

■ **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.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

- Apr. 28...** **Thomas Sunday**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.
- May 5...** **Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.
- May 12...** **Sunday of the Paralytic**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.

Liturgy Propers

Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ [Pascha] April 21, 2019

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

Excerpt from the Catechetical Sermon of St. John Chrysostom, read during Matins of Pascha

"...Enjoy ye all the feast of faith: Receive ye all the riches of loving-kindness. Let no one bewail his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one weep for his iniquities, for pardon has shown forth from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free. He that was held prisoner of it has annihilated it. By descending into Hell, He made Hell captive. He embittered it when it tasted of His flesh. And Isaiah, foretelling this, did cry: Hell, said he, was embittered, when it encountered Thee in the lower regions. It was embittered, for it was abolished. It was embittered, for it was mocked. It was embittered, for it was slain. It was embittered, for it was overthrown. It was embittered, for it was fettered in chains. It took a body, and met God face to face. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took that which was seen, and fell upon the unseen.

O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown. Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life reigns. Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages. Amen."

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

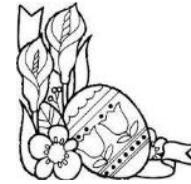
Christ is risen!
Indeed, He is risen!

Let God arise,
let His enemies be scattered;
let those who hate Him
flee from before His face.

As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish;

as wax melts
before the fire.

Psalm 68:1 & 68:21



Announcements

■ **Today's Liturgy Intention** — Today's Divine Liturgy is offered for the good intentions of the members of our Mission Community. *Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!*

■ **Holy and Glorious Pascha** — Today in the Byzantine Catholic Church is Pascha, the Feast of Feasts. It is our Lord's Passover — the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Word of Light enters into us to enlighten our darkness. "The life was the light of men, and the light shone in the darkness and the darkness could not overcome it" (*John 1:4-5*). The risen Christ reveals to us from within the true meaning of death. Death has no reality in and of itself. Death is a broken relationship, an absence of light, a lack of communion. It is a rupture, an exile, a slavery.

But, it is the Resurrection that reconciles us, it justifies us, it leads us back into communion. When Christ descends into hell that the actual moment of

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Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church



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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

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salvation is realized. The Word of Light enters into and assumes darkness, and thereby He disperses the darkness, just as the rising sun disperses the shadow of the night.

"Today all things are filled with light—earth and heaven and the world beneath. Let all creation celebrate the resurrection of Christ, In Him is the firm foundation of all things."

– Excerpt from the Third Ode of Pascha Matins

■ **Paschal Greeting** – From now until the Feast of the Ascension, we greet each other with the Paschal proclamation: "Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!"

In Old Church Slavonic, it is transliterated as "Christos Voskrese! Voistinnu Voskrese!" In Greek, it is transliterated as "Christos anesti! Alithos anesti!"

■ **Today's Gospel Reading** – To emphasize the universal message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, today's reading (*John 1:1-17*) will be proclaimed in English, Greek, and Latin.

■ **Blessing of Easter Foods** – Easter baskets and Paschal foods will be blessed at the close of today's Divine Liturgy. Prior to the blessing, there will be the kissing of the cross.

■ **The Artos** – Today, the Artos (Pascha) is placed on the tetrapod and blessed. Next Sunday, the top of the Artos is placed on the tetrapod while the remainder is cut, blessed, and distributed to the faithful as they are anointed with blessed oil.

The word "Artos" comes from the Greek and means bread. It reminds us that Jesus is the "Bread of Life."

A prayerful thank you to Tonja Siemucha for providing this year's Pascha. Thank you also to Tonja for baking our Communion bread

Christ is risen from the dead,
by death He trampled death,
and to those in the tombs
He granted life!

Христос воскрес из мертвых,
смертию смерть поправ,
и сущим во гробех
жизнот даровав!

Χριστός ανέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν,
θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας,
καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι,
ζωὴν χαρισάμενος!

and the bread blessed used for *mirovaniye* on special feast days.

"I am the living Bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this Bread will live forever; and the Bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

– Matthew 18:20 (NAB)

■ **Fasting Free** – In celebration of the Resurrection, from today through April 27 (Bright Week), there is no fasting.

■ **Kneeling** – In the Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches, as a joyous sign of the Resurrection, there is no kneeling during the entire Paschal season.

Today (for those who are physically able), we remain standing during the Divine Liturgy except for the reading from the Acts of the Apostles and the homily.

Please stand whenever "Christ is risen..." is sung.

■ **A Prayerful Thank You!** – Thank you to Michael McGonnigal of St. Gregory of Nyssa Church, who is filling in as cantor today and on recent Sundays and Good Friday.