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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.

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 **July** is available on the information table.

Thank you!

Divine Liturgy Schedule

June 29...	Holy Day: Feast Day of SS. Peter & Paul Mother of God School 7:30 p.m.
July 1...	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Mother of God School 10 a.m.
July 8...	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Mother of God School 10 a.m.

■ **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.

A prayerful welcome to our visitors and guests.

Liturgy Propers

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, the Glorious Prophet and Forerunner
 June 24, 2018

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 4 (p. 141)
 Troparion Nativity of the Forerunner — Tone 4 (p. 334)
 Kontakion of the Forerunner — Tone 3 (p. 335)
 Kontakion of the Resurrection — Tone 4 (p. 141)
 Prokiemenon of the Resurrection — Tone 4 (p. 142)
 Prokiemenon of the Forerunner — Tone 7 (p. 335)

EPISTLES: Romans 10:1-10
and 13:11-14

Alleluia of the Resurrection — Tone 3 (p. 142)
 Alleluia of the Forerunner — Tone 1 (p. 336)

GOSPELS: Matthew 8:25-9:1
and Luke 1:5-25, 57-68 & 76-80

Magnification and Irmos
 [in place of "It is truly proper..."]
 Communion Hymns (p. 78 & 337)

CELEBRANT: FR. JOHN G. BASARAB

Announcements

■ **Today's Liturgy Intention** — Today's Divine Liturgy is offered by Rick Neimiller for the blessed repose of +Geraldine Bolyard. Eternal memory.

"O God of spirits and of all flesh, you trampled death and broke the power of the devil and granted life to Your world. Now grant rest, O Lord, to the soul of your departed servant, Geraldine, in a place of light, joy, and peace where there is no pain, sorrow, nor mourning."

— From the Litany for the Deceased

■ **Today's Commemorations** — Today in the Byzantine Church is the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. On this date, June 24, the Byzantine Church commemorates the Solemn Feast of the Birth of the Holy Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist.

St. John was born of the righteous parents Elizabeth and Zachariah. Although old and barren, Elizabeth came to be with child. Fearing derision at being pregnant so late in life, she kept it a secret for five months. Then her cousin, the Virgin Mary, came to share with her Her own joy. Elizabeth, "filled with the Holy Spirit," was first to greet the Most Holy Virgin Mary as Theotokos (Godbearer). St. John leaped in his mother's womb at the visit of the Theotokos and the Son of God incarnate within Her.

This feast of St. John the Baptist was very popular in ancient times and throughout the Middle Ages in both the Eastern and Western Churches.

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

■ **Closing Days of 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

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Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church



Montgomery County Mission

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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

- 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."



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

Feast of the Prime Apostles, Peter and Paul, which is this coming Thursday evening.

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.

■ **Friday: Feast of Peter and Paul** – Divine Liturgy for the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul will be celebrated this coming Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Mother of God School.

■ **Uniontown 'Otpust'** – The 84th Annual Pilgrimage (*otpusť*) in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held September 1 & 2. This year's theme will be "Mary, Hope of All Generations."

Throughout the centuries, Mary has been an icon of great hope to all generations, especially the powerless, the exploited, and the downtrodden. As many of us, Mary went through great suffering in her lifetime. Yet she remained the ever-supporting mother of Jesus. As we face many challenges in today's world, Mary continues to be our source of hope.

The Uniontown Pilgrimage has been held every Labor Day weekend since 1934. It was that year that the Sisters and pilgrims celebrated the blessing of the then newly acquired Monastery for the Sisters. In 1935, Pope Pius XI gifted the Sisters with a beautiful icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help requesting that they spread devotion to the Theotokos under that title.

The Pilgrimage is a source of ongoing renewal and provides for the diverse spiritual needs of the many pilgrims who frequent this major unifying event in the life of the Byzan-

tine Catholic Church. Its participants include clergy and faithful from across the country.

The Pilgrimage offers the celebration of Divine Liturgy; opportunities for the Mystery of Reconciliation; Anointing of the Sick; Adult Enrichment Programs; activities for children, teens, young adults; and pastoral counseling. The Pilgrimage is the oldest and largest Byzantine Catholic Pilgrimage in the United States. The Sisters welcome all people of faith to share in this special ministry and in its many blessings.

■ **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 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.

■ **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, "...

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