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If you are celebrating a five-year anniversary this year, please call the Parish Office, 703 -573-3986, or e-mail epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net

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

■ **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

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!

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.

Pray for Forgiveness, Compassion, and Understanding

Divine Liturgy Schedule

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.
Sept. 23...	18th Sunday after Pentecost Mother of God School 10 a.m.

Liturgy Propers

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Martyr Mammias
Our Venerable Father John the Faster,
Patriarch of Constantinople
September 2, 2018
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 6 (p. 152)
Kontakion of the Resurrection — Tone 6 (p. 152)

Prokiemenon — Tone 6 (p. 153)

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15
Alleluia — Tone 6 (p. 153)

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:35-46
Communion Hymn (p. 78)

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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 +John and +Lucille Ounan. *Vičnaja 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 in the Byzantine Church is the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost. On this date, September 2, the Byzantine Church commemorates the Byzantine Church commemorates the Holy Martyr Mammias and our Venerable Father John the Faster, Patriarch of Constantinople.



Born in prison to parents who had been jailed because they were Christian, Mammias became an orphan when his parents were executed. After his parents' death, Mammias was raised by a rich widow named Ammia, who died

when Mammias was 15 years old. Mammias was tortured for his faith by the governor of Caesarea and was then sent before the Roman Emperor Aurelian, who tortured him again.

Legend holds that an angel then liberated him and ordered him to hide himself on a mountain near Caesarea. Mammias was later thrown to the lions, but managed to make the beasts docile. He preached to animals in the fields, and a lion remained with him as

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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.

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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companion. Accompanied by the lion, he visited Duke Alexander, who condemned him to death. He was struck in the stomach with a trident. Bleeding, Mamas dragged himself to a spot near a theater before his soul was carried into heaven by angels.

■ **Mirovanije**— In commemoration of the Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist this past Wednesday, there will be anointing (*mirovanije*) and distribution of blessed bread at today's Divine Liturgy. All are welcome to receive anointing and blessed bread. Christ is among us. He is and shall be.

■ **Prayers for the Uniontown Pilgrims** — Please remember in prayer the clergy, religious, and laity making the pilgrimage to Mount St. Macrina in Uniontown, Pa., this weekend in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Pray for their spiritual health and physical safety.

■ **Happy New Year!** — September 1 always marks the beginning of the liturgical year for the Byzantine Catholic Church. September 1 marked the start of the Church Year 7527.

The first great feasts of the liturgical year are the Nativity of the Theotokos on September 8 and Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 21. In addition, Ecumenical Patriarch Demetrius I of Constantinople (1914–1991) made September 1 a day of special prayer and supplication for the environment.

■ **Day of Penance** — As each Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection, each Friday is a commemoration of Holy and Great Friday and is observed with penance. One may abstain from meat or offer prayers or charitable works.

UPCOMING

■ **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/>

■ **Next Sunday: Slavic-American Festival** — Make plans to attend the annual Slavic-American Festival sponsored by Epiphany Church–Annandale next Sunday following Divine Liturgy. For more information, visit <http://www.slavicamericanfestival.com/>



■ **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.

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