

■ *Prayerful Thank You* – A prayerful thank you is extended to Doris Fejka for the recent cleaning of our altar server vestments.

■ *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

Divine Liturgy Schedule

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] 10 a.m.

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 sheet for **May** is available on the information table.

Thank you!

Last Week's Liturgy

April 22, 2018
14 Souls

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, 2018. For more information, go to www.nationalgeographic.org/dc/exhibitions/tomb-of-christ.

Kal-Masīh qām!
Ḥaqqan qām!

ARABIC

We welcome our visitors and guests.

Liturgy Propers

Fifth Sunday of Pascha [Sunday of the Samaritan Woman]

Nine Martyrs of Kyzicus
Venerable Memnon, Wonderworker
April 29, 2018
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Resurrection Troparia — Special Tone 5 (p. 164)
Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 4 (p. 186)
Troparion of Mid-Pentecost — Tone 8 (p. 186)
Kontakion — Tone 8 (p. 187)
Kontakion of Mid-Pentecost — Tones 4 (p. 187)
Prokiemenon — Tone 3 (p. 188)

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Act 11:19-26 & 29-30

Alleluia — Tone 4 (p. 188)

GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

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

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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 Ron Pytel for the blessed repose of +Richard Kowal. *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 Samaritan Woman* – Today is the Fifth Sunday of Pascha. It is known as the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman. On this Sunday, which follows Mid-Pentecost, we remember the Samaritan woman who announced that Jesus Christ was truly the Messiah and Savior. Through her encounter with Jesus she came to a deeper awareness of His mission in the world. She drank the living water of faith that only He could give and went on to proclaim Him to her neighbors and friends. Like her, we too, must proclaim our faith in Jesus to everyone we meet.

“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

■ *Who Is the Samaritan Woman?* – Every Fifth Sunday of Pascha we hear the story of Jesus' meeting with the Samaritan Woman at the well. Although we do not hear her name in today's Gospel reading, by tradition she is called Photina and revered by the Byzantine Catholic and Orthodox Churches as a martyr. Her feast day is February 26.

Photina is an image (icon) of our baptism.

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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

- Jeff Sesok
- Ron Pytel.
- Lou Shanks.
- Rosemary Chisarick.
- Doris and Rich Fejka.
- Raymond Klimkosky.

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- 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 Tworoski.
- 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.
- Deacon Peter Turko.



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

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Though the well of Jacob could not quench her thirst, the Lord revealed to her true worship of the Father in spirit and truth. In this week of the Samaritan Woman, we draw of the water of the well of enlightenment and imitate the holy and repentant Photina, the woman enlightened by our Lord.

■ **Also Commemorated** – On this date, April 29, the Byzantine Church commemorates the Nine Martyrs at Cyzice, a group of saints who in the last decades of the third century were martyred in the city of Cyzicus in Asia Minor for upholding their faith in Jesus Christ.

They included Thaumasius, Theognes, Rufus, Antipater, Theostichus, Artemas, Magnus, Theodotus, and Philemon.

In Russia in 1678, not far from the city of Kazan, Metropolitan Adrian of Kazan, remembering the suffering of the nine martyrs in Cyzicus and believing that abundance of grace from these saints would dispel the sufferings of the people of Kazan from the feverish and trembling illness that beset the city, proposed building a church in honor of the Nine Martyrs of Cyzicus. In 1691, Metr. Adrian approved establishment of a monastery around the church. The Monastery of Cyzicus Martyrs was built by the hierodeacon Stephen who had brought part of the relics of the saints with him from Palestine.

Commemorated also is the Venerable Memnon, Wonderworker.

■ **Mid-Pentecost** – This past Wednesday was 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.

■ **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.

ByzanTEEN Youth Rally 2018

July 5-8, 2018

"Who Is My Neighbor?"

St. Vincent College

Latrobe, Pa.

<http://www.archpitt.org/byzanteen-youth-rally-2018/>