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more. A dedicated team of clergy and parish catechists throughout the Eparchy will coordinate this ministry. Please check the page at: <https://www.facebook.com/Teach-me-O-Lord-ECF-Office-of-Byzantine-Catholic-Eparchy-of-Passaic-178288089491219/>

■ **Cantors Courses** – The Metropolitan Cantor Institute at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, Pa., announces three online classes that are free and can be taken at any time:

- ◆ Introduction to Liturgy – the basics of our liturgical services.
- ◆ Introduction to Church Singing – the cantor’s role, fundamentals of singing, musical notation, and how to lead singing in church (free to members of parishes in the Byzantine Ruthenian Catholic Church; \$75 for others).
- ◆ Introduction to the Typikon – how to set

up the hymns and readings of the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and weekdays throughout the year.

All cantors are urged to take these three courses; Introduction to Church Singing is quite informative and is the prerequisite for later singing courses. For more information: [https://mci.archpitt.org/classes/?fbclid=IwAR0bylyeHYoSPwkhtDMu1KQ5PYb8\\_YgdCqcQrU2Xp9B4ZgP-3-YwDKnndyY](https://mci.archpitt.org/classes/?fbclid=IwAR0bylyeHYoSPwkhtDMu1KQ5PYb8_YgdCqcQrU2Xp9B4ZgP-3-YwDKnndyY)

### Divine Liturgy Schedule

- 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.
- ➡ **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS**
- Mar. 17...** **2nd Sunday of the Great Fast**  
Mother of God School  
10 a.m.

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 and March** are available on the information table.

*Thank you!*

### Announcements

■ **Today’s Liturgy Intention** – Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered by Lou and Marie Shanks for the blessed repose of +Charles and +Mary Oros, Marie’s parents. May their memory be eternal. *Vičnaja pamjať.*

*“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 servants, Charles and Mary, 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 Commemoration of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ as Judge, also called Meatfare Sunday because traditionally no meat products were consumed until Pascha. It is the fourth of the five pre-lenten Sundays leading up to the Great Fast.

In today’s Gospel lesson, Jesus describes in detail the Terrible Judgment. His simple words raised to the divine sphere the most delicate acts of human kindness. Early philosophers branded compassion and mercy as weaknesses, but in reality they are the signs of a nobility of heart.

Christ has taught us that all those who are filled with love for Him should realize that whatever they do for the poor and the afflicted is done for Him. For a slice of bread and for a glass of water given in His name, our Lord promises heaven.

In describing the Last Judgment, we are led to hope for mercy if we have been charitable to our neighbors. We must realize that our Lord is merciful in the highest degree, but He is also just.

■ **On This Date** – On this date, February 24, the Byzantine Church commemorates the first and second findings of the head of St. John the Baptist.

## 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.

### Liturgy Propers

#### Commemoration of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ as Judge [Meatfare Sunday]

1st and 2nd Findings of the Head of St. John the Baptist  
February 24, 2019

#### Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 7 (p. 156)

Troparion of the Findings – Tone 4

Kontakion of Meatfare – Tone 1 (p. 217)

Prokeimenon of Meatfare – Tone 3 (p. 217)

#### EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 8:8–9:2

Alleluia of Meatfare – Tone 8 (p. 218)

Alleluia of John the Baptist – Tone 4 (p. 365)

#### GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31–46

Communion Hymn (p. 78)

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CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS

## 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

- Delores Moldowan.
- 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

■ **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.

■ **Great Fast Begins** — The first full day of the Great Fast is Monday, March 4. At the close of Divine Liturgy on next 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.

■ **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 was yesterday, 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.

■ **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 non-perishable foods, baby food and supplies, and personal hygiene items. Hunger never takes a vacation or holiday.

■ **Eparchy ECF on Facebook**. Father Dr. Vasyi Chepelsky, director of the Eparchy of Passaic Office of Eastern Catholic Formation, recently announced that the Eparchy of Passaic, Catechetical Office has a new Facebook page.

This page aims to assist any person who desires to learn more about our Faith and our beautiful Byzantine Catholic Tradition. It will serve to unite people of all ages who thirst for knowledge about God. Here they can come together as one community to learn more about our faith, find helpful resources for further learning, inspirational quotes and stories, regular homily reflections, various topics, and

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