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Galadza of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Kyiv.

For more details and registration information, go to the Orientale Lumen website at <https://olfoundation.net/conferences/ol-xxiii/>

■ **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>

Vičnaja pamjat



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

Liturgy Propers

Sixth Sunday of Pascha [Sunday of the Man Born Blind]

St. Carpus, Apostle
May 26, 2019

[Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom]

Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 5 (p. 189)

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

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CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS

Divine Liturgy Schedule

- May 30...** **Ascension of Our Lord**
Mother of God School
7:30 p.m.
- June 2...** **Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.
- June 9...** **Pentecost Sunday**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.
- June 16...** **Sunday of All Saints**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.

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 Louis and Marie Shanks in thanksgiving for God's blessings on the occasion of their wedding anniversary. *Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!*

O God, our God, You came to Cana in Galilee and blessed the marriage there; now bless Your servants who through Your Providence were united in marriage and who now offer thanksgiving to You for all the good things which they have received from You in their years of marriage. Bless the daily course of their life; fill their life with good things; and accept their crowns into Your Kingdom, keeping them pure, blameless, and above reproach forever.

— From the Byzantine Ritual of Marriage

■ **Sunday of the Man Born Blind** — Today is the sixth and final Sunday of Pascha. It is known in the Byzantine Church as the Sunday of the Man Born Blind and is also the Sunday before the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord.

Today, let us offer thanks for the gift of spiritual sight given to us so that we might see and know the meaning of life through the victory of Christ the Messiah. Each Sunday from Pascha to Pentecost is an experience of the mystery of the victory of Christ. Each

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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

- 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."



Psalms 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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week has its sacramental, paschal theme. There is water involved in every one of the Gospels: the pool of the paralytic, the well of the Samaritan woman, the anointing and washing of the eyes of the blind man.

All of this is for us. It tells us of our experience of the risen Christ and witnesses to our own washing and anointing, our own dying and rising with Him. Jesus anointed the eyes of the blind man, and he was enlightened, professing Jesus to be Lord.

The blind man is an image (*icon*) of our own baptism, when we are enlightened out of darkness by the anointing of the chrism of the Holy Spirit. We remember the salvation of the Man Born Blind and our own enlightenment as we close the feast of the glorious Resurrection of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ.

"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 26, we commemorate St. Carpus, one of the 70 Apostles and considered by some Greek authors as Bishop of Berea, by others as Bishop of Berylus, and by some as Bishop of Crete. He is also commemorated on January 4 with the Seventy. In his Second Epistle to Timothy (Chapter 4), St. Paul requests: "When you come, bring the cloak I left with Carpus in Troas, the papyrus rolls, and especially the parchments."

■ **Condolences** — We offer our prayers of sympathy to John Radko and family upon the passing of his mother, +Anne Marie, who fell asleep in the Lord last Monday. *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)

■ **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.

■ **Celebrating 40 Years of Ordination** — Prayerful congratulations to Fr. John Basarab on the fortieth anniversary of his ordination. May God grant His priest John with peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years. *Christos voskrese!*

■ **Calling All Grads** — If you, your son, or your daughter is graduating high school, college, or post-graduate studies, please inform Marie Shanks so that she can contact the Parish Office. An insert will be included in an upcoming bulletin listing all graduates from the Annandale Parish and our Mission Community.

■ **Oriental Lumen Conference** — The 23rd OL Conference is scheduled for June 17-20, 2019, at the Washington Retreat House near the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. The theme will be "One City, One Bishop: Church Boundaries Past, Present and Future."

Invited speakers include Cardinal Kurt Koch from the Vatican; Archbishop Job of Telmessos of the Ecumenical Patriarchate; Father Andriy Dudchenko of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Kyiv; and Deacon Daniel

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