

■ **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.

■ **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/dailynews/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.

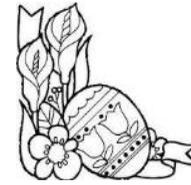
<i>Divine Liturgy Schedule</i>	
May 19...	Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Mother of God School 10 a.m.
May 26...	Sunday of the Man Born Blind Mother of God School 10 a.m.
May 30...	Ascension of Our Lord [TBD] ←
June 2...	Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council Mother of God School 10 a.m.

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 by Andy Haba for the blessed repose of +John; +Anna; +George; +George, Jr.; +Ellen; +Edward; +Andrew John; +Andrea; and +Janet Haba, in addition to +Mark Nickerson and +Anthony Spin. *Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!*

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)

■ **Sunday of the Paralytic** — Today is the Fourth Sunday of Pascha. In the Byzantine Church it is known as the Sunday of the Paralytic Man, during which we remember the cure of the paralyzed man that happened at the pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem. In Hebrew, Bethesda means “House of Mercy.”

In this event Jesus reveals Himself as the Merciful Savior who frees the man from his lifelong ailment. We share in the joy of this at our baptism when the same Savior washes us free from sin and makes us whole through His grace. Thus His life-giving death and glorious resurrection free us from the crip-

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*Epiphany of Our Lord
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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.

Liturgy Propers

Fourth Sunday of Pascha

[Sunday of the Paralytic Man]

Our Holy Father Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus

Germanus, Patriarch of Constantinople

May 12, 2019

[Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom]

Resurrection Troparia — Special Tone 5 (p. 164)

Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 3 (p. 181)

Kontakion — Tones 3 & 8 (p. 181)

Prokiemenon — Tone 1 (p. 182)

New Testament Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42

Alleluia of the Feast — Tone 5 (p. 180)

Gospel:

John 5:1-15

Exaltation and Irmos for Pascha (p. 167)

["in place of "It is truly just..."]

Paschal "Our Father" (p. 167)

Communion Hymn (p. 177)

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CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS

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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pling effects of sin and recreate us in the image and likeness of God.

"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 12, the Byzantine Church commemorates our Holy Father Epiphanius, Bishop of Cyprus, and Germanus, Patriarch of Constantinople.

Epiphanius was Bishop of Salamas, an intimate friend of St. Hilarion and St. Jerome, and counselor to Pope St. Damascus. He was a "pillar of Faith" against the Arians. He died at an advanced age in A.D. 403.

Germanus was banished and died in exile A.D. 733, in the reign of Leo III, the Isaurian.

■ **Paschal Greeting** – From Pascha 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 Voskreshe! Voistinnu Voskreshe!"* In Greek, it is transliterated as *"Christos anesti! Alithos anesti!"*

■ **Mid-Pentecost** – This coming Wednesday is Mid-Pentecost, the midpoint of the 50 days between the feasts of Pascha and Pentecost. In the Divine Liturgy Gospel passage for that day, we read that "in the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the Temple, and taught (John 7:14).

The feast in question is the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles, which commemorates the Israelites wandering in the desert for 40 years, when they lived under tents and tabernacles. "Tabernacles" served as the middle link between the Jewish Passover, which recalls God's

deliverance of His people from the Egyptian pharaoh, and the Jewish Pentecost, which remembers Old Israel's entry into the "promised land" of Mount Sinai. The risen Christ is the link for New Israel as it celebrates the New Passover (Pascha, the Resurrection) and the New Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples and apostles.

When Jesus had preached in the temple, he had just healed the Paralytic Man and was about to give sight to the Blind Man. The Apolytikion of Mid-Pentecost announces the "waters of true worship," which Christ will give us to drink, just as He gave the Samaritan Woman to drink. Thus, Mid-Pentecost reveals to the world that Christ will heal all of its infirmities, both physical and spiritual.

■ **Blessings for Our Mothers** – Today on the civil calendar is Mothers Day. May God grant peace, health, and happiness to our living mothers and grandmothers and peace, light, and joy to our dearly departed mothers and grandmothers. *Christos voskreshe! Voistinnu voskreshe!*

■ **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 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!*

■ **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.