

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. Vasyl 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

Liturgy Propers

Commemoration of the Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise [Cheesefare Sunday]

The Martyrs Eutropius and Cleonicus & Basiliscus
March 3, 2019

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 8 (p. 161)

Kontakion of Cheesefare – Tone 6 (p. 218)

Prokeimenon of Cheesefare – Tone 8 (p. 219)

EPISTLE: Romans 13:11-14:4

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GOSPEL: Matthew 6:4-21

Communion Hymn (p. 78)

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CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS

our faith, find helpful resources for further learning, inspirational quotes and stories, regular homily reflections, various topics, and 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/>

Divine Liturgy Schedule

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.
Mar. 3...	3rd Sunday of the Great Fast/Veneration of the Holy Cross 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 **March**
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 +Andrea Haba-Gose. May her 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, Andrea, 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 Forgiveness Sunday, the last of the pre-lenten Sundays. We observe it also as the Commemoration of the Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise by contemplating our separation from God, our own expulsion from paradise. This Sunday is also known as Cheesefare Sunday, for, by tradition, no dairy products were eaten after sundown today until Pascha.

Today’s services continually resound the theme of our separation from God as recorded in *Matthew 6:14-21*. We find ourselves cast out of paradise, sitting in darkness and apart from God Who is the source of Life and Light. We are weeping, We desire forgiveness. We seek mercy. And so we must ourselves forgive and be merciful. At the close of today’s Divine Liturgy, we pray the Rite of Forgiveness, during which we ask for forgiveness from one another.

The whole of the Great Fast, as the whole of life, is a movement toward resurrection in paradise. We may enter in only if God forgives us our sins. And God will forgive us only if we forgive others. With forgiveness not only in mind, but in action, we enter the season of the Great Fast.

■ **On This Date** – Today, March 3, our Byzantine Church commemorates the Holy Martyrs Eutropius, Cleonicus, and Basiliscus, who suffered in the city of

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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

- 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."

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

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Pontine Amasea in Asia Mino in about the year 308. The brothers (Eutropius and Cleonicus) and Basiliscus, who was the nephew of the Great Martyr Theodore the Recruit, were comrades.

After the martyric death of St. Theodore, they wound up in prison and by their preaching brought many of the pagans in prison with them to the Christian Faith. They suffered martyrdom in the reign of Emperor Diocletian.

As he was being tortured St. Eutropius prayed loudly to the Savior: "Grant us, O Lord, to endure these wounds for the sake of the crown of martyrdom, and help us, as You helped Your servant Theodore." In answer to the saint's prayer, the Lord Himself appeared to the martyrs with His angels and the holy Great Martyr Theodore the Recruit, saying to them: "Behold, the Savior has come to help you, that you may know life eternal."

■ **The Great Fast Begins** — The Great Fast (Lent in the Western Church) for the Byzantine Catholic Church begins today at sundown. Tomorrow, Monday, February 4, is the first full day of the fast and is observed by abstaining from all meat and dairy products. In addition, during the Great Fast, all Wednesdays and Fridays are days of fasting from meat and meat products. Holy and Great Friday is also a day of fasting from meat and dairy products. Fasting/abstinence requirements may be mitigated for reasons of health and/or age. Please contact Fr. John at Epiphany Parish Office if you have questions or concerns.

■ **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.

■ **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 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.

■ **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.

*Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner!*

The Jesus Prayer