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Glory to your Passion, O Lord! and after each, we sing: "Glory to your long-suffering, O Lord!"

■ **Fasting During Holy Week** — During Holy and Great Week the Byzantine Church prescribes a fast from meat on Holy Wednesday, a strict fast from meat and dairy on Holy Friday, and by tradition, a fasting from meat on Holy Saturday. However, in celebration of the Resurrection, from Pascha through April 27 (Bright Week) there is no fasting.

■ **Pascha/Blessing of Easter Foods** — Divine Liturgy for the Resurrection of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ will be celebrated at 10

a.m. next Sunday, April 21. Easter foods will be blessed at the end of Divine Liturgy.

■ **A Prayerful Thank You!** — Thank you to our willow providers, Andy Haba and Tom Klimkosky. And thank you to Barbara and Daniel Spinder for bundling the willows and palms.

■ **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.

## Liturgy Propers

### Flowerly (Palm) Sunday Commemoration of Our Lord's Journey into Jerusalem

Holy Father and Confessor Martin, Pope of Rome  
The Martyrs Anthony, John, and Eustathius  
April 14, 2019

[Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom]  
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CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS

## Divine Liturgy Schedule

**Apr. 19...** Solemn Vespers for Holy  
and Great Friday  
Mother of God School  
7:30 p.m.

**Apr. 21...** Pascha/Resurrection of  
Our Lord  
Blessing of Easter Foods  
Mother of God School  
10 a.m.

**Apr. 28...** Thomas Sunday  
Mother of God School  
10 a.m.

A prayerful welcome to  
our visitors and guests  
who are praying with us.

## Announcements

■ **Today's Liturgy Intention** — Today's Divine Liturgy is offered for the good intentions of the members of our Mission Community. *Hosanna! Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!*

■ **Today's Commemoration** — Today the Byzantine Catholic Church commemorates the Journey of Our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, known more commonly as Palm Sunday, although the Slavs traditionally refer to it as Flowery Sunday.

Palms and pussy willows will be blessed and distributed at the beginning of today's Divine Liturgy and there will be anointing (*mirovanije*) and distribution of blessed bread at the close. All are welcome to receive palms and willows and anointing and blessed bread.

In John's account of the Gospel, the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem is reduced to the essentials, within the chronological framework of what had happened during the past few days: the anointing of Jesus' feet by Mary; the hypocritical reaction of Judas, who witnessed the scene; the resolve of the priests to have Jesus "removed"; the procession of the palms; the incomprehension of the disciples who would grasp only later the significance of the event; and the concourse of the people emotionally stirred up by the resurrection of Lazarus. All this was to bring the hostility of the religious leaders to a head. In their minds, Jesus was already condemned.

■ **On This Date** — On this date, April 14, we commemorate our Holy Father and Confessor Martin, Pope of Rome; and the Martyrs Anthony, John, and Eustathius, who died in the city of Vilna in Lietuva A.D. 1342.

## 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."*

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

■ **Hosanna!** – We sing “Hosanna” during every Divine Liturgy and especially on this day, Palm Sunday. But what does the word mean?

In a liturgical context, it refers to a cry expressing an appeal for divine help. For Jews, the word is applied specifically to the Hoshana Service, a cycle of prayers from which a selection is sung each morning during Sukkot, the Feast of Booths or Tabernacles. The complete cycle is sung on the seventh day of the festival, called Hoshana Rabbah (Great Hosanna).

“Hosanna” was the shout of praise or adoration made in recognition of the Messiahship of Jesus on his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!” It is used in the same way in Christian worship, especially on Palm Sunday, which commemorates that event.

■ **Holy and Great Friday** – There are no Holy Week services scheduled for our mission except for Holy and Great Friday on April 19 at 7:30 p.m. Please avail yourself of services at Epiphany–Annandale (see schedule in bulletin) or St. Gregory of Nyssa in Beltsville (301-953-9323 or [stgregorynyssa.net](http://stgregorynyssa.net)).

Because the Mother of God Community will not be having their Saturday Easter Vigil Mass, we will be able to prepare our space for Sunday Pascha Liturgy and basket blessing following our Great Friday Vespers. Please consider remaining for a few minutes to help us make that conversion. Also, you are welcome to bring flowers for Friday evening and/or Sunday morning services.

■ **Reliving the Mystery: Holy and Great Week** – During this upcoming week, the most solemn of the Church Year, we relive the mys-

tery of God's merciful loving-kindness, when He suffered death and burial for our salvation, and is risen for our hope of eternal life.

During Holy Week, we do not only observe what happened in history, but through our acts of repentance, our prayers and fasting, and our processions and veneration, we take an active part in what is happening now through divine remembrance. We die in Christ and rise in the fullness of life.

■ **The Passion of the Lord** – By the word “passion,” we refer to all the sufferings and humiliations our Lord underwent on Holy and Great Friday. In our time, “passion” generally has a positive sense: it refers to some strong emotional drive or energy. But in the early Church, and even today among Christian theologians and spiritual writers, this word is much more complicated.

To the Church Fathers, the “passions” were precisely what one suffered – and not only physically. A desire is passionate precisely to the extent that it drives us and renders us unable to control our lives. It is in this sense that we as Christians are urged to master our passions, rather than letting them master us. In doing so, by God's gift we regain the inner freedom of the children of God, which was forfeited by the sin of our first parents.

Another word we hear on Holy Friday is long-suffering, which might perhaps be translated as “enduring patience” or “steadfast endurance.” Our Lord, to an unimaginable degree, not only suffered for our faults, but did so without complaint, in obedience to the will of his Father, and out of love for us. On Holy Friday, before each Gospel reading, we sing

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