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Churches—is titled Sister Churches: Fact or Fiction? and will be held from June 18–21 at the Washington Retreat House in D.C. Visit [www.olfoundation.org](http://www.olfoundation.org) to register.

■ **New Priest for St. Gregory** — Bishop Kurt has announced the transfer of Fr. Lewis Ra-bayda from St. Gregory of Nyssa to Epiphany of Our Lord in Roswell, Georgia, effective the week of June 11. Replacing Fr. Lewis will be a married priest from our home eparchy of Mukačevo, Ukraine. His name is Fr. Sergij Deiak. An experienced pastor, he is in his early

### Divine Liturgy Schedule

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| May 6...  | <b>Sunday of the Man Born Blind</b><br>Mother of God School<br>10 a.m.                        |
| May 10... | <b>Ascension of Our Lord</b><br>Mother of God School<br>7:30 p.m.                             |
| May 13... | <b>Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council</b><br>Mother of God School<br>10 a.m. |

40s and has two children. He will be under the advisement of Fr. Conan Timoney until he becomes comfortable in his new environment.

Our Mission Community offers its prayers and thank you's to Fr. Lewis, who provided assistance to us on several occasions during his service at St. Gregory.

■ **Master of Arts Program** — This fall 2018, the Byzantine Catholic Seminary is making available its Master of Arts in Theology degree program with fully online courses. A new chaplaincy focus has been added as well. More information can be found at [online.bcs.edu](http://online.bcs.edu).

We welcome our visitors and guests.

Chrystus zmartwychwstał!  
Prawdziwie zmartwychwstał!  
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### Liturgy Propers

- Sixth Sunday of Pascha**  
[Sunday of the Man Born Blind]  
Saint and Venerable Job  
May 6, 2018  
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom  
Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 5 (p. 189)  
Kontakion — Tones 4 & 8 (p. 189)  
Prokiemenon — Tone 8 (p. 190)  
**NEW TESTAMENT READING: Act 16:16-34**  
Alleluia — Tone 8 (p. 190)  
**GOSPEL: John 9:1-38**  
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**  
[PAGE NUMBERS REFERENCE GREEN LITURGY BOOK]

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 blessed repose of +Joseph Stephan Kniska by Marion Kniska and Elizabeth and Clair Keyes. *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 Man Born Blind** — Today is the sixth and final Sunday of Pascha. It is known as the Sunday of the Man Born Blind and is also the Sunday before the Feast of the Ascension.

Today, let us offer thanks for the gift of spiritual sight given to us so that we might see and know the meaning of life through the victory of Christ the Messiah. Each Sunday from Pascha to Pentecost is an experience of the mystery of the victory of Christ. Each week has its sacramental, paschal theme. There is water involved in every one of the Gospels: the pool of the paralytic, the well of the Samaritan woman, the anointing and washing of the eyes of the blind man.

All of this is for us. It tells us of our experience of the risen Christ and witnesses to our own washing and anointing, our own dying and rising with Him. Jesus anointed the eyes of the blind man, and he was enlightened, professing Jesus to be Lord. He is an image of our baptism, when we are enlightened out of darkness by the anointing of the chrism of the Holy Spirit. We remember the salvation of the Man Born

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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.

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!

## 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 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.
- 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."*

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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Blind and our own enlightenment as we close the feast of the glorious Resurrection of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ.

*"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, May 6, the Byzantine Church commemorates Saint and Venerable Job the "Patient."

When someone exhibits great endurance through all kinds of trials, annoyances, or provocations, we say that person has "the patience of Job." The idiom is applied to those who nobly persevere in the face of overwhelming hardships.

The expression has its origin in *James 5:10-11*: "Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy."

Among the many Old Testament examples of patience, Job is selected as the prime illustration. He is the exemplar of a patient man. There are many reasons why this must be the case. Job's patience stands out because Job's story is extreme in the amount of suffering he endured. Job lost all his children and his wealth in a single day. He then was covered in painful sores, and his wife offered him no support—she encouraged him to give up, curse God, and die (*Job 2:9*). When Job's three friends came to comfort him, they could not even recognize him from a distance (*Job 2:12*). Adding

to Job's pain, his friends falsely accused him of wrongdoing and blamed his troubles on his unrepentant heart. Through it all, Job patiently endured (*Job 2:10*).

■ **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.

■ **Feast of the Ascension** – This Thursday the Feast of the Ascension will be observed. This feast is a day of precept (obligation) for the Byzantine Church. Note that many Roman Catholic dioceses have transferred the feast to the following Sunday.

The Byzantine Catholic and Orthodox Churches, however, retain the traditional observance on the fortieth day following Pascha. In Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox theology, the Ascension of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ is interpreted as the culmination of the Mystery of the Incarnation, in that it not only marked the completion of Jesus' physical presence among his apostles, but consummated the union of God and man when Jesus ascended in his glorified human body to sit at the right hand of God the Father. The Ascension and the Transfiguration both figure prominently in the Eastern Christian doctrine of theosis (<http://orthodoxwiki.org/Theosis>). The bodily Ascension into heaven is also understood as the final token of Christ's two natures: divine and human.

■ **Oriental Lumen Conference** – The 2018 Oriental Lumen Conference—an ecumenical dialogue between the Orthodox and Catholic

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