



Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light.

Christ is baptized; let us go down with Him,
and rise with Him.

Today let us do honor to Christ's baptism
and celebrate this feast in holiness.

Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed.

Nothing gives such pleasure to God

as the conversion and salvation of humanity,
for who His every word and every revelation exist.

He wants you to become a living force for all humanity,
lights shining in the world.

You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ,
the great light, bathed in the glory
of Him Who is the light of heaven.

You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling
light of the Trinity, as now you have received—
though not in its fullness— a ray of its splendor,
proceeding from the one God,
in Christ Jesus our Lord,
to Whom be glory and power forever and ever.

Amen!

St. Gregory Nazianzus

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. 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. Chapel
- Jan. 27...** **Thirty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**
Our Lady's Chapel /Goshen House
10 a.m.

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

Liturgy Propers

**Sunday after Theophany (Holy Manifestation)
of the Divinity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ
Holy Martyrs Hermylaous and Stratonicus**

January 13, 2019

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Antiphons of Theophany (p. 312)

Postfestive Entrance Hymn (p. 317)

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

Troparion of Theophany – Tone 1 (p. 313)

Kontakion of Theophany – Tone 4 (p. 314)

Prokeimenon – Tone 1 (p. 317)

EPISTLE: Ephesians 4:7–13

Alleluia – Tone 5 (p. 318)

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12–17

Magnification and Irmos (p. 318)

[in place of "It is truly proper..."]

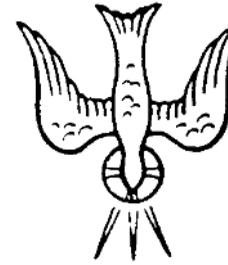
Communion Hymns for Theophany (p. 316 and 305)

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CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS

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** – Today in the Byzantine Church is the Sunday after Theophany, a post-festive day of the Feast of Theophany. Many of the Church's hymns during this period rejoice in the manifestation of God (Theophany) at Christ's baptism in the Jordan. The voice of

the Father is heard, the Son enters the water, and the Holy Spirit appears in the form of a dove.

Commemorated on this date, January 13, are the Holy Martyrs Hermylaous and Stratonicus. Slavs by origin, the Holy Martyrs Stratonicus and Hermylaous lived at the beginning of the fourth century during a persecution against Christians by the emperor Licinius (307-324).

Saint Hermylaous served as deacon in the city of Singidunum (Belgrade). Condemned by Licinius to imprisonment, he was long and cruelly tortured for Christ, but he remained unyielding. Saint Stratonicus was one of the prison guards and a secret Christian. Seeing the agonizing torments of his friend, he was unable to keep from weeping, and thus revealed that he was a Christian. He, too, was subjected to punishment. After their torture, both martyrs were put into a net and thrown into the Danube. On the third day, the bodies of the saints were found by Christians on the bank of the river and buried near Singidunum.

■ **Day of Abstinence** – Friday, January 18, is prescribed as a day of abstinence from meat and meat products. One may also perform an act of penance in place of abstinence.

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

- 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."

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

■ **National Prayer Vigil for Life** – This year's activities will begin on Thursday, January 17. Among the events will be the Opening Mass (5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.) in the Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., and Night Prayer according to the Byzantine Rite at 9:30 p.m. with our Bishop Kurt as celebrant. Epiphany-Annandale's Slava Men's Chorus will lead the responses.

Do you want to stand up for life but are unable to attend any of the events? Here's how you can participate from home: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/resources/index.cfm> (Webpage includes the complete vigil schedule and more information.)

■ **Thank You!** – A special thank you to **everyone** who has stepped up this past year to assist in so many ways in making our Divine Liturgies prayerful and beautiful. May God bless you all.

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

■ **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.

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**.

Go to <http://ecpubs.com/byzantine-daily-office-bdo/> to sign up. This subscription includes all changeable parts you need according to the our liturgical calendar in various PDF files viewable on any portable device.

■ **Holy Purity** – The Road to Purity website helps men and women resist pornography and challenges to purity. Their pamphlet bears the imprimatur of Archbishop Samuel Aquila of Denver. Visit www.roadtopurity.com