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Mr. Etheridge responded that the mission proposal would have to follow the usual course and not the fast track. Discussion followed about water retention and other water issues since the estate has septic fields and is on well water.

■ **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.

■ **Toiletries** – With the vacation season upon us, you may find yourself staying at a hotel/motel that supplies guests with toiletry items. If you have any unused items left at the end of your stay, please consider collecting them and donating them to the Food Pantry.

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

In the Liturgy we pray “for those who serve and have served in this holy church.” For now, we still need men and women to help with liturgy setup and takedown.

The signup sheet for **July** is available on the information table.
Thank you!



*Christ is among us!
(Christos posred'i nas!)
He is and shall be!
(Jest'i budet!)*

Announcements

■ **Today's Liturgy Intention** – Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered for the good intentions of the members of Epiphany Mission Community. *Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na v'iki!*

“How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of Adam take refuge in the shadow of your wings.”
– Psalm 36:8

■ **Eternal Memory** – Our prayers and sympathy are with Tom Klimkosky and family upon the passing of his father, Raymond, who fell asleep in the Lord this past Monday. May his memory be eternal. *Vičnaja jemu pamjat'.*

“O God of spirits and of all flesh, you trampled death and broke the power of the devil and granted life to Your world. Now grant rest, O Lord, to the soul of your departed servant, Raymond, in a place of light, joy, and peace where there is no pain, sorrow, nor mourning.”
– From the Litany for the Deceased

■ **Today's Commemorations** – Today is the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. On this date, July 7, the Byzantine Church commemorates our Venerable Fathers Thomas of Malea and Acacius, who is mentioned in *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*.

The Ladder of Divine Ascent was the most widely used handbook of the ascetic life in the ancient Greek Church. (Asceticism is the practice of severe self-discipline and abstention from all forms of indulgence, typically for religious reasons.)

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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.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

- July 14...** **Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils**
Our Lady’s Chapel /Goshen House
10 a.m.
- July 21...** **6th Sunday after Pentecost**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.
[Blessing of Wheeled Vehicles for Feast of St. Elias]
- July 28...** **7th Sunday after Pentecost**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.
- Aug. 4...** **8th Sunday after Pentecost**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.

Liturgy Propers

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Our Venerable Fathers Thomas of Melea and Acacius

July 7, 2019

[Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom]

Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 3 (p. 130)

Kontakion of the Resurrection — Tone 3 (p. 131)

Prokiemenon — Tone 3 (p. 132)

Epistle: Romans 6:18-23

Alleluia — Tone 3 (p. 132)

Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13

Communion Hymn (p. 78-81)

[PAGE NUMBERS REFERENCE GREEN LITURGY BOOK]

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

- 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



Condolences. We offer condolences to the Petrick family upon the death of their mother, +Irene Petrick, who died Monday, July 1st. The funeral will be from Epiphany of our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church, Annandale, VA Saturday, July 13th. Viewing at 10:00 AM in the Narthex of the church with the funeral

liturgy following at 11:00 AM. Buriel will be from Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Silver Spring, Maryland.

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.

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Popular among both lay people and monastics, the book was translated into Latin, Syriac, Arabic, Armenian, Old Slavonic, and many modern languages. It was written while the author (St. John Climacus), who received his surname from this book), was abbot of the monastery of St. Catherine on Mount Sinai.

As reflected in the title, the ascetical life is portrayed as a ladder that each aspirant must ascend with each step being a virtue to be acquired or a vice to be surrendered. Its 30 steps reflect the hidden life of Christ himself. This work had a fundamental influence particularly in the Hesychastic Jesus Prayer, or Prayer of the Heart, movement.

Pierre Pourrat in his *History of Christian Spirituality* calls John Climacus the "most important ascetical theologian of the East, at this epoch, who enjoyed a great reputation and exercised an important influence on future centuries."

Also commemorated on this date is St. Cyriaca, martyr, a wealthy Roman widow who sheltered persecuted Christians. Her charity cost her life. She was scourged to death as a Christian A.D. 249 under Decius, Emperor.

■ **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.

■ **Blessing of Wheeled Vehicles** – Wheeled vehicles (cars, trucks, bicycles, etc.) will be blessed on Sunday, July 21, following Divine Liturgy in commemoration of the Feast of St. Elias, which falls on July 20.

■ **Blessing of First Fruit** – In commemoration of the Holy Transfiguration of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ on August 6, there will be the blessing of first fruits of the post-festive day, Sunday, August 11. You are invited to bring fruits of the harvest for blessing and sharing, especially grapes and apples.

■ **Uniontown Pilgrimage** – Preparations are well underway for the 85th Annual Pilgrimage (*otrust*) to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Mount St. Macrina in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. The Pilgrimage will take place beginning Friday, August 30, through and including Monday, September 2. You are once again cordially invited to be a part of this special event in the life of the Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church in the United States. For more information, visit www.sistersofstbasil.org/events-2/pilgrimage-brochure/

■ **Mission Building Update** – Architect Jack McLaurin, a parishioner of Epiphany mission; Attorney Sean Hughes of Miller, Miller & Canby, the Rockville, Maryland law firm representing the Eparchy of Passaic; and Father John; and Deacon Peter met on June 19 at the Montgomery County Building in Rockville with Mark Etheridge, the manager of the Water Resources Section of the Department of Permitting Services.

Jack McLaurin presented his plan for exterior development, basing it on county regulations about development that has less than 5,000 sq. ft. disturbance being able to be fast tracked. His plan was thorough and showed the existing driveway and the proposed parking off the driveway just before the existing driveway circle and handicapped parking.

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