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with a halberd and shot. His mangled body was dragged out and thrown into the river. He was canonized by Pope Pius IX in 1867.]

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*God is our refuge and our strength,  
an ever-present help in distress.*

*Thus we do not fear,  
though earth be shaken*

*and mountains quake  
to the depths of the sea,*

*Though its waters rage and foam  
and mountains totter at its surging.*

*Streams of the river  
gladden the city of God,*

*the holy dwelling of the Most High.*

*God is in its midst;  
it shall not be shaken;*

*God will help it at break of day.*

*Though nations rage  
and kingdoms totter,*

*He utters his voice and the earth melts.*

*The LORD of hosts is with us;  
our stronghold is the God of Jacob.*

From Psalm 46

## Liturgy Propers

### 18th Sunday After Pentecost

Conception of St. John the Baptist, the Glorious Prophet  
and Precursor of Our Lord, Jesus Christ  
September 23, 2018

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 1 (p. 125)

Troparion of the Conception of St. John – Tone 4

Kontakion – Tone 1 (p. 126)

Prokeimenon – Tone 1 (p. 127)

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 9:6–11

Alleluia – Tone 1 (p. 127)

GOSPEL: Luke 5:1–11

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CELEBRANT: FR .LEE GROSS

## Divine Liturgy Schedule

Sept. 30... **19th Sunday after  
Pentecost**  
Mother of God School  
10 a.m.

Oct. 7... **20th 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 last Sunday in September  
is available on the information table.

*Thank you!*

## Announcements

■ **Today's Liturgy Intention** – Today's Divine Liturgy is offered by Andy Haba in memory of +Andrew John and +Janet L. Haba. May their memories be eternal. *Vičnaja pamjat'.*

*“O God of spirits and of all flesh, you trampled death and broke the power of the devil and granted life to Your world. Now grant rest, O Lord, to the soul of your departed servants, Andrew and Janet, in a place of light, joy, and peace where there is no pain, sorrow, nor mourning.”*

– From the Litany for the Deceased

■ **Today's Commemorations** – Today in the Byzantine Church is the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost. On this date, September 23, we commemorate the Conception of the Holy Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John.

The holy Prophet Malachi prophesied that before the Messiah's birth His Forerunner would appear and would indicate His coming. The Jews, therefore, in awaiting the Messiah, also awaited the appearance of His Forerunner.

In a city of the hills of Judea in the land of Palestine lived the righteous priest St. Zachariah and his wife St. Elizabeth, zealously observing the commandments of the Lord. The couple, however, had a misfortune: they remained childless into their old age. They prayed unceasingly to God to grant them a child.

Once, when St. Zachariah took his turn as priest at the Temple of Jerusalem, he went into the Sanctuary to offer incense. Going behind the veil of the Sanctuary, he beheld an angel of God standing at the right side of the altar of incense. St. Zachariah was astonished and halted in fear, but the angel said to him, “Fear not, Zachariah, for your prayer is heard; and your wife, Elizabeth, will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.” But Zachariah did not believe the words of the heavenly messenger, and

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## Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church



### Montgomery County Mission

Mother of God Community School  
20501 Goshen Road  
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301-482-0282  
[www.eolmission.org](http://www.eolmission.org)

#### 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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then the angel said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you the good news. Behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things come to pass, because you did not believe my words...."

Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zachariah. They were astonished that he had not come out from the Sanctuary after so long a time. And when he did come out, he was supposed to pronounce a blessing upon the people, but he could not do so because he had been struck speechless. When Zachariah explained by gestures that he was unable to speak, the people then understood that he had experienced a vision. The prophecy of the Archangel was fulfilled, and Righteous Elizabeth was delivered from her barrenness and gave birth to John, the Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord.

■ **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 Congratulations** — Our Mission Community extends its prayers and congratulation to Anne Marie (Fejka), daughter of Doris and Rich Fejka, upon her marriage to Chris Dufek on Saturday, September 15. 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

## Upcoming

■ **Gym Floor To Be Replaced** — The Mother of God School plans to replace the gym flooring later next month. This will mean that we may need to utilize the Our Lady's Chapel in the Goshen House during that time.

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■ **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. Fr. Lee will be concelebrating with other Byzantine and Roman Rite priests. If

*[St. Josaphat of Polotsk (1580-1623) was one of those figures in history who was caught in a web of controversy where even good people find it hard to keep their heads. He was caught in a battle between Catholic and Orthodox, Latin and Byzantine, and found himself criticized and opposed on every side: by the Orthodox for being Catholic and by the Latins for being Byzantine.*

*He held firmly to Catholic unity against the Orthodox and just as firmly to Byzantine*

*rights against the Latins. At that period of history, it was a no-win situation. He was martyred on November 12, 1623, when a mob broke into the house where he was staying, shouting hatred and violence. When he confronted them, he was struck in the head*



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