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community is forming at St. Philip Neri Roman Catholic Church, 292 Munn Road, Fort Mill, South Carolina, about a half-hour drive from Charlotte, North Carolina). Father Steven Galuschik of All Saints Byzantine Catholic Church in North Fort Myers, Florida, began celebrating the Divine Liturgy with the community at the end of last October. The community will serve the northern part of South Carolina, as well as Charlotte.

Divine Liturgy is celebrated on Saturdays at 4 p.m. For more information, please contact Ron Somich at 440-477-6389 or at ron.somich@gmail.com, or visit the website at <https://carolinabyzantine.com> for news, upcoming gatherings, and service times.

■ **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.”

Divine Liturgy Schedule

- Sept. 16... Sunday after 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.

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!

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 are the children of deacons serving in our eparchy.

Liturgy Propers

Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Post-festive Day of the Birth of the Theotokos
The Holy and Just Godparents of God, Joachim and Anna

The Holy Martyr Severian
September 9, 2018
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

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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 commemorated in the Byzantine Church as the Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and the post-festive of the Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God (Theotokos), the first solemn feast of the new church year.

Our Holy Mother was of royal lineage, being of the House of David. Except for the Feast of the Dormition (Assumption in the Latin Church), this is one of the most ancient and well-known Marian feasts.



Commemorated on this date, September 9, is the Holy and Just Godparents of God, Joachim and Anna, the parents of the Theotokos and the grandparents of Jesus Christ. Their feast day is celebrated on the day following the Nativity of the Theotokos.

St. Joachim was of the tribe of Judah and a descendant of King David. St. Anna was the daughter of Matthan the priest, of the tribe of Levi, as was Aaron the High Priest. Matthan had three daughters: Mary, Zoia, and Anna.

Mary was married in Bethlehem and bore Salome; Zoia was also married in Bethlehem and bore Elizabeth, the mother of St. John the Forerunner; and Anna was married in Nazareth to Joachim, and in old age gave birth to the Theotokos.

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 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

■ **Mirovaniye**— In commemoration of the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos yesterday, there will be anointing (*mirovaniye*) 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.*

■ **Our New Year Has Begun** — September 1 always marks the beginning of the liturgical year for the Byzantine Catholic Church. This past September 1 marked the start of the Church Year 7527.

The first great feasts of the liturgical year are the Nativity of the Theotokos, which we celebrate today, and the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, which is commemorated annually on September 21.

■ **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

■ **TODAY:** **Slavic-American Festival** — Plan to attend the annual Slavic-American Festival sponsored by Epiphany or Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church — Annandale today 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.

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

■ **Liturgy at Mount St. Mary** — The Divine Liturgy will again be celebrated in the Immaculate Conception Chapel at Mount St. Mary Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., at 4 p.m. on Monday, November 12, the Feast of St. Joseph.

Normally, this Divine Liturgy at the seminary is prayed on the Feast of St. Andrew, November 30. Fr. Lee will be concelebrating with other Byzantine and Roman Rite priests. If you have any questions, please see Fr. Lee.

EVANGELIZATION

■ **Byzantines in New York and the Carolinas** — The Divine Liturgy is now being celebrated in Brooklyn, New York, Sundays at 8 a.m. at St. Margaret Mary Roman Catholic Church, 215 Exeter Street, Brooklyn, New York. For more information, please contact Fr. Iaroslav Korostil, 570-507-4483.

In South Carolina, a Byzantine Catholic

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