

## 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. Vasylyl 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.



### Liturgy Propers

#### First Sunday of the Great Fast

[Sunday of Orthodoxy]

SS. Codratus and Companions, Cyprian,  
Anectus & Criscent

March 10, 2019

Liturgy of St. Basil the Great  
Typica and Beatitudes

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

Troparion of the Holy Images – Tone 2 (p. 220)

Kontakion of the Holy Images – Tone 8 (p. 220)

Prokiemenon – Tone 4 (p. 221)

**Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2**

Alleluia – Tone 4 (p. 221)

**Gospel: John 1:43-51**

Magnification [In You, O Woman...]

Communion Hymns:

(For Sunday) Psalm 148:1 (p. 78)

(For the Righteous Ones) Psalm 32:1 (p. 213)

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**CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS**

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 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. 17... 2nd Sunday of the Great Fast**  
Mother of God School  
10 a.m.

**Mar. 24... 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 is the First Sunday of the Great Fast, also referred to as the Sunday of Orthodoxy (True Worship). Originally, this Sunday was dedicated to the memory of the Holy Prophets of the Old Covenant. Therefore, in today’s Gospel, Philip tells Nathaniel: “We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets” (John 1:45).

On March 11, 843, the Empress Theodora made a solemn profession to celebrate the victory of the true faith of icons. This became an annual feast shortly afterward and displaced the Memory of the Prophets. Through this commemoration, we are reminded that Christ, the perfect image (*ikon*) of God the Father, calls us to personal victory by restoring within ourselves “the image and likeness of God: in which we were first created” (see *Genesis 1:26*).

The icons of our Lord, the Holy Theotokos, and all the saints are images of true humanity – signs of what our eternal calling and vocation really is. They tell us that we are called to be “living icons” and imitators of Christ bearing the likeness of God as gracious vessels of the Holy Spirit.

■ **On This Date** – On this date, March 10, the Byzantine Church commemorates SS. Codratus and companions, Cyprian, Anectus, and Criscent, who died A.D. 257 after years in prison under Valerian, Emperor.

## Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church



### Montgomery County Mission

Mother of God Community School  
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[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

- 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

■ **Today: Blessing of Icons** – As is our tradition, there will be a blessing of personal icons and other religious items at today's Divine Liturgy in commemoration of the Sunday of Orthodoxy.

■ **The Great Fast Has Begun** – The Great Fast (Lent in the Western Church) for the Byzantine Church symbolizes the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the desert, while the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (celebrated on lenten Wednesdays and Fridays) is the fulfillment of the promise of manna.

In the Great Fast, we also imitate Jesus our Lord, Who fasted for 40 days in the desert following His baptism. Because the Feast of Pascha was also the time for baptisms, so the Great Fast was a time of preparation for baptism. Our observance of the Great Fast, therefore, is our renewal of our baptismal fervor.

The Great Fast for the Byzantine Catholic Church began at sundown last Sunday. This past Monday was the first full day of the fast and was 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 dairy 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.

■ **Lenten Services** – There are no Lenten services scheduled for our mission except Solemn Vespers for Holy and Great Friday. Please avail yourself of services at Epiphany-Annandale (see schedule in bulletin) or St. Gregory of Nyssa in Beltsville (call 301-953-9323). Also

note that Epiphany-Annandale serves meatless meals on the Fridays of the Great Fast from 4-7 p.m., prior to the praying of Presanctified Liturgy. No meals are served on Holy and Great Friday.

■ **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.

As a precious adornment,  
the Church of Christ has received  
the venerable and holy icons of  
Christ the Savior,  
of the Most Holy Godbearer,  
and of all the saints.

Celebrating now  
their triumphal restoration,  
the Church is made bright  
with grace and splendor  
and thwarts all heretics.

With great rejoicing she glorifies God  
Who loves us, and Who, for her sake,  
has endured His voluntary Passion.

Vespers for the Sunday of Orthodoxy