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personal hygiene items. Hunger never takes a vacation or holiday.

■ **Online: God With Us Seminars** – Interested in learning more about your faith as expressed through the Byzantine/Eastern Christian tradition? Join us for live webinars, all offered free of charge. Webinars open 30 minutes ahead of time for questions and pre-class discussion. Detailed information and registration instructions can be found at <http://easterncatholic.org/>

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 **September** is available on the information table.

Thank you!

Divine Liturgy Schedule

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| Sept. 8... | Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross/ Birth of the Theotokos
Mother of God School
10 a.m. |
| Sept. 15... | Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross
Mother of God School
10 a.m. |
| Sept. 22... | 15th Sunday after Pentecost
Mother of God School
10 a.m. |

*God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
Therefore we won't be afraid,
though the earth changes,
though the mountains are shaken
into the heart of the seas;
Though the waters of it roar
and are troubled,
Though the mountains tremble
with their swelling...*

From Psalm 41

Liturgy Propers

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Beginning of the Church Year 7528**

**Our Venerable Father Simeon the Elder (the Stylite)
& His Mother, Martha**

**Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God in Messina
SS. Aithelas, 40 Women of Macedonia & Ammon, Martyrs**

**SS. Calistus, Evodius & Hermogenes, Martyrs
Venerable Joshua, Son of Nun
September 1, 2019**

[Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom]

Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 3 (p. 135)

Kontakion of the Resurrection – Tone 3 (p. 136)

Prokeimenon – Tone 3 (p. 137)

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

Alleluia – Tone 3 (p. 137)

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:16–26

Communion Hymn (p. 78)

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CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS



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 Lou and Marie Shanks for the blessed repose of +John and Lucille Ounan. May their memories be eternal. *Vičnaja 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 servants, John and Lucille, 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 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost. The date is September 1, and on this date the Byzantine Church marks the beginning (Indiction) of the new liturgical Church Year. 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.

The first great feasts of the liturgical year are the Nativity of the Theotokos next Sunday, September 8, and Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 13. In addition, Ecumenical Patriarch Demetrius I of Con-

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*Epiphany of Our Lord
Byzantine Catholic Church*



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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."



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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stantinople (1914–1991) made September 1 a day of special prayer and supplication for the environment.

Commemorated on this date are our Venerable Father Simeon the Elder, the Stylite, and his mother, Martha. Simeon was a monk who adopted a characteristic mode of penance by praying and fasting on the top of a lofty stone column (stylite) where he spent 37 years until his death A.D. 459.

We also commemorate the Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God in Missina; SS. Aithelas, 40 Women of Macedonia, and the Deacon Ammon, Martyrs; SS. Calistus, Evodius, and Hermogenes, Martyrs; and the Venerable Joshua, son of Nun and successor to Moses.

■ **Pray for Our Pilgrims** – Please remember in prayer the clergy, religious, and laity who are making the pilgrimage (*otrust*) to Mount St. Macrina in Uniontown, Pa., this weekend in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

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.

■ **St. Mammias, Patron of Animals** – Tomorrow, September 2, the Byzantine Church commemorates St. Mammias the Great Martyr. He is considered by the Eastern Church as the Patron of Animals, just as St. Francis of Assisi is so designated in the Western Church. The story of his life and martyrdom, can be found at www.newbyzantines.net/byzanthculture/stmamas.html



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 this Labor Day weekend. For more information, please visit <https://middleeasternfoodfestival.com/festival/>

■ **Next Sunday: Slavic-American Festival** – Reserve the date of Sunday, September 8, to attend the annual Slavic-American Festival sponsored by Epiphany Church–Annandale. Festivities begin at 12 noon following Divine Liturgy. Visit www.slavicamericanfestival.com/ for 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

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