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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>

Liturgy Propers

Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council at Nicea

Our Holy Father Nicephor, Patriarch of Constantinople
Our Holy Father Alexander, Archbishop of Constantinople
June 2, 2019

[Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom]

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CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS

... But grant, O Lord, peace, love and speedy reconciliation to Your people whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood.

Make your presence known to those who have turned away from You and do not seek You, so that none of them may be lost, but all may be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, so that everyone, in true love and harmony, O long-suffering Lord, may praise Your all holy Name.

Amen.

From "In Communion," website of the Orthodox Peace Fellowship, www.incommunion.org.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

- 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.
- June 23...** **2nd Sunday after Pentecost**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.

Announcements

■ **Today's Liturgy Intention** — Today's Divine Liturgy is offered for the good intentions of the members of our Mission Community. *Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!*

■ **Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council at Nicea** — Today the Byzantine Catholic Church commemorates the more than 300 Fathers who participated in the First Nicene Council. Today is also a post-festive day of the Feast of the Ascension, which was observed this past Thursday.

The 1st Ecumenical Council, held in Nicea in 325 in the reign of Constantine the Great, was summoned to remove the confusion that Arius, an Alexandrian priest, had created by his false teaching. He had been spreading the teaching that Christ was created from God in time, and that he is not the pre-eternal Son of God, equal in being with God the Father. The council condemned the Arian teaching and anathematized Arius when he would not repent.

This council also definitively confirmed the Symbol of Faith (the Creed), which was later amplified at the 2nd Ecumenical Council. In addition, the council also confirmed the time of the celebration of Pascha.

■ **Also Commemorated** — On this date, June 2, the Byzantine Church commemorates our Holy Father Nicephor, Patriarch of Constantinople, who defended the practice of the veneration of icons in the persecution of Leo the Armenian. He died in the 15th year of his exile A.D. 771 in the reign of Constantine V Copronymus, Emperor.

Also commemorated is our Holy Father Alexander, Archbishop of Constantinople. He resolutely stood against the Arian heresy and assisted at the Council of Nicea. The awful death of Arius is regarded as a response to St. Alexander's prayers for deliverance from the evils of this heresy. He died A.D. 340 in the reign of Emperor Constantinus.

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

- 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 Tworowski.
- 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

■ **Mirovanije: Feast of the Ascension** – In celebration of the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord this past Thursday, there will be anointing (*mirovanije*) and distribution of blessed bread at the close of today's Divine Liturgy. All are welcome to receive the anointing and blessed bread.

In Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox theology, the Ascension of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ is interpreted as the culmination of the Mystery of the Incarnation, in that it not only marked the completion of Jesus' physical presence among his apostles, but consummated the union of God and man when Jesus ascended in his glorified human body to sit at the right hand of God the Father.

The Ascension and the Transfiguration both figure prominently in the Eastern Christian doctrine of theosis (<http://orthodoxwiki.org/Theosis>). The bodily Ascension into heaven is also understood as the final token of Christ's two natures: divine and human.

■ **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.

■ **Pentecost Sunday** – Next Sunday, June 9, is the Feast of Pentecost. It is a Slavic custom to wear the color green on this Great Feast to symbolize the growth of the new Church, as well as decorate church sanctuaries with the boughs of linden trees, which have heart-shaped leaves. Slavic peoples traditionally believed that the Holy Spirit resides in the heart of each of us.

In the Latin (Roman) Church and some Protestant traditions it is common for the priest/minister and altar to be vested in red to symbolize the tongues of fire that descended on that first Pentecost.

■ **The Apostles Fast** – The Apostles Fast begins on the day following the Sunday of All Saints and concludes on the eve of the Feast of the Prime Apostles, Peter and Paul. A fasting period of variable length, in 2019 the fast is observed from June 17 through June 28.

Observance of the fast is voluntary, but all Fridays during this period remain days of penance (abstinence from meat products). The Feast of Peter and Paul, a day of precept (obligation) for the Byzantine Church, falls annually on June 29

■ **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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