



Liturgy Propers

Second Sunday of the Great Fast

[Memory of St. Gregory Palamas]

Theophylact, Venerable Father and Confessor

March 8, 20208

[Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great]

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CELEBRANT: FR. LEE GROSS

Divine Liturgy Schedule

March 15... **Third Sunday of the Great Fast / Veneration of the Holy Cross**
➔ **Our Lady's Chapel / Goshen House**
10 a.m.

March 22 **Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast / Memory of St. John Climacus**
Mother of God School
10 a.m.

■ **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

■ **Eastern Catholic Radio** – Eastern Catholic Radio is a 24/7 internet radio station broadcast through Live365.com. Progaming consists of continuous Eastern Christian Church music and selections from Western Christianity. We also broadcast daily prayers, church services, sermons, podcasts, inspirational talk radio, and lectures. Lecture series produced by OLTV and Eastern Christian Publications are heard daily as well as “Light of the East,” featuring Father Thomas Loya.

Listen to Eastern Catholic Radio through the free *Live365 app* or on your computer or smartphone at www.eastern_catholic/broadcasting.com or Live365.com.

■ **Food Pantry** – 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, is always in need of nonperishable foods, baby food and supplies, and personal hygiene items.

Bishop's Appeal

Our Montgomery County Mission exceeded its goal of \$6,000 with a final total of \$6,820.08. Because we have met our goal, we will receive a reversion of 40% of the \$6,000.

Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver. God can multiply his favors among you so that you may always have enough of everything and even surplus for good works (Phil. 4: 19).



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 Joni and Vince Kovalick for the blessed repose of +Dick and +Irene Danko. May their memory be eternal. *Vičnaja pamjať.*

“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)

■ **Today's Commemoration** – Today is the Second Sunday of the Great Fast. Originally St. Polycarp was commemorated on this Sunday. Now, Eastern Orthodox and some Byzantine Catholic Churches dedicate this Sunday to a major figure in fourteenth century Byzantium, St. Gregory Palamas, a monk, archbishop, and eminent theologian.

Once again we reassured, as we contemplate this man and reflect on his teachings, that we can attain salvation and behold the “Light of Wisdom” by becoming “partakers of the divine nature” (2 Peter 1:4).

St. Gregory Palamas clearly teaches that, by cooperating with the God, who makes all things possible, we can attain eternal life. Thus, our lenten efforts are confirmed, our resolve is strengthened, our frustrations at the end of the second week are overcome, and we are filled once more with the light of hope.

■ **Also Commemorated** – On this date, March 8, the Byzantine Church commemorates our Venerable

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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 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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Father and Confessor Theophylact, Bishop of Nicodemia, who was a disciple of Tharasius. He defended the veneration of icons and statues of saints. Theophylact died during a 30-year exile A.D. 845 in the reign of Emperor Michael II.

■ **The Great Fast Has Begun** – The Great Fast (Lent in the Western Church) for the Byzantine Church symbolizes the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the desert, while the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (celebrated on lenten Wednesdays and Fridays) is the fulfillment of the promise of manna.

In the Great Fast, we also imitate Jesus our Lord, Who fasted for 40 days in the desert following His baptism. Because the Feast of Pascha was also the time for baptisms, so the Great Fast was a time of preparation for baptism. Our observance of the Great Fast, therefore, is our renewal of our baptismal fervor.

The Great Fast for Byzantine Catholics is marked by abstaining from all meat and milk products on the first full day of the fast. In addition, during the Great Fast, all Wednesdays and Fridays are days of fasting from meat and meat products. Holy and Great Friday is also a day of fasting from meat and dairy products. Fasting/abstinence requirements may be mitigated for reasons of health and/or age. Please contact Fr. John at Epiphany Parish Office if you have questions or concerns.

■ **Lenten Services** – There are no Lenten services scheduled for our mission except Solemn Vespers for Holy and Great Friday. Please avail yourself of services at Epiphany-Annandale (see schedule in bulletin) or St. Gregory of Nyssa in Beltsville (call 301-953-9323). Also

note that Epiphany-Annandale serves meatless meals on the Fridays of the Great Fast from 5-7 p.m., prior to the praying of Presanctified Liturgy at 7:30 p.m. No meals are served on Holy and Great Friday.

■ **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 (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.

■ **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 purpose 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, missions, outreaches and apostolates where Christ is encountered and worshipped!

Sign up for updates at byzantineconvention.com Registration opened March 1.