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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, Va., will again hold its food festival on the Saturday and Sunday of this Labor Day weekend. 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.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

- Sept. 2...** **15th Sunday after Pentecost**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.
- Sept. 9...** **Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.
- Sept. 16...** **Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
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 September
is available on the information table.

Thank you!

■ **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.

O God, our God, You came to Cana in Galilee and blessed the marriage there; now bless Your servants who through Your Providence were united in marriage and who now offer thanksgiving to You for all the good things which they have received from You in their years of marriage. Bless the daily course of their life; fill their life with good things; and accept their crowns into Your Kingdom, keeping them pure, blameless, and above reproach forever.

– From the Byzantine Ritual of Marriage

Liturgy Propers

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Martyrs Adrian and Natalie
Our Blessed Moter Miriam Baouardy
August 26, 2018
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 5 (p. 146)

Kontakion of the Resurrection — Tone 5 (p. 147)

Prokiemenon — Tone 5 (p. 148)

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

Alleluia — Tone 5 (p. 148)

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

Communion Hymn (p. 148)

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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 in the Byzantine Church is the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost. On this date, August 26, the Byzantine Church commemorates the Holy Martyrs Adrian and Natalia and our Blessed Mother Mariam Bawadi.

The holy Martyrs Adrian and Natalie confessed the Christian Faith during the reign of Maximian, in Nicomedia, in the year 298. Adrian was a pagan. Witnessing the valor of the Martyrs, and the fervent faith with which they suffered their torments, he also declared himself a Christian and was imprisoned.

When this was told to his wife Natalie, who was secretly a believer, she visited him in prison and encouraged him in his sufferings. St. Adrian's hands and feet were placed on an anvil and broken off with a hammer; he died in his torments. His blessed wife recovered part of his holy relics and took it to Argypolis near Byzantium, and reposed in peace soon after.

Born in 1846 in Galilee to Melkite parents, our Blessed Mother Miriam Baourady lost both parents at



an early age. She lived with an uncle who tried to marry her off, but she refused and cut off her hair. Abandoning what was left of her family, she became a servant, working in Egypt, the Holy Land, and France. At the age of 21, she entered the Carmel of Pau in France, where she cooked, washed dishes and

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Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church



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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

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scrubbed. In 1870, she became part of a group of Carmelites who founded a Carmel in Bangalore, India.

In 1872, she helped found a Carmel in Bethlehem in the Holy Land, and was working on another Carmel in Nazareth when she fell ill and died. Her special prayer was: "O Holy Spirit, source of peace and light, enlighten me. I am poor: make me rich. I am the most ignorant of creatures, let me understand Jesus!"

■ **Beheading of St. John the Baptist** – On August 29, the Byzantine Church annually celebrates the Feast of the Beheading of the Holy



Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John. By tradition, this is a day of fasting from meat and dairy products. If the feast falls on Sunday, abstinence is by choice. Local traditions also include not eating food from a plate or eating anything

in the form of a head, such as cabbage, lettuce, or apples.

■ **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 (*otrust*) in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held this coming Saturday and Sunday, 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

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