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day of the upcoming Labor Day weekend. For more information, please visit <https://middleeasternfoodfestival.com/festival/>

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

■ **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

Divine Liturgy Schedule

- 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]
- August 26...** 14th Sunday after Pentecost
Mother of God School
10 a.m.

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!

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.

A prayerful welcome to our visitors and guests.

Liturgy Propers

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Post-Festive of the Feast of the Transfiguration
St. Photius, Martyr
St. Anicetus, Martyr
August 12, 2018
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Liturgy Propers may be found beginning page 346.

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EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
GOSPEL: Matthew 19:16-26
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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 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost. It is also a post-festive day of the Feast of the Holy Transfiguration of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, which is celebrated on August 6. On this date, August 12, the Byzantine Church commemorates the Holy Martyrs Photius and Anicetas.

Emperor Diocletian once visited the city of Nicomedia with the evil intention to completely exterminate the Christians. But when he began his merciless torture of Christians, St. Anicetas, one of the high-ranking officials of the city, boldly confessed before the emperor his faith in Christ the Lord, God incarnate in the flesh for our salvation. Along with this, Anicetas also denounced the idols as deaf and dumb stones and the worship of which is unworthy of a rational man.

The emperor ordered Anicetas’ tongue to be severed but Anicetas, by the power of God, continued to speak. They then released a lion against him, but the lion cuddled around him. At that moment the temple of Hercules collapsed.

Photius, a kinsman of Anicetas, seeing the miracles and endurance of Anicetas, kissed him, declared himself a Christian and cried out to the emperor: “O idolator, be ashamed, your gods are nothingness!” The emperor then ordered that Anicetas immediately be beheaded. However, the executioner, raising his hand against holy Photius, struck himself with the sword and died.

After prolonged tortures, both Anicetas and Pho-

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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."

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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tius were cast into prison where they languished for three years. They then were brought out, a fire was lighted in an enormous furnace and they cast them into the fire. Many other Christians, men, women and children, willingly followed them into the fire. From the fire was heard the prayer of the Christians who were praising God for the death of martyrdom. They all suffered about the year 305 A.D.

■ **Mirovanije** — In commemoration of the Feast of the Holy Transfiguration, there will be anointing (mirovanije) and distribution of blessed bread at today's Divine Liturgy. Everyone is welcome to receive anointing and blessed bread. Christ is among us! He is and shall be!

■ **Dormition Feast Liturgy** — Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition will be prayed on the vigil, Tuesday, 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.

The Liturgy will be offered by Rick Neimiller for the peace, health, and happiness of his mother, Mary, on the occasion of her 97th birthday.

■ **July Sunday Collections** — The Sunday Divine Liturgy collections for July 1, 8, 5, 22, and 29 were \$1,140, \$370, \$595, \$460, and \$630, respectively. May God bless you for your continuing support of His Church.

■ **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.

■ **Middle Eastern Food Festival** — Holy Transfiguration Melkite-Greek Catholic Church in McLean, Virginia, will once again hold its food festival on the Saturday and Sun-

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