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Through Byzantine Online, one has the chance to join with a Catholic community who by God’s grace will form some of the Church’s leaders. More information can be found at [online.bcs.edu](http://online.bcs.edu).

■ **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, 2018. For more information, go to [www.nationalgeographic.org/dc/exhibitions/tomb-of-christ](http://www.nationalgeographic.org/dc/exhibitions/tomb-of-christ).

### 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/>

*A most blessed Mothers Day to our mothers.*

### Liturgy Propers

**Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council at Nicea**

**St. Glyceria, Martyr**

**St. Alexander, Martyr**

**May 13, 2018**

**Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

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[“in place of “It is truly just...”]

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**CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS**

### Announcements

■ **Today’s Liturgy Intention** – Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered by Andy Haba for the blessed repose of +John; +Anna; +George; +George, Jr.; +Ellen; +Edward; +Andrew John; +Andrea; and +Janet Haba, in addition to +Mark Nickerson and +Anthony Spin. *Vičnaja pamjat’.*

*“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”*

– Revelation 21:4 (NKJV / OSB)

■ **Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council** – Today the Byzantine Catholic Church commemorates the more than 300 Fathers who participated in the First Nicean Council. Today is also a post-festive day of the Feast of the Ascension, which was observed this past Thursday.

The First Ecumenical Council, held in Nicea in 325 in the reign of Constantine the Great, was summoned to remove the confusion that Arius, an Alexandrian priest, had created by his false teaching. He had been spreading the teaching that Christ was created from God in time, and that he is not the pre-eternal Son of God, equal in being with God the Father. The council condemned the Arian teaching and anathematized Arius when he would not repent.

This council also definitively confirmed the Symbol of Faith (the Creed), which was later amplified at the Second Ecumenical Council. In addition, the council also confirmed the time of the celebration of Pascha.

■ **Also Commemorated** – On this date, May 13, the Byzantine Church commemorates St. Glyceria, Martyr, who suffered for the Faith in Trajanopolis in Greece by being thrown to the wild beasts in the Amphitheatre after cruel torments about A.D. 141. Also commemorated is St. Alexander, Martyr, on the island of Cyprus, who was martyred for the Faith A.D. 298.

### Divine Liturgy Schedule

**May 20...** **Pentecost Sunday**  
Mother of God School  
10 a.m.

**May 27...** **Sunday of All Saints**  
Mother of God School  
10 a.m.

**May 3...** **Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
Mother of God School  
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 the remaining Sundays in **May** is available on the information table.

*Thank you!*

### Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church



### Montgomery County Mission

Mother of God Community School  
20501 Goshen Road  
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[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 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

■ **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.

■ **Mirovanije: Feast of the Ascension** — In commemoration of the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord this past Thursday, there will be anointing (*mirovanije*) and distribution of blessed bread at the close of today's Divine Liturgy. All are welcome to receive the anointing and blessed bread. *Christ is among us! He is and shall be!*

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.

■ **Pentecost Sunday** — Next Sunday, May 20, is the Feast of Pentecost. It is a Slavic custom to wear the color green on this Great Feast to symbolize the growth of the new Church as well as to decorate church sanctuaries with the boughs of linden trees, which have heart-shaped leaves. The Slavic peoples traditionally believed that the Holy Spirit resides in the heart of each of us.

In the Roman Church and some Protestant traditions it is common for the priest/minister and altar to be vested in red to symbolize the tongues of fire that descended on that first Pentecost.

■ **The Apostles Fast** — The Apostles Fast begins on the day following the Sunday of All Saints and concludes on the eve of the Feast of the Prime Apostles, Peter and Paul. A fasting period of variable length, in 2018 the fast is observed from May 28 through June 28.

Observance of the fast is voluntary, but all Fridays during this period remain days of penance (abstinence from meat products). The Feast of Peter and Paul, a day of precept (obligation) for the Byzantine Church, falls annually on June 29.

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

■ **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. These classes are consistent with those offered on campus and utilize many of our in-house faculty.

In keeping with our mission statement, "...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you" (*Mt. 28:20*), Byzantine Online seeks to produce exceptional academic leaders in Eastern Christian theology, scripture and dogma. A new chaplaincy focus has been added as well.

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