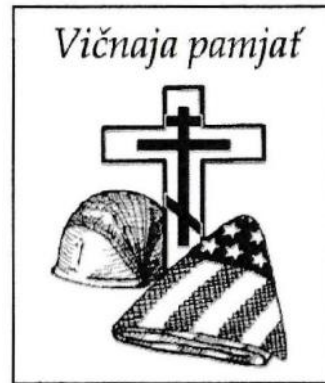


■ **Exhibit of Holy Sepulcher** — The “Tomb of Christ” exhibit at the National Geographic Museum details the restorations recently completed to the edicule, which contains and protects the empty tomb of Jesus Christ, at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem.

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.

■ **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.



Your Church throughout the world, O Lord, clothed with the blood of Your martyrs as with royal purple and linen, cries out to You through them, O Christ our God:

Send down Your mercies upon Your people, grant peace to Your world, and great mercy to our souls.

Troparion of All Saints Sunday (Tone 4)



Announcements

■ **Today's Liturgy Intention** — Today's Divine Liturgy is offered by Louis and Marie Shanks in thanksgiving for God's blessings on the occasion of their wedding anniversary. Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

“O God, our God, You came to Cana in Galilee and blessed the marriage there; now bless Your servants who through Your Providence were united in marriage and who now offer thanksgiving to You for all the good things which they have received from You in their years of marriage. Bless the daily course of their life; fill their life with good things; and accept their crowns into Your Kingdom, keeping them pure, blameless, and above reproach forever.

— From the Byzantine Ritual of Marriage

■ **Sunday of All Saints** — Today, the first Sunday of the season, our thoughts turn toward the first born of the Kingdom: those men and women who have gone before us in faith. They shall come together and stand witness to Him Who from all eternity has been

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Divine Liturgy Schedule

- 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.
- June 17...** **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.

Welcome to those who are praying with us today.

Liturgy Propers

Sunday of All Saints
St. Therapont Priest-Martyr
May 27, 2018

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 8 (p. 211)

Troparion of the Feast — Tone 4 (p.211)

Kontakion — Tone 8 (p. 212)

Prokiemenon — Tone 8 (p. 212)

Prokiemenon of the Saints — Tone 4 (p.213)

EPISTLE: Hebrews 11:32-12:2a

Alleluia — Tone 4 (p. 213)

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38 & 19:27-30

Communion Hymns (p. 78 & 213)

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 **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."

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

the Revealer, Lawgiver, and Redeemer.

In the early days, Christians were accustomed to solemnize the anniversary of a martyr's death for Christ at the place of martyrdom. In the 4th century, neighboring dioceses began to interchange feasts, to transfer relics, to divide them, and to join in a common feast. Frequently groups of martyrs suffered on the same day, which naturally led to a joint commemoration.

In the persecution of Diocletian the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each. The Church, however, feeling that every martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all. The first trace of this we find in Antioch on the Sunday after Pentecost. We also find mention of a common day in a sermon of St. Ephrem the Syrian (373), and in the 74th homily of St. John Chrysostom (407).

In the West, Boniface IV, on May 13, 609, or 610, consecrated the Pantheon in Rome to the Blessed Virgin and all the martyrs, ordering an anniversary. Gregory III (731-741) consecrated a chapel in the Basilica of St. Peter to all the saints and fixed the anniversary for the first of November. This date of November 1 became the date of commemorating "All Saints" in the Roman Church (and subsequently as well as in the Anglican and some Lutheran traditions).

The Byzantine Catholic and Orthodox Churches, however, retain the traditional date of commemoration.

■ **Also Commemorated** — Also commemorated on this date, May 27, is St. Therapont, Priest-Martyr, who died for the Faith A.D. 259 in the reign of Emperor Valerian.

■ **The Apostles Fast** — The Apostles Fast begins tomorrow, the first 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.

■ **Oriente Lumen Conference** — The 2018 Oriente 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.