

Liturgy Propers

Commemoration of the Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise

Cheesefare Sunday

The First and Second Findings of the
Head of the Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John
February 23, 2020

[Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom]

Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 4 (p. 141)

Troparion of the Forerunner – Tone 4

Kontakion of Cheesefare – Tone 6 (p. 218)

Prokeimenon of Cheesefare – Tone 8 (p. 219)

EPISTLE: Romans 13:11-14:4

Alleluia of Cheesefare – Tone 6 (p. 219)

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:14-21

Communion Hymn (pp. 78)

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CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS

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

Divine Liturgy Schedule

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.
March 8...	Second Sunday of the Great Fast Mother of God School 10 a.m.

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and are free of charge. Please go to
www.easterncatholic.org/events to register.

■ **Byzantine Catholic Convention** – The
Byzantine Catholic Convention will be held at
St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Pittsburgh
from Nov. 12 through Nov. 14, 2020. It is an
event primarily for the leaders and members
of the Byzantine Catholic Church for the pur-
pose of prayer, and mission as a national body
of Eastern Catholics

The theme for the 2020 Convention is
Growing a Vibrant Byzantine Church, during
which talks and workshops will be offered on
ways to grow as missionary disciples to help
cultivate vibrant parishes, monasteries, mis-
sions, outreaches and apostolates where Christ
is encountered and worshipped! Sign up for
updates at byzantineconvention.com Registra-
tion opens March 1.

■ **Divine Liturgy Broadcasts** – St. John the
Baptist Cathedral in Pittsburgh streams live
broadcasts of their weekend liturgies (5 p.m.
Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday) for those people
who unable to leave their homes, but still wish
to participate in Divine Liturgy. Details can be
found at www.stjohnsbyzantinecathedral.com

Update: Warfield Property

February 9, Jack McLaurin met with Fr. Jack, Deacon Peter,
and Jamie Bacigalupi (Parish Office Assistant) at the Warfield
Road property to review plans for reconfiguring the sitting room
to provide for a chapel. That morning several trees had fallen.
The property service was called and responded. While they
were there, Fr. John signed a proposal for cutting and moving
the affected trees. In addition, the Forest Conservation Exemp-
tion and \$200 filing fee has been filed with the county, and the
Sediment Control Plan and Stormwater Management Concept
and Exemption is being prepared.



Glory to Jesus
Christ!
Glory forever!

Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava na v'iki!

Announcements

■ **Today's Divine Liturgy Intention** – Today's
Divine Liturgy is offered by Ron Pytel for the
blessed repose of +John Jeffrey (Jeff) Sesok. May his
memory be eternal. *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)

■ **Forgiveness Sunday** – Today in the Byzantine
Church is Forgiveness Sunday, the last of the pre -
lenten Sundays. We observe it also as the Commemo-
ration of the Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Para-
dise by contemplating our separation from God, our
own expulsion from paradise. This Sunday is also
known as Cheesefare Sunday, for, by tradition, no
dairy products were eaten after sundown today until
Pascha.

Today's services continually resound the theme
of our separation from God as recorded in *Matthew*
6:14-21. We find ourselves cast out of paradise, sitting
in darkness and apart from God Who is the source of
Life and Light. We are weeping, We desire forgiv-
ness. We seek mercy. And so we must ourselves for-
give and be merciful.

At the close of today's Divine Liturgy, we pray
the Rite of Forgiveness, during which we ask for for-
giveness from one another. The whole of the Great
Fast, as the whole of life, is a movement toward res-

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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 Freder-
ick County, and adjoining areas.

We celebrate our faith...

in a diverse community. We welcome all, regard-
less 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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urrection in paradise. We may enter in only if God forgives us our sins. And God will forgive us only if we forgive others. With forgiveness not only in mind, but in action, we enter the season of the Great Fast.

At the close of Divine Liturgy today, we will pray the Rite of Forgiveness, during which we ask for forgiveness from one another.

■ **Also Commemorated** — On February 24, the Byzantine Church usually commemorates the First and Second findings of the head of St. John the Baptist. Because the beginning of the Great Fast this year falls on the same day, this commemoration is transferred to today, February 23.

■ **Fasting Directives** — All who receive Communion in the Eparchy of Passaic are required to abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays of Great Lent. All adults who receive are required to abstain from meat, eggs, and milk products on the first day of Great Fast (Monday, February 24) and on Holy and Great Friday (April 10). Note that these are minimum requirements; however, the faithful are encouraged to do more.

Pastors and administrators may, for just cause, grant to the individual faithful and to individual families dispensations or commutations of the fasting rules into pious practices.

■ **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 was 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 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.

■ **Holy Images Blessing** — As is our tradition, we will bless personal icons and other religious items on the First Sunday of the Great Fast, March 1, also known as the Sunday of Orthodoxy (True Worship), which marks the restoration of the icons to the churches on March 11, 843, following the suppression of the Iconoclastic heresy.

■ **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

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