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tains 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.

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

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| July 22... | Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Mother of God School 10 a.m. [Blessing of Vehicles] |
| July 29... | Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Mother of God School 10 a.m. |
| August 5... | Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Mother of God School 10 a.m. |

■ **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.

Welcome Visitors and Guests

Liturgy Propers

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils
July 15, 2018
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 7 (p. 156)
Troparion of the Feast — Tone 8 (p. 341)
Kontakion of the Feast — Tone 8 (p. 341)
Prokiemenon — Tone 4 (p. 342)

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 or Hebrews 13:7-16
Alleluia — Tone 1 (p. 342)

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:14-22 or John 17:1-13
Communion Hymns (pp. 78 & 201)
[PAGE NUMBERS REFERENCE GREEN LITURGY BOOK]

CELEBRANT: FR .LEE GROSS

Announcements

■ **Today's Liturgy Intention** — Today's Divine Liturgy is offered for the good intentions of the members of our Mission Community. *Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!*

■ **Today's Commemorations** — Today in the Byzantine Church is the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost. Today, we commemorate the Fathers of the First Six Ecumenical Councils. The Seventh Council, Nicea II, is commemorated on the Sunday falling between October 11 and 17.

Today's feast was originally the commemoration of the Council of Chalcedon (451), which was observed on either July 11 or 16, according to the ancient manuscripts. On the present calendar, July 11 is the feast of St. Euphemia, who, by legend, has a posthumous miraculous role in the results of this council. (She is also remembered on September 16.)

Because July 16 was also the commemoration of another ecumenical council (Constantinople II, 536/553), this date attracted the memory of all the other councils, except that of Nicea II because of its importance in the Iconoclast controversy. This feast was then assigned to the Sunday nearest July 16. On this date, July 16, the Byzantine Church commemorates SS. Athenogenes, Priest-Martyr and Bishop of Sebaste (Armenia), who with ten of his Flock were put to death A.D. 302 during the great persecution under Diocletian and his colleagues.

■ **Also Commemorated** — Commemorated on July 15 are St. Vladimir the Great, Equal to the Apostles; and the martyrs St Kirykos and his mother, Julitta.

■ **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 ob-

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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

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served with penance. One may abstain from meat or instead offer prayer of charitable works.

■ **Blessing of Vehicles** — Wheeled vehicles (cars, trucks, bicycles, etc.) will be blessed next Sunday, July 22, following Divine Liturgy in commemoration of the Feast of St. Elias, which falls annually on July 20.

Elias was a prophet of the Old Testament who lived in the ninth century before the Coming of Jesus Christ. The Troparion of his feast calls him "a pillar of prophets, and the "second Forerunner of the coming of Christ."

Because, as Scripture tells us, he was taken to heaven in a fiery chariot, the Jewish people felt that he did not die as mortals do and that some day he would return to earth to "restore the tribes of Israel" (*Ecclus. 48:10*).

Icons depicting Elias usually show him in a chariot drawn by fiery horses heading heavenward and his cloak or mantle falling earthward into the outstretched arms of Elisha his companion and disciple, signifying the transfer of his power and authority of a prophet. To learn about Elias and the miraculous events that surrounded him, read *Kings I* and *Kings II*



■ **Uniontown 'Otpust'** — The 84th Annual Pilgrimage (*otput*) 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 Byzantine 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.

■ **Exhibit of Holy Sepulcher: One Month Left** — The "Tomb of Christ" exhibit at the National Geographic Museum details the restorations recently completed to the edicule, which con-

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