

■ **Days of Penance** — As each Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord, each Friday is a commemoration of Holy and Great Friday and is observed with penance. One may abstain from meat or instead offer prayer of charitable works.

■ **A Ruthenian Renaissance** — “There are communities in Christendom that disappear from sight but flower again, like perennials from spring ground when the weather gets warmer...”

“When You descended to death, O Immortal Life, You destroyed Hades by the brilliance of Your Divinity; and when You raised the dead from the depths of the earth, all the heavenly powers cried out, “O Giver of Life, Christ our *God, glory to you.*”

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 2)

Liturgy Propers

Second Sunday of Pascha Thomas Sunday

SS. Jason and Sosipater, Apostles
SS. Maximus, Dada, and Quinctillianus, Martyrs
Our Venerable Father Cyril, Bishop of Rome

April 28, 2019

[Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom]

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CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS

This is the opening paragraph from a recently published article by the *National Catholic Register* regarding the resurgence of the Ruthenian Catholic Church in Ukraine. To access the full article, go to <http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/ruthenian-renaissance>

■ **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.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

- May 5...** **Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers**
Our Lady's Chapel/
Goshen House ←
- May 12...** **Sunday of the Paralytic**
[Mothers Day]
Mother of God School
10 a.m.
- May 19...** **Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.

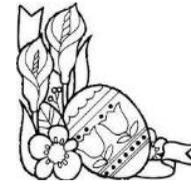
A prayerful welcome to
our visitors and guests
who are praying with us.

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!*

■ **Thomas Sunday** — Today is the Second Sunday of Pascha. It is known as the Sunday of St. Thomas in the Byzantine Church because the confirmation of the Resurrection is celebrated.

Thomas, one of the Twelve, was not with the other disciples when Jesus appeared to them on the evening of that first day of the week. Despite the testimony of others that they had seen the risen Lord, Thomas, challenged the reality of the Resurrection until he could see for himself.

Eight days later they had again gathered behind locked doors. Thomas, upon seeing the risen Lord for himself cried: "My Lord and my God!" Jesus then said to him: "You became a believer because you have seen

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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."



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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Me. Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed."

"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!"

■ **Commemorated on this Date** – On this date, April 28, the Byzantine Church commemorates SS. Jason and Sospater, Apostles who were disciples of St. Paul in the reign of Nero A.D. 69. Also commemorated are SS. Maximus, Dada, and Quinctillianus, Martyrs who were beheaded about A.D. 303. And finally, our Venerable Father Cyril, Bishop of Rome.

■ **Pray for Our Suffering Church** – Many Christian clergy, religious, and laity have been killed by religious radicals throughout the world, most recently this past Easter Sunday in Sri Lanka. Please continue to pray for all those afflicted by these barbaric acts and for the conversion and forgiveness of the perpetrators. *Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!*

■ **The Artos** – Last Sunday, the Artos (Pascha) was placed on the tetrapod and blessed. Today, 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 (*mirovanije*).

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
живот даровав!

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

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

"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)

"Jesus said to them, 'Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.'"

– John 6:53-56 (NAB)

■ **Sit or Stand** – As a sign of joy that is ours in the Resurrection, we do not kneel from Easter until Pentecost for any liturgical service, for the time of repentance is completed and joy now reigns. We stand instead of kneeling, and we stand whenever "Christ is risen..." is sung. We sit at the Epistle and Homily. You may sit at the litanies and at the First and Second Antiphons and at the Troparia. You also may sit at other times if you feel the need to rest.