

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.



Liturgy Propers

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

The Holy Martyr Charalampas

February 10, 2019

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 5 (p. 146)

Kontakion of the Publican and the Pharisee – Tone 3 (p. 215)

Prokeimenon of the Resurrection – Tone 5 (p. 148)

EPISTLE: 2 Timothy 3:10–15

Alleluia of the Resurrection – Tone 5 (p.148)

GOSPEL: Luke 18:10–14

Communion Hymn (p. 78)

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CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS

Divine Liturgy Schedule

- Feb. 10...** **Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.
- Feb. 17...** **Sunday of the Prodigal Son**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.
- Feb. 24...** **Sunday of Meatfare/
Sunday of the Last Judgement**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.
- Mar. 3...** **Sunday of Cheesehare/
Forgiveness Sunday**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.
- Mar. 10...** **1st Sunday of the Great
Fast/Orthodoxy Sunday**
[Blessing of Icons]
Mother of God School
10 a.m.

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

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 need men and women
to help with setup and takedown.

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

Thank you!

Announcements

■ **Today’s Liturgy Intention** – Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered by Andy Haba for the blessed repose of +Anthony Spin. May his memory be eternal.

“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, Anthony, 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 Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee, the second of our Church’s five pre-Lenten Sundays. The Gospel reading for this Sunday is taken from Luke 18:10-14.

Two men went to the temple to pray. The Pharisee was actually a very religious man. He fasted, prayed, and gave away ten percent of his goods. Yet he boasted about his accomplishments and, as a result, his prayers were rejected by God.

The Publican, on the other hand, was truly evil, a genuine sinner. However, he sought to make a change in his life by confessing his sinfulness and begging God for mercy. Consequently, he was justified and accepted by God.

Like the Pharisee, we too are filled with pride and boastfulness. Unlike the Publican, we often refuse to acknowledge our sinfulness, confess it, and beg for mercy. On this Sunday we take a deeper look inward, to search the depths of our souls and to beg for mercy. We are called, through our vision of Jesus Christ, to acknowledge our sins and to fall before the face of God in repentance, making the publican’s prayer our own: “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!”

■ **On This Date** – On this date, February 10, the Byzantine Church commemorates the Holy Martyr Charalampas, who endured death by the sword A.D. 203 at Magnesia in Asia Minor.

Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church



Montgomery County Mission

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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

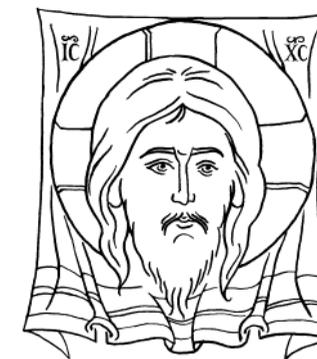
■ **Abstinence Free Week** – The week following the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee is free from fasting or abstinence. It is not by coincidence that the Orthodox and Byzantine Catholic Churches do not fast the week following the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee. The Pharisee prided himself on his twice-weekly fasting. To guard against the danger of comparing ourselves to others (and favorably at that) the Church says: Don't fast. Instead, on this coming Wednesday and Friday, recall this Gospel text and remember the humility of the Son of God who became man.

■ **All Souls Hramoty** – There are five All Souls Saturdays during the liturgical year of the Byzantine Church during which we pray the Divine Liturgy and remember our faithful department by name. The first All Souls Saturday this year is February 23. If you wish to add any names to the list of persons remembered in your family, known as "diptychs" or "hramoty," please use the appropriate envelope in your offertory envelope box. Place the envelope in the Sunday collection with the list of names you wish to add with your offering for their remembrance. It is also permissible to



simply list "all the departed of the "(your family name)" rather than each person by name. If you wish to update, delete, or add new names, please contact the Parish Office at 703-573-3986 during office hours, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hramoty envelopes must be received on or before February 17 to be remembered at all five All Souls Saturdays.

■ **Great Fast Begins** – The first full day of the Great Fast is Monday, March 4. At the close of Divine Liturgy on Sunday, March 3 (Cheesefare Sunday), we will pray the Rite of Forgiveness, during which we ask for forgiveness from one another. Cheesefare Sunday is also known as Forgiveness Sunday.



■ **Holy Images Blessing** – As is our tradition, we will bless personal icons and other religious items on the First Sunday of the Great Fast, February 18, also known as the Sunday of Orthodoxy

(True Worship), which marks the restoration of the icons to the churches on March 11, 843, following the suppression of the Iconoclastic heresy.

■ **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.

Your ineffable love for humankind, O Christ our God, make us worthy of Your voice, which we long to hear, number us among those at Your right hand, and have mercy on us. Amen.