for New Israel as it celebrates the New Passover (Pascha, the Resurrection) and the New Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples and apostles.

When Jesus had preached in the temple, he had just healed the Paralytic Man and was about to give sight to the Blind Man. The Apolytikion of Mid-Pentecost announces the "waters of true worship," which Christ will give us to drink, just as He gave the Samaritan Woman to drink. Thus, Mid-Pentecost reveals to the world that Christ will heal all of its infirmities, both physical and spiritual.

■ **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!*"

