

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

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

Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν,  
θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας,  
καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι,  
ζωὴν χαρισάμενος!

## Liturgy Propers

### Third Sunday of Pascha

#### [Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers & Joseph of Arimathea]

St. Irene, Glorious Martyr

Venerable Father Nicephorus, Hegumen  
April 28, 2019

[Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom]

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CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS

■ **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.

■ **Liturgy Setup** — The signup sheet for May Liturgy setups (including Ascension Thursday Divine Liturgy) is available on the information table. *Thank you!*

## Divine Liturgy Schedule

**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.

**May 26...**     **Sunday of the Man Born  
Blind**  
Mother of God School  
10 a.m.

**May 30...**     **Ascension of Our Lord**  
Mother of God School  
7:30 p.m.

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

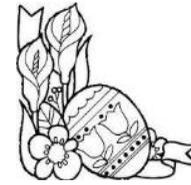
*Christ is risen!  
Indeed, He is risen!*

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!*

■ **Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers** — Today is the Third Sunday of Pascha. It is known as the Sunday of Ointment-Bearers and of Joseph of Arimathea.

In the beginning of His public life, Jesus often went to Galilee where He performed many miracles. A group of holy women followed Him and ministered to Him out of their own resources. They even accompanied Him to the foot of the Cross. On the morning of the third day after His death they came to the tomb bearing ointments to embalm His body.

Seven of them are known by name: Mary Magdalene; Mary, mother of James and wife of Cleophas; Joanna, the wife of Chusa, who was a steward to Herod Antipas; Salome, the mother of the sons of Zebedee; Suzanna; and Martha and Mary, the sisters of Lazarus.

On this Sunday, two secret disciples of Christ are also commemorated: Nicodemus, the leader of the

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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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Pharisees who came to visit Jesus at night and believed in Him, as told in the third chapter of the Gospel according to St. John; and Joseph of Arimathea, a rich and noble citizen of Ramah, or Arimathea. After Christ died, Joseph had the courage to claim His body and place it in his own new tomb.

*"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

■ **Also Commemorated** – On this date, May 5, the Byzantine Church commemorates the Glorious Martyr Irene, daughter of the Emperor Licinius and his wife, Licinia, who suffered courageously for Christ, and by many miracles thousands were converted to Christianity. St. Irene died A.D. 315, in the reign of Emperor Constantine the Great.

Also commemorated is our Venerable Father Nicephorus, Hegumen. [A hegumen is the head of a religious community (as a small monastery) in the Eastern Church. It is used also as a title of honor for certain monks who are priests.]

■ **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!"*

■ **Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters** – Many Christian and Jewish clergy congregations throughout the world continue to be the targets of extremists, as well as those with mental

*"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)

health problems. Please continue to pray for all those afflicted by these barbaric acts and for the healing, conversion, and forgiveness of the perpetrators. *Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!*

■ **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.

■ **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...."*

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>