



At Your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord,
 worship of the Trinity was revealed;
 for the Father's voice bore witness to You,
 calling You His beloved Son,
 and the Spirit in the form of a dove
 confirmed the truth of these words.
 O Christ God, you appeared and enlightened
 the world.

Glory to You!

Troparion of Theophany - Tone 1

You have revealed Yourself to the world today,
 and Your light, O Lord, has shined upon us.

We recognize You and exclaim to You:

You have come and revealed Yourself,

O Inaccessible Light!

Kontakion of Theophany - Tone 4

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.

The signup sheet for **January**
 is available on the information table.

Thank you!

Divine Liturgy Schedule

- Jan. 6...** **Feast of Theophany/
 Blessing of Water**
 Mother of God School
 10 a.m.
- Jan. 13...** **Post-Festive of Theophany**
 Mother of God School
 10 a.m.+
- Jan. 20...** **Thirty-Fifth Sunday after
 Pentecost**
 Mother of God School
 10 a.m.

A prayerful welcome to
 our visitors and guests who are
 praying with us.

Liturgy Propers

Theophany (Holy Manifestation) of the Divinity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ January 6, 2019

- First Antiphons of Theophany (p. 312)
 Entrance Hymn for Theophany (p. 313)
 Troparion of Theophany – Tone 1 (p. 313)
 Kontakion of Theophany – Tone 4 (p. 314)
 "All you who have put on Christ..." (p. 31)
 [in place of "Holy God..." (Trisagion)]
 Prokeimenon of Theophany – Tone 4 (p. 314)
 EPISTLE: Titus 2:11–14
 Alleluia of Theophany – Tone 4 (p. 315)
 GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13–17
 Magnification and Irmos (p.315)
 [in place of "It is truly proper..."]
 Communion Hymn for Theophany (p. 316)
 [PAGE NUMBERS REFERENCE GREEN LITURGY BOOK]
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Announcements

■ **Today's Liturgy Intention** – Today's Divine Liturgy is offered for the good intentions of our Mission Community. *Christ is baptized! In the Jordan!*

■ **Today's Commemorations and Mirovanije** – On this date, January 6, the Byzantine Church celebrates the Feast of the Theophany, or the Manifestation of God. Actually, the Manifestation, or Theophany, of God is celebrated in two great feasts: Christmas and Theophany (also called Epiphany).

In the Eastern Churches, Theophany is the manifestation of the divinity of our Lord in the Jordan. In the Roman Church and some Protestant traditions, it is the manifestation of God as Christ, or Messiah, the Son of God, to the Magi (Wise Men).

One of the oldest feasts of the Eastern Church,

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Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church



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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

- 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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Theophany is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Byzantine Catholic Church and has been traced back to the beginning of the second century. In the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches, promulgated by +Pope John Paul II in 1990, the feast is one of the five holydays of obligation for all Eastern Catholics.

The feasts of the Nativity of Jesus Christ and Theophany are the celebration of a single, most profound event – the coming of the Light of the World among us. In these glorious feasts we remember Jesus was sent by the Father through Mary the Godbearer (*Theotokos*), to bring "a people in darkness" into the light of salvation.

There will be distribution of blessed bread and anointing (*mirovaniye*) in commemoration of the feast. All are welcome to receive.

■ **Day of Abstinence** – Friday, January 11 is prescribed as a day of abstinence from meat and meat products. One may also perform an act of penance in place of abstinence.

■ **Church Calendars for 2019** – Ecclesiastical calendars for 2019 are now available on the information table.

■ **Christmas Greetings!** – Tomorrow, January 7, our Byzantine Catholic and Orthodox brothers and sisters who follow the Julian Calendar will observe the great feast of the Nativity in the Flesh of our Lord. *Christos razhdajetsa! Slavite Jeho!*

■ **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, every-

where in the world, even in our own country.

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.

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.

■ **Catholic Apologetics** – Credible Catholic is an on-line Catholic apologetics (apologetics is the reasoned defense of the Faith) program designed to help you or your family members. If you have a middle school, high school, or college age son or daughter who is facing doubts and you do not feel up to the challenge of the defense of the Faith, please send them to www.crediblecatholic.com.

■ **Daily E-Mail Prayers** – Eastern Christian Publications, supplier of our Sunday bulletin covers, is now offering its daily e-mail prayer service for Morning and Evening Prayer, The Hours (1st, 3rd, 6th, 9th), and Daily Vespers (not Sundays or feast days) for **free**.

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