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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/

■ **Middle Eastern Food Festival** – Holy Transfiguration Melkite-Greek Catholic Church in McLean, Virginia, will once again hold its food festival on the Saturday and Sun-

day 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.

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.

■ **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.



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 the Fejka family for the blessed repose of +Raymond Klimkosky. May his memory be eternal. *Vičnaja jemu pamjať.*

“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 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 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost and a post-festive day of the Feast of the Dormition.

On this date, August 18, the Byzantine Church commemorates the martyrs SS. Florus and Laurus of Illyria, who were twin brothers and stone sculptors by profession.

They learned their art from Proclus and Maximus. When their teachers suffered martyrdom, they left Byzantium and went to take up their abode in the city of Ulpiana in Dardania of Illyricum.

There they were forced by a prince to build a pagan temple. During the construction a splinter of stone flew into the eye of the son of a pagan priest. Florus and Laurus prayed for the boy, made the sign of the cross over his eye, and he was immediately healed. The governor had them arrested and buried alive in a dry well. The date of their repose is during

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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.

Liturgy Propers

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Post-Festive of the Feast of the Dormition

SS. Florus and Laurus, Martyrs

August 18, 2019

[Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom]

Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 1 (p. 125)

Troparion of the Dormition – Tone 7 (p. 352)

Kontakion of the Dormition – Tone 2 (p. 352)

Prokeimenon – Tone 1 (p. 127)

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 4:9–16

Alleluia – Tone 1 (p. 127)

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:14–23

Communion Hymn “F” (p. 81) and of the Feast (p. 355)

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CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS

Divine Liturgy Schedule

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| Aug. 25... | 11th Sunday after Pentecost Mother of God School 10 a.m. |
| Sept. 1... | 12th Sunday after Pentecost Mother of God School 10 a.m. |
| Sept. 8... | Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross/ Birth of the Theotokos Mother of God School 10 a.m. |

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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the second century. A century later horses were noted to be drinking from the spot of the well and their incorrupt relics were discovered. They were then translated (moved with ceremony) to Constantinople.

■ **Today: Mirovanije and Blessing** – In commemoration of the Feast of Dormition of the Holy Theotokos this past Thursday, there will be anointing (*mirovanije*) and distribution of blessed bread at today's Divine Liturgy. Everyone is welcome to receive anointing and blessed bread.

In addition, we will have the Blessing of Flowers, Herbs, and Medicines. The original blessing prayed on the feast in the Slavic books is a blessing of medicinal herbs. This was expanded to include plants. Later, flowers were blessed because the aroma of flowers was perceived in the empty tomb of the Mother of God.

Health is the theme of the Dormition Fast and Feast. We pray to be delivered from illness of the body and also from illness of the soul, sin, and emotional or spiritual problems.

Please also remember in prayer all those in the health care fields. May they be a source of healing and comfort to all from the time of conception to natural death.

■ **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 a prayer of charitable works.

■ **Byzantine New Year** – September 1 always marks the beginning of the liturgical year for

the Byzantine Catholic Church. This September 1 marks the Church Year 7528.

The Byzantine Church inaugurated the first of September as the beginning of the liturgical year in honor of the victory of Emperor Constantine the Great (d. A.D. 337), over his adversary, Emperor Maxentius, in A.D. 312. Prior to Constantine, Christianity was constantly exposed to persecution. But with Constantine's victory, as attested to by St. Ambrose (d. A.D. 397), the Church began a new life.

■ **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 spread devotion to the Theotokos under that title.

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