

■ **Annual Nun Run** – The annual Nun Run, to assist the Little Sisters of the Poor (St. Martin’s Home for Seniors on Maiden Choice Lane) will be held on Saturday, September 10, beginning at 8 a.m. The race commences at the Cathedral of Mary of Our Queen, 5200 North Charles St., Baltimore. Additional information is available at www.charmcityrun.com.

■ **Slavic-American Day at Epiphany** – Epiphany of Our Lord Church–Annandale will hold its annual Slavic-American Day on Sunday, September 11, immediately following the 10:30 Divine Liturgy. Watch upcoming bulletins for additional information.

■ **Seminary Choir Performance** – The Orientale Lumen Foundation has announced that the third Seminary Concert Tour will take place on September 11 through October 2 at Byzantine Catholic parishes and other venues throughout the Northeast. The choir includes 16 seminarians from the Blessed Theodore Romzha Seminary in Uzhorod, Transcarpa-

thia, Ukraine, who will present a two-hour concert of sacred music, both plain chant and choral arrangements, in Church Slavonic.

Locally, the choir will perform at Epiphany Parish’s Slavic-American Day on September 11; at St. Gregory of Nyssa Byzantine Catholic Church on Thursday, September 29, at 7 p.m.; at St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral in Washington, D.C., on Friday, September 30; at the Basilica of the National Shrine on Saturday, October 1 (a.m. Liturgy) and at Epiphany Church (p.m. concert); and again at Epiphany Church on Sunday, October 2 (a.m. Liturgy).

Visit www.olfoundation.net for more information or see the latest edition of *Eastern Catholic Life*.

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

Divine Liturgy Schedule

July 31	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
August 7	Mother of God School 10 a.m. [Blessing of First Fruits]
August 14	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
August 15	[Dormition of the Theotokos and Blessing of Flowers, Herbs, and Medicines] (TBD)
August 21	Mother of God School 10 a.m.

Announcements

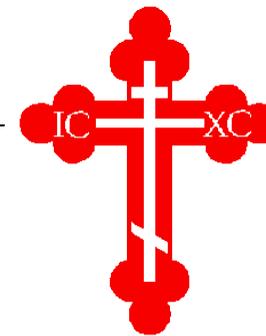
■ **Today’s Liturgy Intention** – Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered for the good intentions of the members of our Mission Community. *Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na v’iki!*

■ **Today’s Commemorations** – Today is the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. On this date, July 31, the Byzantine Catholic Church commemorates the Holy and Righteous Eudocimus, who lived in the reign of Theodophilus the Iconoclast Emperor.

St. Eudocimus concerned himself with the unfortunate, and with orphans and widows. He was a defender of the common people. His personal Christian exploits, which he did in secret, were known only to God. St. Eudocimus is considered by the Russian Church to be one of the special protectors and intercessors before God of the family hearth.

Today is also the pre-festive day of the Procession of the Venerable and Life-Creating Cross, which is always commemorated on August 1. It is the first of the three “Feasts of the Savior” in August. (The second is the great feast day of the Transfiguration, and the third is the Translation of the Image Not-Made-by-Hands on August 16.)

It became a tradition to carry the wood of the Venerable Cross through the streets of Constantinople for the sanctification of the city starting in the beginning of August. This was done because at that time illnesses were more common in August. On the eve of the feast, it was taken out of the imperial treasury and laid upon the altar of the Great Church of Hagia Sophia. From this Feast until the Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, they carried the relic of the Cross throughout the city in procession, offering it to the people to venerate.



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

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

St. Eudocimus, Venerable

Prefestive of the Procession of the Holy Cross

July 31, 2016

Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 2 (p. 130)

Troparion of the Cross — Tone 1 (p.254)

Kontakion of the Resurrection — Tone 2 (p. 130)

Prokiemenon — Tone 2 (p. 132)

Epistle: **1 Corinthians 9:2-12**

Alleluia — Tone 2 (p. 132)

Gospel: **Matthew 18:23-35**

Communion Hymn “F” (p. 81) and of the Cross (p.258)

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 Tworkoski.
- 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.
- Joseph Repasi.

SPECIAL INTENTION

- Elizabeth Basarab.
- Fr. Francis Martin.
- Sally Pekarik.



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

■ **Dormition Fast and Feast** — The fourth of four fasting periods during the liturgical year of the Byzantine Church begins Monday, 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 Dormition 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 August, the last month of the Byzantine Church Year, we prepare in advance 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.

■ **Day of Penance** — Friday, August 5, is a day of simple abstinence in the Byzantine Church. One may abstain from meat or perform an appropriate act of penance.

■ **Food Pantry** — Remember 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, which is always in

great need of nonperishable foods, baby food and supplies, and personal hygiene items. Hunger never takes a vacation or holiday.

■ **Social Hour** — Unless otherwise indicated, there will be no social hour following Divine Liturgy until after Labor Day weekend.

Upcoming

■ **Blessing of First Fruits** — In commemoration of the Holy Transfiguration of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ on August 6, there will be the blessing of first fruits of the harvest next Sunday, August 7. You are invited to bring fruits of the harvest for blessing and sharing, especially grapes and apples.

■ **Blessing of Flowers, Herbs & Medicines** — In commemoration of the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Most Holy Theotokos on August 15, there will be a blessing of flowers, herbs, and medicines at the Divine Liturgy. **Please note upcoming bulletins for exact date and time for this Divine Liturgy and blessing.** This feast is a day of precept (obligation) for all Byzantine Catholics.

■ **Uniontown Pilgrimage** — This year will mark the 82nd year for the Annual Our Lady of Perpetual Help Pilgrimage (*otrust*) at Mount St. Marina, which will be held this coming Labor Day weekend in Uniontown, Pa. Visit www.sistersofstbasil.org or see the latest edition of *Eastern Catholic Life* for more information.

Last Week's Liturgy

July 24, 2016

Attendance: 34 Souls