

■ *Changes in the Divine Liturgy* — During the Sundays of the Great Fast we pray the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great instead of the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. The liturgies are very similar with the most notable differences being the singing of The Typica and The Beatitudes in place of the First and Second Antiphons. In addition, we sing “In You, O Woman, Full of Grace” in place of “It is truly proper....” The other major differences are in some of the prayers that the priest sings and in some of the melodies [see pp. 96-103 in the green Divine Liturgy book].

■ *Help: Bundling of Palms and Willow* — We are looking for an individual or individu-

als to bundle the palms and willows that will be blessed on Palm Sunday. Items needed to make the bundles will be available for pickup next Sunday, April 7, and need to be delivered on April 14. If you can assist with this meaningful tradition of our Church, please see Marie Shanks today.

<i>Divine Liturgy Schedule</i>	
<b>Apr. 7...</b>	<b>5th Sunday of the Great Fast</b> Mother of God School 10 a.m.
<b>Apr. 14...</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Blessing of Palms & Willows Our Lady's Chapel/Goshen House
<b>Apr. 19...</b>	<b>Solemn Vespers for Holy and Great Friday</b> Mother of God School 7:30 p.m.
<b>Apr. 21...</b>	<b>Pascha/Resurrection of Our Lord</b> Blessing of Easter Foods Mother of God School 10 a.m.

In the Liturgy we pray “for those who serve and have served in this holy church.” For now, we still need men and women to help with liturgy setup and takedown.

The signup sheet for **April** (Including Great Friday and Pascha) is available on the information table.

*Thank you!*

## Announcements

■ *Today's Liturgy Intention* — Today's Divine Liturgy is offered for the good intentions of the members of our Mission Community. *Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever! Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na v'iki!*

■ *Today's Commemoration* — Today in the Byzantine Church is the Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast. On this day we commemorate St. John Climacus, author of *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*.

In this work, St. John outlines the steps essential in attaining communion with God, steps which remind us that the way to the Kingdom constantly challenges us to engage in spiritual warfare. We know with certainty that Christianity is not for weaklings and cowards.

The end of the Great Fast is drawing near and we recall Christ's awesome words that encourage us to persevere until the end: He who endures to the end will be saved (*Matthew 24:13*).

■ *On This Date* — Commemorated on this date, March 31, is Hieromartyr Hypatius, Bishop of the city of Gangra in Paphlagonia (Asia Minor). In the year 325 he participated in the First Ecumenical Council at Nicea, at which the heresy of Arius was anathematized.

In 326, when St. Hypatius was returning from Constantinople to Gangra, followers of the schismatics Novatus and Felicissimus fell upon him in a desolate place. The heretics ran him through with swords and spears, then threw him into a swamp. Like the Protomartyr Stephen, St. Hypatius prayed for his murderers. An Arian woman struck the saint on the head with a stone, finally killing him.

The murderers hid his body in a cave, where a Christian who kept straw there found his body. Rec-

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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

- Ann Radko.
- Delores Moldowan.
- Mary Neimiller.
- Yazmine Nickerson.
- 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

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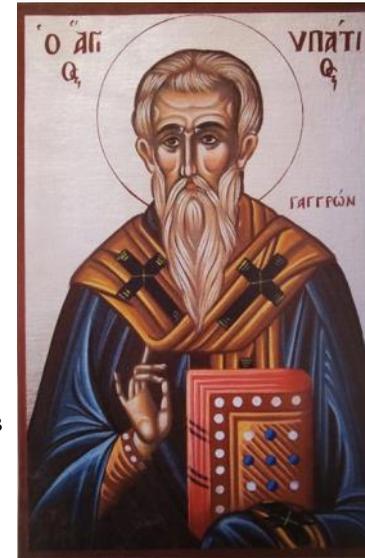
ognizing the bishop's body, he hastened to the city to report this, and the inhabitants of Gangra piously buried their beloved archpastor.

After his death, the relics of St. Hypatius were famous for numerous miracles, particularly for casting out demons and for healing the sick.

■ **Bishop's Appeal Exceeded... Again** – Every year since our community has participated in the Bishop's Annual Appeal, we have either met or exceeded our goal. Our final total for the 2018 appeal came in at \$6,160. Our goal was \$6,000. Monies over our goal will be returned in June and earmarked for religious education. May God bless all of our contributors for their continuing generosity and dedication to His Byzantine Catholic Church.

■ **The Great Fast** – 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 fol-



lowing 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.

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.

■ **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.

*"Receive us all  
into Your kingdom,  
declaring us  
to be children of the light  
and children of the day."*

The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great