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spread devotion to the Theotokos under that title.

The pilgrimage is a source of ongoing renewal and provides for the diverse spiritual needs of the many pilgrims who frequent this major unifying event in the life of the Byzantine Catholic Church. Its participants include clergy and faithful from across the country. The pilgrimage offers the celebration of Divine Liturgy; opportunities for the Mystery of Reconciliation; Anointing of the Sick; Adult Enrichment Programs; activities for children, teens, young adults; and pastoral counseling. The Sisters welcome all people of faith to share in this special ministry and in its many blessings. For more information, visit www.sistersofstbasil.org/events-2/pilgrimage-brochure/

Liturgy Propers

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Post-Festive of the Feast of the Transfiguration

St. Euplus, Archdeacon and Martyr
August 11, 2019

[Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom]

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CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS

■ **Middle Eastern Food Festival** – Holy Transfiguration Melkite-Greek Catholic Church in McLean, Virginia, will once again hold its food festival on the Saturday and Sunday of the upcoming Labor Day weekend. For more information, please visit <https://middleeasternfoodfestival.com/festival/>

■ **Slavic-American Festival** – Reserve the date of Sunday, September 8, to attend the annual Slavic-American Festival sponsored by Epiphany Church–Annandale. Watch your mail and upcoming bulletins for more details.

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 the remainder of **August** is available on the information table.

Thank you!

Divine Liturgy Schedule

- Aug. 15...** **Feast of the Dormition**
Mother of God School
T.B.A.
- Aug. 18...** **10th Sunday after Pentecost**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.
[Blessing of Flowers, Herbs, and Medicines]
- Aug. 25...** **11th Sunday after Pentecost**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.



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 by Doris and Rich Fejka for the blessed repose of Rich's parents, +John and +Mary. May their memories be eternal. *Vičnaja 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 souls of your departed servants, John and Mary, 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 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost and a post-festive day of the Feast of the Holy Transfiguration, which the Church celebrated this past Tuesday, August 6. In this feast we see Jesus as God, wonderfully “wrapped in light as in a robe.” This event on Mt. Tabor is a window into the divinity of Jesus Christ, surrounded with glory, intensely white. Nothing else could produce such brilliance.

Jesus is God, and in His presence we worship in silence. Once before, Moses and Elias (Elijah) worshipped God on this mount and in silence fell on their faces before Him. Here, now, however, they are speaking with Jesus. Let us, as disciples might, bask in the brightness of this mystery, begging our Savior God to reveal Himself more fully.

■ **Also Commemorated** – Today, August 11, the Byzantine Church commemorates St. Euplus, Arch-

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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.

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.

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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deacon and martyr, who endured death A.D. 304 during the reign of the Emperor Diocletian. He was put on the rack and bidden to worship Apollo, Mars, and Aesculapius. He replied he adored only the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

■ **Today: Mirovanije and Blessing of First Fruits** – In commemoration of the Feast of the Transfiguration, there will be the traditional Blessing of the First Fruits today. There will also be *mirovanje* (anointing). All are welcome to receive anointing and blessed bread.

■ **The Dormition Fast** – The fourth of four fasting periods during the liturgical year of the Byzantine Church began Thursday, August 1. The Dormition Fast is observed each year from August 1 to 14, the eve of the Feast of the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos.

The Mother of God was without sin. Therefore, she was always prepared during her life on earth for the journey to eternal life in heaven. Through a life of prayer and fasting she was prepared always to meet her Son upon her falling asleep. During the fast we prepare for a worthy life and happiness in heaven through prayer, repentance, and fasting in imitation of our Mother, the most pure Theotokos, that we might be prepared for death and a good account before the fearsome judgment seat of Christ and to be worthy of eternal life. Therefore, during this, the last month of the Church Year, we prepare for the end of our lives.

The traditional rule for the Dormition Fast is a strict abstinence. The Ruthenian Metropolia has identified this period as a penitential season. The observance of this fast is voluntary; however, the Fridays during the fast remain days of penance.

■ **Dormition Blessing** – The Feast of the Dormition (August 15) is a day of precept (obligation) for Byzantine Catholics. Divine Liturgy will be prayed on the feast, this coming Thursday, August 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Mother of God School.

NOTE: Our traditional blessing of flowers, herbs, and medicine will be prayed next Sunday, August 18. It is also a tradition on the Feast of the Dormition to pray for all those in the health care field, that they may provide comfort and healing to all God's children from conception to natural death.

■ **Uniontown Pilgrimage** – The 85th Annual Pilgrimage (*otput*) to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Mount St. Macrina in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, 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.

Throughout the centuries, Mary has been an icon of great hope to all generations, especially the powerless, the exploited, and the downtrodden. As many of us, Mary went through great suffering in her lifetime. Yet she remained the ever supporting mother of Jesus. As we face many challenges in today's world, Mary continues to be our source of hope.

The Uniontown Pilgrimage has been held every Labor Day weekend since 1934. It was that year during which the Sisters and pilgrims celebrated the blessing of the then newly acquired Monastery for the Sisters. In 1935, Pope Pius XI gifted the Sisters with a beautiful icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help requesting they

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