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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.

### Divine Liturgy Schedule

- 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. (*Obligation*)
- August 19... 13th Sunday after Pentecost**  
Mother of God School  
10 a.m.  
**[Blessing of Flowers, Herbs & Medicines]**

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!*

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.

■ **Slavic-American Festival** — Reserve the date of Sunday, September 9, to attend the annual Slavic-American Festival sponsored by Epiphany Church—Annandale. Watch upcoming bulletins for more details.

A prayerful welcome to our visitors and guests.

### Liturgy Propers

- Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
St. Eusebius, Martyr  
August 5, 2018  
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom  
Troparion — Tone 2 (p. 125)  
Troparion of the Pre-Feast — Tone 4 (p. 345)  
Kontakion of the Pre-Feast — Tone 4 (p. 345)  
Prokiemenon — Tone 2 (p. 132)  
**EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 9:2-12**  
Alleluia — Tone 2 (p. 132)  
**GOSPEL: Matthew 8:23-35**  
Communion Hymn (p. 78/A)  
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**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 is the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. It is also the pre-festive of the Holy Transfiguration of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, which is celebrated on August 6. We will have our traditional blessing of first fruits at today's Divine Liturgy.

In the Feast of the Transfiguration, we see Jesus as God, wonderfully "wrapped in light as in a robe." This event on Mt. Tabor is a window into the divinity of Jesus Christ, surrounded with glory, intensely white. Nothing else could produce such brilliance.

Jesus is God, and in His presence we worship in silence. Once before, Moses and Elias (Elijah) worshipped God on this mount and in silence fell on their faces before Him. Here, now, however, they are speaking with Jesus. Let us, as disciples might, bask in the brightness of this mystery, begging our Savior God to reveal Himself more fully.

On this date, August 5, the Byzantine Church commemorates the St. Eusebius, Martyr, an old soldier in the army of the emperor Constantine Chlorus, who at the age of 110 refused to sacrifice to idols on command of Julian the Apostate. Eusebius was scourged and beheaded as a Christian in Antioch in Syria in 362.



■ **Mirovanije and Blessing of the First Fruits** — It is a tradition in the Byzantine Catholic and Orthodox Churches to bless the first fruits of the harvest (especially grapes and ap-

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## Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church



### Montgomery County Mission

Mother of God Community School  
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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.”*

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

O Christ our God,

*when You willed to prefigure Your resurrection You chose three disciples, Peter, James, and John; and You went up with them to Mount Tabor. At the moment of Your Transfiguration, O Savior, the mountain was flooded with light and Your disciples fell with their faces to the ground. They could not bear the sight of Your countenance upon which no one may gaze, O Word. Angels attended with trembling and awe; the heavens were afraid; and the earth shook to its foundations when they saw the Lord of glory come upon the earth.*

From Vespers for the Feast of the Transfiguration

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ples) on the Feast of the Transfiguration.

We will bless grapes, apples, and other produce today at the close of Divine Liturgy. Everyone is invited to partake of the blessed grapes and bread, and receive anointing (*mirovaniye*).

■ **Dormition: Fast** — The fourth of four fasting periods during the liturgical year of the Byzantine Church began 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 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 Liturgy** — 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.

■ **Uniontown 'Otpust'** — The 84th Annual Pilgrimage (*otputst*) 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

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