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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 **November**
is available on the information table.

Thank you!

<i>Divine Liturgy Schedule</i>	
Nov. 25...	27th Sunday after Pentecost Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Dec. 2...	28th Sunday after Pentecost Mother of God School 10 a.m.
Dec. 9...	29th Sunday after Pentecost Mother of God School 10 a.m.

**IMPORTANT:
Care of New Gym Floor**

The old flooring in the gymnasium of the Mother of God School has been replaced. The contractor, however, still needs to put down the various court markings.

Because the new flooring is vinyl, care must be given when placing and taking up the chairs, tables, etc.

Chairs and other items
must not be dragged across the new floor.
Please use a dolly.

We will also use one of the inside/outside mats on which to place our censer so as to prevent any burn marks on the new floor.

Thank you for your help and diligence.

A prayerful welcome to our visitors and guests.

<i>Liturgy Propers</i>
26th Sunday After Pentecost SS. Plato and Roman, Martyrs November 18, 2018 Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Troparion – Tone 1 (p. 125) Kontakion – Tone 1 (p. 126) Prokeimenon – Tone 1 (p. 127) EPISTLE: Ephesians 5:9–19 Alleluia – Tone 1 (p. 127) GOSPEL: Luke 12:16–21 Communion Hymns (p. 78–81)
[PAGE NUMBERS REFERENCE GREEN LITURGY BOOK]
CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS

Announcements

■ **Today's Liturgy Intention** – Today's Divine Liturgy is offered by Andy Haba for the blessed repose of +Mark Nickerson and +Andrea Haba-Gose. May their memories be eternal. *Vičnaja pamjat.*

“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”
– Revelation 21:4 (NKJV / OSB)

■ **Today's Commemorations** – Today is the Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. On this date, November 18, the Byzantine Church commemorates the Holy Martyrs Plato and Roman. Born in the town of Ancyra in Galatia, Plato showed early and great perfection in virtue. Because he did not hide his faith, he was called before the governor for trial. After having been cruelly tortured, he was beheaded and died in A.D. 266. Roman was a deacon of the Church in Caesarea. Boldly accusing the governor of idolatry, he was tortured and killed A.D. 303.

■ **Philip's Fast** – Philip's (or the Christmas Fast) began at sundown this past Wednesday, November 14, the Feast of St. Philip, and will run 40 days until Christmas Eve.

This fast was introduced to prepare the Church for a worthy celebration of the great and holy days of Christ's birth and Christ's baptism in the Jordan. According to tradition, it was customary to observe a strict fast (no meat or dairy) on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and a lesser fast on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



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*Epiphany of Our Lord
Byzantine Catholic Church*



*Montgomery County
Mission*

*Mother of God Community School
20501 Goshen Road
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20879
301-482-0282
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

- Mary Neimiller
- 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

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The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season. The fast may be observed voluntarily, partially, or in its entirety. However, Friday's during this period remain as days of penance. Abstaining from meat or performing an appropriate act of penance is prescribed.

■ Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos –

This Wednesday, November 21, in the Byzantine Church is the Feast of the Entrance of the

Theotokos into the Temple. The history of this feast is found mostly in apocryphal works, particularly the *Protoevangel of St. James*.



According to the narrative, Anna, after an angel informed her that she was at last to bear a child, vowed to offer this child to the Lord. At the age of three, Mary, accordingly was brought to the Temple to be dedicated to the Lord.

The Epistle reading for the feast (*Hebrews 9:1-7*) is oriented in that direction. Just as the High Priest of the Jews entered the sanctuary once a year to offer the blood of expiation for himself and for the sins of the people, Christ himself with His own blood for He is our High Priest.

At Matins on this feast, the first liturgical hint of Christmas is to be heard in the singing of the Christmas Canon: *Christ is born, glorify Him! Christ is from heaven, receive Him!*

■ *Continue to 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, even in our own country.

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.

■ *Bishop's Annual Appeal 2018* – Mission members have received a letter from Bishop Kurt with a pledge/donation card and more information regarding the appeal. Please return the pledge card with your check made out to the Eparchy of Passaic, 445 Lackawanna Ave., Woodland Park, NJ 07424. You can also pledge online. Go to www.eparchyofpassaic.com. Our goal for this year is once again \$6,000. If you have questions or did not receive the mailing from the Chancery Office, please see Vince Kovalick.

Every year since our community began participating in the appeal, we have either met or exceeded our goal. Any monies over our goal are returned for religious education.

Evangelization

■ *Food Pantry* – Our Mission Community's ministry to the unfortunate of our area through the local Food Pantry program, administered by St. Martin Roman Catholic Church, Gaithersburg, is always in great need of non-perishable foods, baby food and supplies, and personal hygiene items. Hunger never takes a vacation or holiday.