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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.

■ **2018 Graduates** – If you or a family member is graduating this spring (from elementary school, middle school, high school, etc.), please provide that information to Marie Shanks so it can be included in an upcoming bulletin.



For Your name's sake, Lord,
I have waited for You.
My soul has waited for Your promise,
my soul has hoped in the Lord.

From the Kneeling Prayers
of the Vigil of Pentecost



Announcements

■ **Today's Liturgy Intention** – Today's Divine Liturgy is offered for the health and physical well-being of Mary Anne Diamond by Marion Kniska and Elizabeth and Claire Keyes.

"O Lord Jesus Christ... We beseech You, look mercifully upon her and in Your great love grant her relief from her pain... that restored to the vigor of health, she may serve You faithfully and gratefully all her life and become heir of Your kingdom, for You are the physician of our souls and bodies, O Christ..."

– St. John Chrysostom

■ **Feast of Pentecost** – Today we celebrate the Great Feast of Pentecost, on which the Holy Spirit descended upon the infant Christian Church. It is a celebration of the new life that God breathes into the faithful, first in Jerusalem and then through the Church to the ends of the earth.



This new life is made possible only through the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ. The Spirit comes as a confirmation that the Father's work – through the historical

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Divine Liturgy Schedule

- May 27...** **Sunday of All Saints**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.
- June 3...** **Second Sunday after Pentecost**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.
- June 10...** **Third Sunday after Pentecost**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.

Welcome to those praying with us.

Liturgy Propers

Great Feast of Pentecost
St. Thalaleus, Martyr, and Others
May 20, 2018

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

- Opening Hymn: "Heavenly King" (p. 203)
- Antiphons for the Feast of Pentecost (p. 203)
- Troparion — Tone 8 (p. 204)
- Entrance Hymn (p. 205) & Troparion
- Kontakion — Tone 8 (p. 205)

"All you who have been baptized into Christ" (p. 31)
[in place of "Holy God"]

Prokiemenon — Tone 8 (p. 206)

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 2:1-11

Alleluia — Tone 1 (p. 206)

GOSPEL: John 7:37-52 & 8:12

Magnification and Irmos for Pascha (p. 206)

["in place of "It is truly proper..."]

Communion Hymns (p. 208)

CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS

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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 Sundays in **May and June**
is available on the information table.

Thank you!

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 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."

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

life of the Son – is complete, but that His work continues through the Church for the salvation of the world through all the ages.

It is a Slavic custom to wear the color green on Pentecost to symbolize the growth of the new Church, as well as to decorate church sanctuaries with the boughs of linden trees, as they have heart-shaped leaves. The Slavic people 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.

■ **Also Commemorated** – On this date, May 20, the Byzantine Church commemorates St. Thalaleus, Martyr, and others, who at the sight of his constancy in Faith, Asterius and Alexander, his executioners and other bystanders, declared themselves Christians and all shared the same fate A.D. 272 in the reign of Emperor Aurelian.

■ **Mirovanije** – In commemoration of the Feast of Pentecost there will be anointing (*mirovanije*) and distribution of blessed bread at today's Divine Liturgy. All are welcome to receive the anointing and blessed bread. *Christ is among us! He is and shall be!*

■ **Fast Free** – In celebration of the Feast of Pentecost, the week of Pentecost (June 21–26) is free from abstinence and fasting.

■ **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.

■ **Orientalis Lumen Conference** – The 2018 Orientalis 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 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.

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.

■ **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.

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