

Liturgy Propers

Sunday of the Prodigal Son Leave-Taking of the Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon and Anna

February 9, 2020

[Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom]

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CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS

Divine Liturgy Schedule

- Feb. 16...** Sunday of Meatfare
Mother of God School
10 a.m.
- Feb. 23...** Sunday of Cheesefare
Mother of God School
10 a.m.
- Feb. 24...** [First Full Day of the Great Fast]
- March 1...** 1st Sunday of Great Fast /
Orthodoxy Sunday /
Blessing of the Holy
Images
Mother of God School
10 a.m.

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new names, please contact the Parish Office during office hours. Hramoty envelops must have been received on or before February 5 to be remembered at all five All Souls Saturdays.

■ **The Great Fast** – The first full day of the Great Fast is Monday, February 24. At the close of Divine Liturgy on Sunday, February 23 (Cheesefare Sunday), we will pray the Rite of Forgiveness, during which we ask for forgiveness from one another. Cheesefare Sunday is also known as Forgiveness Sunday.

God With Us

✠ ONLINE ✠

■ **God with Us Online** – The spring schedule of Adult Faith and Spiritual Enrichment is now available.

The first offering is “Great Lent: A Spiritual Journey to Pascha” is offered by Fr. David Anderson. The online sessions are Wednesdays (Feb. 26, and March 4, 11, and 18 from 8-9 p.m.)

Using Fr. Alexander Schmemmann’s *Great Lent* as a text, we will examine the liturgies of the Great Fast to more deeply experience and benefit from them.

All courses are offered as live webinars and are free of charge. Please go to www.easterncatholic.org/events to register.

Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner!

The Jesus Prayer



Glory to Jesus
Christ!
Glory forever!

Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava na v'iki!

Announcements

■ **Today's Divine Liturgy Intention** – Today's Liturgy is offered by Andy Haba for the blessed repose of Anthony Spin. *Vičnaja jemu pamjat.*

“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

– Revelation 21:4 (NKJV / OSB)

■ **Sunday of the Prodigal Son** – Today in the Byzantine Church is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son, the third of our five pre-Lenten Sundays.

Our Gospel lesson presents us with a young man who, against his father's advice, had taken all of his possessions, wasted them through foolishness, resorted to tending pigs in order to make a living, and found himself sharing the food they refused to eat.

Today, we are challenged to come to ourselves



and see what we must do in order to return to the house of God our Father. Jesus Christ assures us beyond all doubt that our heavenly Father will run to greet us. He will come and kiss us and, with great jubilation, open up the eternal festival of His Kingdom to us. But, we must first see ourselves

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Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church



Montgomery County 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

- Ron Pytel.
- Lou Shanks.
- Rosemary Chisarick.
- Doris and Rich Fejka.

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- Delores Moldowan.
- 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.
- Lucy Fontenot.
- Patricia Minihane.
- Brother Joseph Comber, CFX.

SPECIAL INTENTION

- Elizabeth Basarab.
- Sally Pekarik.
- 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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as we are, see what we must do, and return home to our Father.

■ **Saint Nicephorus, Martyr** — On this date, February 9, the Byzantine Church commemorates St. Nicephorus, who lived in the city of Syrian Antioch. In this city lived also the presbyter Sappricius, with whom Nicephorus was very friendly, so that they were considered as brothers. They quarreled because of some disagreement, and their former love changed into enmity and hate.

After a certain time Nicephorus came to his senses, repented of his sin and more than once asked Sappricius, through mutual friends, to forgive him. Sappricius, however, did not wish to forgive him. Nicephorus then went to his former friend and fervently asked forgiveness, but Sappricius was adamant.

At this time the emperors Valerian (A.D. 253-259) and Gallius (A.D. 260-268) began to persecute Christians, and one of the first brought before the court was the priest Sappricius. He firmly confessed himself a Christian, underwent tortures for his faith, and was condemned to death by beheading with a sword. As they led Sappricius to execution, Nicephorus tearfully implored his forgiveness saying, "O martyr of Christ, forgive me if I have sinned against you in any way."

The priest Sappricius remained stubborn, and even as he approached death he refused to forgive his fellow Christian. Seeing the hardness of his heart, the Lord withdrew His blessing from Sappricius, and would not let him receive the crown of martyrdom. At the last moment, he suddenly became afraid of death and agreed to offer sacrifice to idols. In vain did St.

Nicephorus urge Sappricius not to lose his reward through apostasy, since he already stood on the threshold of the heavenly Kingdom. St. Nicephorus then said to the executioner, "I am a Christian, and I believe in our Lord Jesus Christ. Execute me in place of Sappricius."

The executioners reported this to the governor, who decided to free Sappricius and behead Nicephorus. Thus did St. Nicephorus inherit the Kingdom and receive a martyr's crown.

■ **Abstinence** — 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 prayer of charitable works.

■ **All Souls Hramoty** — There are five All Souls Saturdays during the liturgical year of the Byzantine Church on which we pray the Divine Liturgy and remember our faithful departed by name.

The first All Souls Saturday this year is February 15. If you wish to add any names to the list of persons remembered in your family, known as "diptychs" or "hramoty," please use the appropriate envelop in your offertory envelope box. Place the envelope in the Sunday collection with the list of names you wish to add along with your offering for their remembrance.

New members should list the members of those they wish remembered on the reverse side of the envelop. It is also permissible to simply list "all the departed of the (your family name) family" rather than each person by name. If you wish to update, delete, or add

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