

■ **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, Transcarpathia, 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 Septem-

ber 11; at St. Gregory of Nyssa Byzantine Catholic Church, Beltsville, on Thursday, September 29, at 7 p.m.; at St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral in Washington, D.C., on Friday, September 30; at Patronage of the Mother of God, Baltimore, on Saturday, October 1 (11 a.m. Liturgy) and at Epiphany Church (afternoon 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*.

Watch future bulletins for updated details about this and other concerts and liturgical events in the greater Washington area.

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

<i>Divine Liturgy Schedule</i>	
August 15	Dormition of the Theotokos (TBD)
August 21	Mother of God School 10 a.m.
August 28	Mother of God School 10 a.m.

<i>Liturgy Propers</i>
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Prefestive Day of the Dormition
The Holy Prophet Micha
Translation of the Relics of Our Father Theodosius, Hegumen of Pecherskaja Lavra
August 14, 2016
Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Troparion of the Resurrection — Tone 4 (p. 141)
Prefestive Troparion of the Dormition — Tone 4 (p.351)
Prefestive Kontakion of the Dormition — Tone 4 (p. 351)
Prokiemenon — Tone 4 (p. 142)
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 16:13-24
Alleluia — Tone 4 (p. 142)
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42
Communion Hymn “E” (p. 81)
Fr. Lee Gross, Celebrant
<small>[PAGE NUMBERS REFERENCE GREEN LITURGY BOOK]</small>

Announcements

■ **Today’s Liturgy Intention** – Today’s Divine Liturgy is offered by Rick Neimiller for the peace, health, and happiness of his mother, Mary Hartle Neimiller, on the occasion of her 95th birthday. May God grant His servant, Mary, many blessed years. *Mnohaja l’ita!*

■ **Today’s Commemorations** – Today is the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost. It is also the prefestive day of the Feast of the Dormition (Falling Asleep) of the Theotokos, which is celebrated annually on August 15.

Considered to be our Lady’s greatest feast, this commemoration dates to Ephesus in the first century. Among the Slavs, it is marked by the traditional blessing of flowers, herbs, and medicines. Also remembered in prayer are all those in health care and services and their dedication to protecting human life from conception until natural death.

Holy tradition holds that God could not allow the body of the Theotokos, the flesh that had given Christ flesh, to know corruption, so the angels came to bring Mary to heaven with her body.

On this date, August 14, the Byzantine Church commemorates St Micha, one of the 12 Minor Prophets, of the stock of Ephrem, and the contemporary of the Prophet Isaisa. Also commemorated is the Translation of the Relics of our Venerable Father Theodosius, Hegumen-Abbot, which took place in A.D. 1091.

“Translation” in this context means the removal of holy objects from one locality (such as a tomb) to another (usually a reliquary in a church or cathedral). Translations took different forms, including all-night vigils, and the carrying of the precious remains in a bier of gold or silver, overshadowed with silken canopies.

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 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

- 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 Blessing** – As is our tradition for the Feast of the Dormition, we will bless flowers, herbs, and medicines at the end of today's Divine Liturgy.

■ **Dormition Fast** – The fourth of four fasting periods during the liturgical year of the Byzantine Church ends today, 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.

■ **Day of Penance** – Friday, August 19, 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 pro-

Last Week's Liturgy

August 7, 2016

Attendance: 26 Souls

gram, 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.

Upcoming

Middle Eastern Food Festival – Holy Transfiguration Melkite-Greek Catholic Church in McLean, Virginia, will once again hold its food festival over Labor Day weekend. Visit <http://holytransfiguration.net> and click on the Calendar & Events tab located near the top of the home page.

■ **Uniontown Pilgrimage** – This year will mark the 82nd year for the Annual Our Lady of Perpetual Help Pilgrimage (*otput*) 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.

■ **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.

We Are Back On The Air!

The website for our Mission Community is now back online at...

www.eolmission.org

Spread the Good Word!

(Note that newer photos are still to be uploaded.)