

■ **June Collections** — Sunday collections for the month of June were \$960, \$1,630, \$580, and \$445 for June 3, 10, 17, and 24, respectively. May God bless you for your continued generosity.

■ **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.

■ **Theosis in Action** — The Eparchy of Passaic has begun a new Young Adult ministry titled “Theosis in Action.” The mission of this

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 August is available on the information table.

Thank you!

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.

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 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost. On this date, July 29, the Byzantine Church commemorates St. Callinicus, martyr at Gangrae about A.D. 290; and SS. Sarafina, virgin-martyr, and Theodotia and her Children.

■ **Correction: Prayerful Condolences** — Our Mission Community extends its prayers and sympathy to Steve Krempasky upon the recent passing of his grandmother, not his grandfather. May her memory be eternal. *Vičnaja jej pamjat’.*

■ **Dormition: Fast** — The fourth of four fasting periods during the liturgical year of the Byzantine Church begins Wednesday, August 1. The Dormition Fast is observed each year from August 1 to 14, the eve of the Feast of the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos. [Note: The Feast of the Dormition is referred to as the Feast of the Assumption in the Latin (Roman) Church.]

Traditionally, the Dormition Fast is a fast from meat and dairy products on Mondays through Fridays with a mitigation on Saturdays, Sundays, and on the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6). In the United States, the Byzantine Ruthenian Church leaves to the individual how much of the fast he/she observes.

The Mother of God was without sin. Therefore, she was always prepared during her life on earth for the journey to eternal life in heaven. Through a life of prayer and fasting she was prepared always to meet

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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.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

- August 5...** **11th Sunday after Pentecost**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.
[Blessing of First Fruits]
- August 12...** **12th Sunday after Pentecost**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.
- August 14...** **Vigil of the Dormition of the Holy Theotokos**
Mother of God School
7:30 p.m.

Liturgy Propers

- Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**
St. Callinicus, Martyr
St. Seraphina, Virgin-Martyr
SS. Theodotia and Her Children
July 29, 2018
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Troparion — Tone 1 (p. 125)
Kontakion — Tone 1 (p. 126)
Prokiemenon — Tone 1 (p. 127)
EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 4:9-16
Alleluia — Tone 1 (p. 127)
GOSPEL: Matthew 17:14-23
Communion Hymn (p. 78)
[PAGE NUMBERS REFERENCE GREEN LITURGY BOOK]
CELEBRANT: FR .LEE GROSS

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 Tworoski.
- 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

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her Son upon her falling asleep.

During the Dormition Fast, we prepare for a worthy life and happiness in heaven through prayer, repentance, and fasting in imitation of our Mother, the most pure Theotokos, that we might be prepared for death and a good account before the fearsome judgment seat of Christ and to be worthy of eternal life. Therefore, during August, the last month of the Byzantine Church Year, we prepare in advance for the end of our lives.

■ **Dormition: Feast** – Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition will be prayed on the vigil, Wednesday, August 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Mother of God School. We will – as is our tradition – bless flowers, herbs, and medicines at the Divine Liturgy the following Sunday, August 19. You are invited to bring flowers, herbs, or medicines for blessing.



■ **Next Sunday: Transfiguration/ Blessing of First Fruits**

– In commemoration of the Holy Transfiguration of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ on August 6, there will be the blessing

of first fruits of the harvest. You are invited to bring fruits of the harvest for blessing and sharing, especially grapes and apples.

■ **Uniontown 'Otpust'** – The 84th Annual Pilgrimage (*otrust*) 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 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 U.S. The Sisters welcome all people of faith to share in this special ministry and in its many blessings.