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chapel, created by renowned Jesuit priest and artist Marko Rupnik. Father Ganni was 37 at the time of his murder.

■ **Theosis in Action** – The Eparchy of Passaic has begun a new Young Adult ministry titled “Theosis in Action.” The mission of this new ministry is “to serve Byzantine Catholic young adults from the Eparchy of Passaic and beyond as well as inquirers of goodwill by providing them with resources to grow in their faith and opportunities for fellowship as they

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 **June** is available on the information table. Thank you!

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navigate through adulthood.” Through social media and in-person events, Theosis in Action will help young adults spread the light of Christ in this secular world, inspiring this generation to learn about, defend, and proclaim their faith. The Facebook page is: www.facebook.com/theosisinaction.

The organization is headed by two young adults within the eparchy, both of whom are the children of deacons serving in our eparchy.

■ **Oriente Lumen Conference Begins Tomorrow** – 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.

A most blessed Fathers Day to our fathers and grandfathers!

Liturgy Propers section for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, including SS. Isaurus, Basil, Innocent, Jeremias & Others, and the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.

Announcements

■ **Today’s Liturgy Intention** – Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered for the good intentions of the members of our Mission Community.



■ **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost** – Today in the Byzantine Church is the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. On this date, June 17, we commemorate the saints Manuel, Sabel, and Ishmael, who were Persian martyrs, sent by their king, Baitan, to negotiate peace with Emperor Julian the Apostate. Tradition

has it that Julian had them arrested, condemned, beheaded, and their bodies burned A.D. 362.

Also commemorated are SS. Isaurus, Basil, Innocent, Jeremias, and others, who having concealed themselves in a cave at Appolonia in Macedonia in the 3rd century persecution, on being discovered were tortured and beheaded.

■ **The Apostles Fast** – The Apostles Fast began on May 28, 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.

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## 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

- Yazmine Nickerson.
- 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

■ **Bishop Appointed for Parma Eparchy** – Pope Francis has appointed as Bishop of the Ruthenian Eparchy of Parma (Ohio), the Most Reverend Milan Lach, SJ, who up until now served as apostolic administrator of the Eparchy, which covers most of the Ruthenian Catholics in the mid-western United States.

Bishop Lach, 44, was born in Kežmarok, Slovakia, in 1973. In 1992, he was admitted to the Greek-Catholic seminary in Prešov, and in 1995, he entered the novitiate of the Society of Jesus in Trnava, Slovakia. He continued his studies at Trnava University and also studied at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome, where he obtained a master's degree from the Eastern Church Sciences and later, a doctorate degree. In 2009, he began working at the Center of Spirituality East-West of Michal Lacko in Košice, Slovakia.

Bishop Lach was ordained a deacon of the Society of Jesus on November 11, 2000, and was ordained a priest on July 1, 2001. He was appointed auxiliary bishop of Prešov and titular bishop of Ostracine on April 19, 2013. He was ordained as auxiliary bishop of Prešov and titular bishop of Ostracine, June 1, 2013. On June 24, 2017, Pope Francis named Bishop Lach as apostolic administrator of the *sede vacante* (vacant see) of the Eparchy of Parma for the Ruthenians.

■ **Cause for Canonization** – The cause for the canonization of an Eastern Catholic priest and three deacons, who were murdered in Iraq, was given the green light. The Vatican granted permission to open the cause last month.

Father Ragheed Aziz Ganni, a Chaldean Catholic priest, his cousin Deacon Basman Yousef Daud, and Deacons Wahid Hanna Isho

and Gassan Isam Bidawed were killed June 3, 2007, in front of Holy Spirit Chaldean Catholic church in Mosul, where the young priest was pastor. Father Ganni had just finished celebrating Divine Liturgy.

The three deacons had been accompanying Father Ganni because of increasing threats against him by militants. They were reportedly shot after refusing to bow to the demands of the gunmen to convert to Islam. According to *AsiaNews*, the gunmen also booby-trapped the clerics' car with explosives to prevent others from safely recovering the bodies.

The Congregation for Saints' Causes gave the *nihil obstat* (no objection), which permits a diocesan bishop to open a local inquiry into a candidate's sanctity, according to *Fides*, the news agency of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, May 14.

The cause for sainthood will have a U.S. connection. *Fides* confirmed that the Chaldean Catholic Eparchy of St. Thomas the Apostle of Detroit, headed by Bishop Francis Yohana Kalabat, will handle the process toward canonization because of the difficult conditions facing the church in Mosul.

Father Ganni was born in Mosul in 1972. After earning a degree in civil engineering and performing obligatory military service under the Saddam Hussein regime, he entered seminary in Iraq. From 1996 to 2003, he studied in Rome at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, where he earned a licentiate in ecumenical theology.

During his time in Rome, he resided at the Pontifical Irish College. After his death, in 2010, his likeness was included in a new mosaic installed behind the main altar of the college

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