

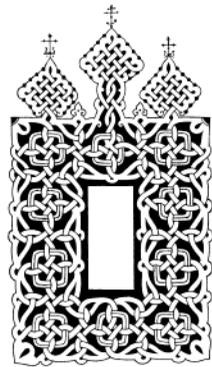
■ **Liturgy at Mount St. Mary** – The Divine Liturgy will again be celebrated in the Immaculate Conception Chapel at Mount St. Mary Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., at 4 p.m. on Monday, November 12, the Feast of St. Josaphat. Fr. Lee will be concelebrating with other Byzantine and Roman Rite priests. All are invited.

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 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.



Liturgy Propers

20th Sunday After Pentecost

SS. Sergius and Bacchus, Martyrs
October 7, 2018

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Troparion – Tone 3 (p. 135)

Kontakion – Tone 3 (p. 136)

Prokeimenon – Tone 3 (p. 137)

EPISTLE: Galatians 1:11-19

Alleluia – Tone 3 (p. 137)

GOSPEL: Luke 7:11-16

Communion Hymns (p. 78-81)

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CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS

Divine Liturgy Schedule

- Oct. 14...** **Sunday of the Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.
- Oct. 21...** **22nd 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 **October**
is available on the information table.

Thank you!

Announcements

■ **Today’s Liturgy Intention** – Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered by Lou and Marie Shanks in memory of Lou’s aunt, +Marjorie Durbin. May her memory be eternal. *Vičnaja jej 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 servant Marjorie 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 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost. On this date, October 7, we commemorate the Holy Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus.

SS. Sergius and Bacchus were two Roman soldiers who were tortured to death in A.D. 303. According to a legend, Bacchus was flogged to death first, while Sergius survived and was brought to the fort at Resafa, not far from the Euphrates, where he was again tortured. Here, the spirit of Bacchus appeared to him, and encouraged him to remain steadfast in his Christian beliefs. Sergius was in the end beheaded.

The two soldiers were recognized as the patron saints of all soldiers in the Roman and Byzantine armed forces. Their cult (a system of religious veneration and devotion directed toward a particular figure or object) was immensely popular in Syria, and soon spread to other parts of the Roman empire. The emperor Justinian was one of the most ardent devotees.

As a youth, Justinian had been condemned to death because he was believed to have plotted against the Emperor Anastasius I (491-518), but the twin saints had, according to tradition, in a dream appeared to the ruler, who had now understood that Justinian was innocent – or that God had greater

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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.
- Jeff and 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."

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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plans with the man. Anastasius had young Justinian released.

Sergius and Bacchus were very popular throughout Late Antiquity. Churches in their honor were built in several cities, including Constantinople and Rome.

■ Respect Life

Month – October is recognized by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as Respect Life Month. Information and resources can be found at the website

for the USCCB, <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/index.cfm>

■ Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich –

Today, Sister Mary Canavan, SC, and the Sisters of Charity in Convent Station, N.J., will celebrate 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 at Holy Family Chapel, Convent Station, N.J.

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



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■ **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.

■ **Remember in Prayer** – *"They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword..."* (Hebrews 11:37a)

Please lift up in prayer all those who are persecuted and deprived of liberty, everywhere in the world.

Please especially remember the peoples of Iraq, Syria, Egypt, Niger – the whole Middle East and Africa – who are literal martyrs for Christ. Also the people of Ukraine.

They are all our brothers and sisters, for all are one in Christ.

Upcoming

■ **Latest News: Gym Floor Installation** – The Mother of God School now plans to replace the gym flooring beginning November 5. This means that we will need to utilize Our Lady's Chapel in the Goshen House. We will also need to temporarily move **ALL** items stored in the white and the gray cabinets to Goshen House. More details to follow.

■ **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.