

■ **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. Josphat. Fr. Lee will be concelebrating with other Byzantine and Roman Rite priests. All are invited.



... But grant, O Lord, peace, love and speedy reconciliation to your people whom You have redeemed with your precious blood. Make your presence known to those who have turned away from You and do not seek You, so that none of them may be lost, but all may be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, so that everyone, in true love and harmony, O long-suffering Lord, may praise your all holy Name.

Amen.

From "In Communion," website of the Orthodox Peace Fellowship, www.incommunion.org.

Liturgy Propers

19th Sunday After Pentecost
St. Gregory, Bishop-Martyr,
the Illuminator of Greater Armenia
September 30, 2018
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 2 (p. 130)

Kontakion – Tone 2 (p. 131)

Prokeimenon – Tone 2 (p. 132)

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 11:39–12:9

Alleluia – Tone 2 (p. 132)

GOSPEL: Luke 6:31–36

Communion Hymns (p. 78–81)

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CELEBRANT: FR .LEE GROSS

Divine Liturgy Schedule

Oct. 7... **20th Sunday after Pentecost**
 Mother of God School
 10 a.m.

Oct. 14... **Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council**
 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 **October** is available on the information table.

Thank you!

Announcements

■ **Today's Liturgy Intention** – Today's Divine Liturgy is offered by Rosemary Chisarick in memory of her husband, +Andrew (Andy) John Chisarick. May his memory be eternal. *Vičnaja jemu pamjať.*

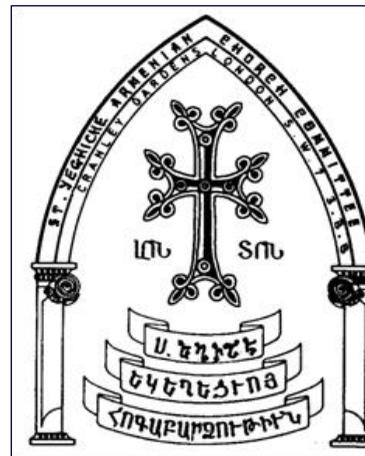
"O God of spirits and of all flesh, you trampled death and broke the power of the devil and granted life to Your world. Now grant rest, O Lord, to the soul of your departed servant Andrew John in a place of light, joy, and peace where there is no pain, sorrow, nor mourning."

– From the Litany for the Deceased

■ **Today's Commemorations** – Today in the Byzantine Church is the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost. On this date, September 30, we commemorate St. Gregory, Bishop and Illuminator of Armenia.

Believed to have been born around A.D. 257, Gregory the Illuminator is the apostle, national saint, and patron of Armenia. He was not the first who introduced Christianity into that country. It is certain that there were Christians, even bishops, in Armenia before him. However, the earliest Church was destroyed by the Persians, and it was St. Gregory who played an important role in its restoration.

Gregory had been brought up as a Christian at Caesarea in Cappadocia. He seems to have belonged to an illustrious Armenian family. He was married and had two sons called Aristakes and Bardanes. After being himself persecuted by King Trdat, who at first defended the old Armenian religion, eventually converted him, and with him spread the



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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

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Christian faith throughout the country. Trdat became so much a Christian that he made Christianity the national faith; the nobility seem to have followed his example easily, then the people followed. This happened while Diocletian was emperor (284-305), which gives Armenia a right to her claim of being the first Christian State. Temples were made into churches and the people baptized in thousands. So completely were the remains of the old pagan religion effaced that we know practically nothing about the original Armenian religion.

Meanwhile, Gregory had gone back to Caesarea to be ordained. Leontius of Caesarea made him bishop of the Armenians; from this time till the Monophysite schism the Church of Armenia depended on Caesarea, and the Armenian primates (called Catholicoi) there to be ordained. Gregory set up other bishops throughout the land and fixed his residence at Ashtishat (in the province of Taron), where the temple had been made into a church, "the mother of all Armenian churches." He preached in the national language and used it for the liturgy. This, too, helped to give the Armenian Church the markedly national character that it still has, more, perhaps, than any other in Christendom.

Towards the end of his life he retired and was succeeded as Catholicos by his son Aristakes. Aristakes was present at the First General Council, in 325. Gregory died and was buried at Thortan. A monastery was built near his grave. His relics were afterwards taken to Constantinople, but apparently brought back again to Armenia. Some are said to have been taken to Naples during the Iconoclast troubles.

■ **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

■ **Gym Floor Update** – The Mother of God School plans to replace the gym flooring beginning on October 15. This will mean that we may need to utilize the Our Lady's Chapel in the Goshen House during installation.

■ **Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich** – Sister Mary Canavan, SC, and the Sisters of Charity in Convent Station, N.J., cordially invite you to celebrate with them the blessing and dedication of the History Wall and Legacy Room of Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich.

Roman Catholic Bishop Arthur Serratelli, Bishop of Paterson, will preside on Sunday, October 7, 2018, Holy Family Chapel, Convent Station, N.J. Light refreshments will follow the blessing and dedication. The public is welcome to attend.

Blessed Miriam Teresa was baptized and raised in St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church in Bayonne, N.J.

■ **Festivals in Beltsville and Baltimore** – On Saturday, November 3, St. Gregory of Nyssa Church in Beltsville will sponsor their ethnic food festival beginning at 10 a.m. and running until 2 p.m.

On Saturday, November 17, Patronage of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church near Baltimore will hold their annual ethnic food festival from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Plan to be there early. Both festivals are very well attended.