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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.

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

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Return of the Relics of Bartholomew, Apostle

St. Titus, Apostle

August 25, 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.

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.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

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.



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 Ron Pytel for the blessed repose of +Leslie Pool. May her memory be eternal. *Vičnaja jej 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 soul of Your departed servant, Leslie, 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 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. On this date, August 25, the Byzantine Church commemorates the return of the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew from Anastasiopolis to Lipari, which took place at the end of the sixth century. Bartholomew's apostolic activity and martyr's end are remembered on June 11.

The Apostle Bartholomew suffered for Christ in Armenian Albanus (now Baku) in the year 71, where his holy relics were. Numerous miracles occurred from the relics of the holy Apostle, and many of the unbelieving were converted to Christ. Under the emperor Anastasius (491-518) the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew were transferred into the newly constructed city of Anastasiopolis (or Dura) and remained there until the end of the sixth century.

When the city of Anastasiopolis was captured by the Persian emperor Chozroes, Christians took up the

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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.

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

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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chest with the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew and fled with it to the shores of the Black Sea. Having overtaken them, pagan priests threw the chest with the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew into the sea. Four other chests containing the relics of the holy Martyrs Papias, Lucian, Gregory, and Acacius were also thrown into the sea.

By the power of God the chests did not sink into the depths of the sea but miraculously floated upon the waves and reached Italy. The chest with the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew came to land at the island of Lipari, and the remaining chests continued their journey and came to land at various places in Italy. The arrival of the relics of the holy apostle was revealed to Bishop Agathon, who went with clergy to the shores of the sea, took the chest from the waters, and solemnly transferred it to church.

Myrrh flowed from the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew, healing people of various illnesses. The relics remained in the church until the middle of the ninth century when the island was captured by pagans. Christian merchants took up the holy relics and transferred them to the city of Beneventum, near Naples, where they were received with great veneration and placed in the main church of the city

■ **Also Commemorated** — Also commemorated on this date is St. Titus, Apostle, who was the favored disciple of St. Paul and was his successor as the first Bishop of Crete. He died full of merits about the close of the first century.

■ **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 NewYear** — September 1 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 (*otrust*) 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

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