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## Liturgy Propers

**Sunday of the Prodigal Son**  
Great-Martyr St. Theodore of Tyre  
St. Miriamna, Sister of Philip the Apostle  
February 17, 2019

**Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**  
Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 6 (p. 152)  
Kontakion of the Prodigal Son – Tone 3 (p. 216)  
Prokeimenon of the Resurrection – Tone 6 (p. 153)

**EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 6:12–20**  
Alleluia of the Resurrection – Tone 6 (p.153)

**GOSPEL: Luke 15:11–32**  
Communion Hymn (p. 78)

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**CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS**

## Divine Liturgy Schedule

- Feb. 17...** **Sunday of the Prodigal Son**  
Mother of God School  
10 a.m.
- Feb. 24...** **Sunday of Meatfare/  
Sunday of the Last Judgment**  
Mother of God School  
10 a.m.
- Mar. 3...** **Sunday of Cheesefare/  
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.
- Mar. 17...** **2nd Sunday of the Geat  
Fast**  
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 the Klimkosky family for the blessed repose of +Edward S. Chicuorka. May his memory be eternal. *Vičnaja jemu 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, Edward, in a place of light, joy, and peace where there is no pain, sorrow, nor mourning.”*

– From the Litany for the Deceased

■ **Today’s Commemoration** – Today in the Byzantine Church is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son, the third of our five pre-Lenten Sundays.

Our Gospel lesson presents us with a young man who, against his father’s advice, had taken all of his possessions, wasted them through foolishness, resorted to tending pigs in order to make a living, and found himself sharing the food they refused to eat.

Today, we are challenged to come to ourselves and see what we must do in order to return to the house of God our Father. Jesus Christ assures us beyond all doubt that our heavenly Father will run to greet us. He will come and kiss us and, with great jubilation, open up the eternal festival of His Kingdom to us. But, we must first see ourselves as we are, see what we must do, and return home to our Father.

■ **On This Date** – On this date, February 17, the Byzantine Church commemorates St. Theodore of Tyre the Great-Martyr, who was burned to death A.D. 306 during the reign of Emperor Maximian Hercules. Also commemorated today is St. Mariamna, sister of the Apostle Philip.

■ **Abstinence** – As each Sunday is a celebration of our Lord’s Resurrection, each Friday is a commemoration of Holy and Great Friday and is observed with penance. One may abstain from meat or instead offer prayer or charitable works as our penance.

## 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](http://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."*

Psalm 80:14-15 NKJV/OSB



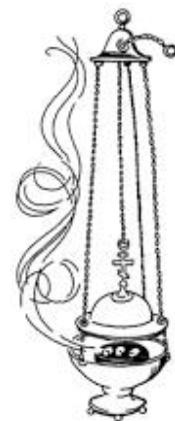
## Food Pantry

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



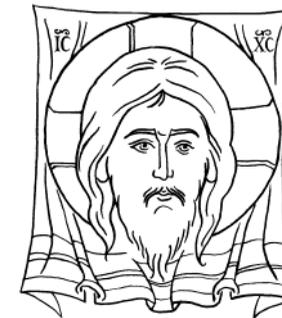
■ **All Souls Hramoty** – There are five All Souls Saturdays during the liturgical year of the Byzantine Church during which we pray the Divine Liturgy and remember our faithful departed by name. The first All Souls Saturday this year is February 23. If you wish to add any names to the list of persons remembered in your family, known as "diptychs" or "hramoty," please

use the appropriate envelop 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 envelops 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.

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.

■ **Holy Images Blessing** – As is our tradition, we will bless personal icons and other religious items on the First Sunday of the Great Fast, March 10, 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.

## 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 nonperishable foods, baby food and supplies, and personal hygiene items. Hunger never takes a vacation or holiday.

*Christ is among us!  
(Christos posred'i nas!)  
He is and shall be!  
(Jest'i budet!)*