

■ **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.

■ **July Sunday Collections** — The Sunday Divine Liturgy collections for July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 were \$1,140, \$370, \$595, \$460, and \$630, respectively. May God bless you for your continuing support of His Church.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

- 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.
- Sept. 2...** 15th Sunday after Pentecost
Mother of God School
10 a.m.

A prayerful welcome to our visitors and guests.

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 August is available on the information table.

Thank you!



Liturgy Propers

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Post-Festive of the Feast of the Dormition
The Holy Martyr Andrew the Tribune and His Companions
SS. Timothy, Agapius, and Thecla, Martyrs
August 19, 2018
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 4 (p. 141)
Troparion of the Transfiguration — Tone 7 (p. 347)
Kontakion of the Transfiguration — Tone 7 (p. 348)
Prokiemenon — Tone 4 (p. 142)

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1:21-24
Alleluia — Tone 4 (p. 142)

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14
Communion Hymn F and of the Feast (p. 350)
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CELEBRANT: FR .LEE GROSS

Announcements

■ **Today’s Liturgy Intention** — Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered by Lou and Marie Shanks for the blessed repose of +Jim Siemucha. May his memory be eternal. *Vičnaja jemu pamjať.*

“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

— Revelation 21:4 (NKJV / OSB)

■ **Today’s Commemorations** — Today is the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost. It is also a post-festive day of the Feast of the Dormition (Assumption in the Latin Church) of the Theotokos. On this date, August 19, the Byzantine Church commemorates the Holy Martyr Andrew the Tribune and his companions.

St. Andrew was a Tribune in the Greek army, who along with 2,593 soldiers, were massacred for the Faith on Mt. Taurus in Silicia A.D. 300 in the reign of Maximum, Emperor. Also commemorated are the martyrs SS. Timothy, Agapius, and Thecla. Timothy was burned at the stake, and Agapius and Thecla were thrown to wild beasts in the Amphitheatre in the reign of Diocletian.

■ **Mirovanije and Blessing** — In commemoration of the Feast of Dormition of the Holy Theotokos this past Wednesday, there will be anointing (*mirovanije*) and distribution of blessed bread at today’s Divine Liturgy. Everyone is welcome to receive anointing and blessed bread.

In addition, we will have the Blessing of Flowers, Herbs, and Medicines.

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 prepared for a worthy life and happi-

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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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ness 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.

■ **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 observed with penance. One may abstain from meat or instead offer prayers or charitable works.

UPCOMING

■ **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 is "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.

■ **Happy New Year!** — September 1 always marks the beginning of the liturgical year for the Byzantine Catholic Church.

■ **Middle Eastern Food Festival** — Holy Transfiguration Melkite-Greek Catholic Church in McLean, Virginia, will once again hold its food festival on the Saturday and Sunday of this 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 upcoming bulletins for additional details.

■ **Wedding Anniversary Celebration** — Bishop Kurt has given us the date for the Mid-Atlantic States Syncellate Wedding Celebration. A Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated Saturday, October 13, at 4 p.m. followed by dinner in the Parish Center. If you are celebrating a five-year anniversary this year, please call the Parish Office, 703-573-3986, or e-mail epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net.