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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.”

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

- Sept. 23...** **18th Sunday after Pentecost**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.
- Sept. 30...** **19th Sunday after Pentecost**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.
- Oct. 7...** **20th Sunday after Pentecost**
[TBD]
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 last Sunday in September 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 are the children of deacons serving in our eparchy.

Liturgy Propers

Sunday After the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
The Holy Martyr St. Euphemia
September 23, 2018
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

1st, 2nd & 3rd Antiphons of the Exaltation (p. 258)
Entrance Hymn (p. 259)
Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 8 (p. 161)
Troparion of the Exaltation – Tone 1 (p. 254)
Kontakion of the Exaltation – Tone 4 (p. 255)
“We bow to Your Cross “B” (page 33)
[in place of “Holy God”]
Prokeimenon – Tone 7 (p. 260)
EPISTLE: Galatians 2:16–20
Alleluia – Tone 1 (p. 260)
GOSPEL: Luke 5:1–11
Magnification and Irmos of the Exaltation (page 256)
[in place of “It is truly proper...”]
Communion Hymns (p. 78–81 & 258)
[PAGE NUMBERS REFERENCE GREEN LITURGY BOOK]
CELEBRANT: FR .LEE GROSS

Announcements

■ **Today’s Liturgy Intention** – Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered by Thomas Klimkosky for the peace, health, and happiness of his parents, Raymond and Lorian, on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. May God grant them many blessed years.

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

■ **Today’s Commemorations** – Today in the Byzantine Church we commemorate the Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

The public veneration of the Cross of Christ originated in the fourth century, according to early accounts. The miraculous discovery of the cross on September 14, 326, by Saint Helen, mother of Constantine, while she was on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, is the origin of the tradition of celebrating the feast on September 14. Constantine later built the Church of the Holy Sepulcher on the site of her discovery. On this same pilgrimage she ordered two other churches built: one in Bethlehem near the Grotto of the Nativity, the other on the Mount of the Ascension, near Jerusalem.



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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

In the Western Church, the feast came into prominence in the seventh century – after 629, when the Byzantine emperor Heraclitus restored the Holy Cross to Jerusalem, after defeating the Persians who had stolen it.

Christians "exalt" (raise on high) the Cross of Christ as the instrument of our salvation. Adoration of the Cross is, thus, adoration of Jesus Christ, the God Man, who suffered and died on this Roman instrument of torture for our redemption from sin and death. The cross represents the One Sacrifice by which Jesus, obedient even unto death, accomplished our salvation. The cross is a symbolic summary of the Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ – all in one image.

Commemorated on this date, September 16, is Euphemia the Great Virgin-Martyr, who was burned at the stake for the Faith in the city of Chalcedon in the reign of Galerius about A.D. 107.

■ **Mirovanije** – In commemoration of the Solemn Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross this past Friday, 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.

■ **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.

■ **Prayerful Thank You** – We would like to extend a prayerful thank you to Marie Gruber, who is assisting with the cantoring for our Divine Liturgies, and to Michon Kretschmaier,

who has repaired the red altar covering. May God bless you both for your time and talents.

UPCOMING

■ **Gym Floor To Be Replaced** – The Mother of God School plans to replace the gym flooring beginning next month. This will mean that we may need to utilize the Our Lady's Chapel in the Goshen House during that time. Please watch your Sunday bulletin for more details.

■ **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. Josaphat.

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 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

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