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of liturgical worship services with full congregational participation, and many opportunities for fellowship with other participants and the speakers.

For additional information, please visit <http://olfoundation.net/conferences/ol-xx-june-21-24-2016/>.

■ **ByzanTEEN National Youth Rally** – The 2016 ByzanTEEN Youth Rally is scheduled for July 7-10 at Notre Dame College in South Euclid, Ohio. For complete information, please visit <http://www.byzanteen.com/rally.htm>.

Of Special Note

■ **Episcopal Changes** – Pope Francis has appointed Bishop John Stephen Pazak as the fifth bishop of the Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Eparchy of Phoenix and accepted the resignation of Bishop Gerald N. Dino, 76. Bishop Pazak currently leads the Byzantine Eparchy of SS. Cyril and Methodius, Toronto, Canada.

Bishop Dino, who served the eparchy

since his episcopal ordination eight years ago, was born Jan. 11, 1940, in Binghamton, New York. He was ordained a priest for the Eparchy of Passaic in 1965 and served in various parishes throughout Pennsylvania and New York prior to his episcopal appointment in March 2008.

Bishop Pazak was born Aug. 13, 1946, in Gary, Indiana. He was professed a member of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists) in 1965, and was ordained a priest in 1972. He was named Bishop of SS. Cyril and Methodius in 2000 and ordained bishop in 2001. Bishop Pazak spent most of his priesthood in Canada and is a dual citizen. He will also continue as the Toronto eparchy's apostolic administrator until a successor is appointed.

Pope Francis accepted the resignation of Bishop John Kudrick, 68, of the Eparchy of Parma, Ohio. He appointed Archbishop William Skurla of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh as its apostolic administrator.

The sign-up sheet to assist with the setup for June Divine Liturgies is now available on the information table. Thank you to all those who continue to provide assistance in setting up and taking down.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

May 29	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
June 5	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
June 12	Mother of God School 10 a.m.



Your Church throughout the world,
O Lord, clothed with the blood
of Your martyrs
as with royal purple and linen,
cries out to You through them,
O Christ our God:

Send down Your mercies upon Your people,
grant peace to Your world, and great mercy to our souls.

Troparion of All Saints Sunday (Tone 4)

Announcements

■ **Today's Liturgy Intention** – Today's Divine Liturgy is offered for the health and well-being of Mary Anne Diamond on the occasion of her 93rd birthday by Marion Kniska and Elizabeth and Claire Keyes. May God grant His servant Mary Anne peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years. *Mnohaja l'ita!*

■ **Today's Commemorations** – Today, the First Sunday after Pentecost, the Byzantine Catholic celebrates the Sunday of All Saints.

Last Sunday we commemorated the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost, which signaled the birth of the universal Church. Today, the first Sunday of the season, our thoughts turn toward the first born of the Kingdom: those men and women who have gone before us in faith. They shall come together and stand witness to Him Who from all eternity has been the Revealer, Lawgiver, and Redeemer.

In the early days, Christians were accustomed to solemnize the anniversary of a martyr's death for Christ at the place of martyrdom. In the 4th century, neighboring dioceses began to interchange feasts, to transfer relics, to divide them, and to join in a common feast. Frequently groups of martyrs suffered on the same day, which naturally led to a joint com-

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Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church



Montgomery County Mission

Mother of God Community School
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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 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

Sunday of All Saints
St. Basiliscus, Martyr
May 22, 2016

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 8 (p. 211)

Troparion of the Feast — Tone 4 (p. 211)

Kontakion — Tone 8 (p. 212)

Prokiemenon — Tone 8 (p. 212)

Epistle: Hebrews 11:32-12a

Alleluia — Tone 4 (p. 213)

Gospel: Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38 & 19:27-30

Communion Hymns (p. 78 & 213)

Fr. Lee Gross, Celebrant

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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

- Ron Pytel.
- Maggie and Robert Karam.
- Lou Shanks.
- Rosemary Chisarick.
- Doris Fejka.

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- Peggy Winkelmann.
- Laura Hinkle.
- Doran Coady.
- Ann Tracy.
- Travis Waters.
- Bertha Bergan.
- Arlene Kollar.
- David Chisarick.
- Jamee Kruse.
- Joseph and Nancy Dillmann.
- Paul and Mary Ellen Sorensen.
- Tony Tworoski.
- Norman Dennis.
- Linda Oros.
- Jenelle Wagner.
- Mike DiMarino.
- Robert Kreger.
- Anita Rhinehart.
- Robert Diethrich.
- Lucy Fontenot
- Patricia and Peter Minihane.
- Brother Joseph Comber, CFX.
- Beth Brackett.
- Lisa De Rosa.

SPECIAL INTENTION

- Elizabeth Basarab.
- Fr. Francis Martin.



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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memoration. In the persecution of Diocletian the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each. But the Church, feeling that every martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all.

The first trace of this we find in Antioch on the Sunday after Pentecost. We also find mention of a common day in a sermon of St. Ephrem the Syrian (373), and in the 74th homily of St. John Chrysostom (407). In the West, Boniface IV, on May 13, 609, or 610, consecrated the Pantheon in Rome to the Blessed Virgin and all the martyrs, ordering an anniversary. Gregory III (731-741) consecrated a chapel in the Basilica of St. Peter to all the saints and fixed the anniversary for November 1.

This date of November 1 became the date of commemorating "All Saints" in the Roman Church (as well as in the Anglican and some Lutheran traditions). The Byzantine Catholic and Orthodox Churches, however, retain the traditional date of commemoration.

■ **Also Commemorated Today** — On this date, May 22, the Byzantine Church commemorates the martyr St. Basiliscus, kinsman of Theodore of Tyrene. He was a Christian soldier crucified at Comona in Pontus (Asia Minor) A.D. 308 along with 10 comrades in the persecution under Maximum Galerius, Emperor.

■ **Apostles Fast & Feast** — The Apostles Fast begins on the day following the Sunday of All Saints and concludes on the eve of the Feast of the Prime Apostles, Peter and Paul.

A fasting period of variable length, for 2016 the fast is observed this year from May 23 through June 28. Observance of the fast is voluntary, but all Fridays during this period re-

main days of penance (abstinence from meat products).

The Feast of Peter and Paul, a day of precept (obligation) for the Byzantine Church, falls annually on June 29.

■ **Stipend for Divine Liturgies** — At the recent Presbyteral Days, Bishop Kurt Burnette issued the new *Eparchial Handbook: A Handbook for Pastors, Administrators, and Deacons*, dated April 25, 2016. The handbook was begun by Bishop William Skurla when he was Bishop of Passaic. Please note that one of the changes involves stipends for Divine Liturgies. Bishop Kurt has mandated that the stipend for a Divine Liturgy is \$15 and is given to the Priest-celebrant.

Upcoming

■ **Oriental Lumen XX** — The Oriental Lumen XX Conference will be held on June 21-24, 2016 in Washington, D.C., on the theme of "Creation: Our Shared Inheritance." Speakers are being invited to discuss the ecumenical dimensions of the Papal Encyclical *Laudato Si'* and the environmental symposia of the Ecumenical Patriarch.

The agenda will begin on Tuesday afternoon and conclude with lunch on Friday. There will be plenary sessions by prominent speakers in the ecumenical dialogue between the Catholic and Orthodox Churches, a variety

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Last Week's Liturgy

May 15, 2016

Attendance: 24 Souls