



# ΕΠΙΦΑΝΙΑ OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church

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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!	March 12, 2017	Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
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## DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

### SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Mar. 12 Sun.	8:00 AM	Intention of Parishioners
	10:30 AM	+William Semanco by David Semanco Family

### THIRD WEEK OF THE GREAT FAST

Mar. 15 Wed.	7:30 PM	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Mar. 17 Fri.	7:30 PM	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

### Third All Souls Saturday

Mar. 18 Sat.	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy and Remembrance of the Departed
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### THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Mar. 19 Sun.	8:00 AM	Intention of Parishioners
	10:30 AM	+Julia Hancher by Epiphany Men's Club

### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – March 19, 2017

Mar. 19 Sun.	8:00 AM	C. Susco (L), J. Jaimes, J. O'Leary, P. O'Leary
	10:30 AM	T. Clark (L), James Hughes, D. Naccash, J. Naccash

### USHER SCHEDULE – March 19, 2017

Mar. 19 Sun.	8:00 AM	BCY
	10:30 AM	R. Bass (L), E. Gubanich, J. Naccash

## ΕΠΙΦΑΝΙΑ OF OUR LORD Byzantine Catholic Church

### The Sacraments – Our Life in Christ

**Mysteries (Sacraments) of Initiation** - (Baptism, Chrismation, Holy Eucharist). We follow the command of the Lord to baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19). Chrismation (Confirmation) and Holy Eucharist (First Holy Communion) is imparted at the same time immediately following baptism

**Mysteries (Sacraments) of Initiation of Infants** – is scheduled at the Divine Liturgy on Saturdays or Sundays during the year except certain fast periods. Sponsors must be Catholics in good standing and supply a sponsor card attesting to that from their parish. While two Catholics in good standing is usual, one baptized non-Catholic can function as a Christian Witness with the Catholic sponsor. Both must be at least sixteen years of age. Details are available at the parish office.

**Mysteries (Sacraments) of Initiation of Adults** – follows a period of catechuminate. This is a period of spiritual formation. Please see the priest or deacon.

**Mystery (Sacrament) of Crowning in Marriage** – According to the Pastoral Policy and Guidelines for Marriage Preparation for the Catholic Church in New Jersey, couples wishing to marry must inform the pastor one year before the date of the wedding and be free to marry in the Catholic Church. Couples will meet with the priest and deacon in four sessions – to begin the pre-nuptial investigation, to take FOCCUS, a communications, values and religious inventory approved for use in the Catholic dioceses/eparchies, to complete the pre-nuptial investigation and for a session on the theology of the mystery (sacrament). They are also required to attend Pre-Cana or Engaged Encounter.

**Mystery (Sacrament) of Repentance** – The Mystery (Sacrament) of Repentance is regularly available each Saturday 11:30 AM – 12:00 Noon. In addition, confessions are heard during the Christmas Fast (Advent) and the Great Fast (Lent) on Sundays between the Divine Liturgies. Visiting confessors are also scheduled at special times during the Great Fast. Confessions are also heard on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Great and Holy Week to prepare for the observance of the Lord's Resurrection.

**Anointing of the Sick** – Parishioners who are seriously ill and those with life endangering medical conditions as well as those who are to undergo surgery should avail themselves of the sacrament of penance and anointing of the sick. If surgery is scheduled, please consider confession and anointing at the church before entering the hospital since there is more privacy for confession and less chance of interruption for confession and anointing. If you are unable to come to church, please call the rectory. Families of parishioners who have a medical emergency should contact the rectory office so one of the priests can go the hospital.

**Holy Communion and Visitation of the Sick** – Holy Communion is brought to our parishioners who are ill at the hospital or at home by the deacon on Sundays and at other times by arrangement. Please contact the deacon or the rectory office by Friday prior to the Sunday communion visitation.

**Funeral Services** – The Office of Christian Burial is offered in ways to accommodate the needs of the family. The Epiphany Ladies Guild as part of their charity offers a Mercy Meal for families at the Parish Center following the interment. Epiphany of our Lord cemetery is a portion of Fairfax Memorial Park. Parishioners who are interested in purchasing cemetery plots should see the deacon.

**Byzantine Catholic Mission of Montgomery County** – Divine Liturgy: Sunday 10:00 AM; Religious Education & Social Hour 11:15 – 12:15; 20501 Goshen Road, Gaithersburg, MD; (301) 482-0282.

### Parish Administration

*“The Church is not an organization with sacraments but a sacrament with organization.”*

#### Parish Clergy

Very Rev. John G. Basarab, Pastor  
Deacon Elmer Pekarik, Deacon Peter Turko

#### Parish Office Staff

Jamie Bacigalupi, Administrative Assistant  
Diane Dougherty, Financial Assistant

#### Parish Council of Administration

Emil Koval, Greg Puhak, Sally Green

**Parish Office Hours:** 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday – Friday  
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Sunday

**School of Religion** – School of Religion classes meet on Sundays between Liturgies (9:20 AM – 10:20 AM) throughout the school year (September – June). Classes are offered for children grades Preschool & Kindergarten – High School.

**Bulletin** – Bulletin announcements should be submitted in writing by 12:00 Noon Wednesday afternoon for the upcoming Sunday. Announcements may be dropped off in the Parish Office, faxed to the office (703-573-1088 or email to [epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net](mailto:epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net)).

**Registration** – Individuals who wish to register in the Parish should stop by the

Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Annandale, VA

<http://www.eolbcc.org>

Epiphany of Our Lord does not conduct pastoral business on the website email.

## EPARCHIAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bishop's Appeal 2016.** The parish goal for the church is \$19,800 as last year. Also, as last year if the parish reaches the goal it will receive a reversion of 40% of donations sent to the chancery. To date, 73 families and one organization have contributed \$19,460 toward our goal. We are only \$340 short of our goal for 2016. Through your generosity the parish reversions from recent Appeals have provided for necessary repairs and maintenance. The reversion from the 2015 Appeal was \$7,932.40. There was an error in the accounting in funds available toward the boiler fund. The current funds available towards the purchase of the new boiler is \$24,521.40. The latest estimate for replacement of the boiler is \$45,257.00. Thank you for your generosity!

**Attention HS Students.** Would you like to have a college formation that is "friendly" and supportive to your identity as a Catholic? Please consider these universities and colleges.

1-Christendom College, a Catholic, four-year, Liberal Arts College located in Front Royal, Virginia. Pre college summer programs available three weeks in June and three in July. Register on-line at [www.christendom.edu/experience](http://www.christendom.edu/experience) and we offer financial assistance to anyone who requests it. Interested High School Juniors, please take a pamphlet from the bulletin board in Epiphany narthex.

2-Marymount University, Arlington, Virginia offers an extraordinary private college education where 83% of students receive financial aid or scholarships. Academic programs are also offered in nation's fastest growing careers: nursing, physical therapy, criminal justice and business. Senior visit day is March 26. Visit [Marymount.edu/Visit](http://Marymount.edu/Visit).

3- Mt. St. Mary University, Emmitsburg, Maryland, the second oldest Catholic University in the United States. 99% of full-time students are receiving some form of financial aid. 30 Majors and 38 minors. It is fitting that the

nation's second oldest Catholic University provide opportunities to cultivate a spiritual life on the campus where a saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, lived through RadiateChrist Center for Campus Ministry. The university is open to students of all faiths. See and learn about the Mount in 120 minutes! The Mount preview event is March 18 and April 29. Register today – [www.msmary.edu/CathHerald](http://www.msmary.edu/CathHerald).  
4-The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, is unique as the national university chartered by the United States Catholic Bishops in 1887 committed to being an American and Catholic institution of higher learning, faithful to the teachings of Jesus Christ as handed on by the Church. We are a Catholic university open to students of all religious traditions. For Catholics, what you will find at the university is to be faithfully Catholic is a cause of great joy! We offer 60 undergraduate programs in 12 schools as well as first rate research opportunities and studies at the Rome, Italy Center of the Catholic University and the Australian Catholic University. We are here to help you identify your passion, choose a major and take advantage of the myriad academic opportunities available to you here. While we will help you in those areas our higher goal is to aid you in the development of the "Catholic Mind", one that understands your true calling, being all that God desires for you. We have several ways for you to experience CUA like Cardinal Preview Days, Cardinal Classroom Days, Odyssey Day, Information Session and Campus Tour. Come to [www.cua.edu](http://www.cua.edu) for a virtual tour. Eight out of ten full-time students receive financial aid which is based on need and academic potential-we're here to help you call

Second Sunday of the Great Fast

## COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

- Byzantine Spirituality
- Bishop's Appeal
- Bible Study
- Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts - every Wednesday and Friday during the Great Fast
- Fasting Regulations for this week
- Lenten Dinners
- Pussy Willows Needed
- Catholic Colleges Preview

### EMC BINGO

03/14/17 Team B

03/21/17 Team C

03/28/17 Team D

04/04/17 Team A

<http://EMCBINGO.com>

March 12, 2017

## TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations–March 5, 2017

Adults	\$3,263.00
Children	\$7.97
Building Fund	\$660.00
School of Religion	\$21.00
Candles	\$70.00
Flowers	\$5.00
Holy Days	\$10.00
Boiler	\$10.00
ECL	\$24.00
Byzantine Missions	\$470.00
St. Nicholas	\$101.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,641.97</b>

*"In generous spirit pay homage to the Lord, be not sparing of freewill gifts." (Sirach 35:7)*

## LITURGY AND LIFE

**Prayer Intentions.** Please remember in prayer: Michael Mikulak, David Sayen, Mary McDonnell, Justine Ferrari, Julia Zdynak, Louis Shanks, Peter Wegman, Robert Hencken, Caroline Zurun, Mary Beth Vieira and Robert Esser. Please pray for these friends and relatives of parishioners: Shirley Anne Markham, Jeffrey Mikulak, Francine O'Leary, Russell Plasha, Tim O'Leary, Joanne Gaudino, Patricia Delfine, Rev. Joseph Jugan, Steven Goula, Fr. Phillip Scott, Mary Jewette, Luke Kolar, Fr. Conan Timoney, Eileen Gray, Bernadette Strate, Karen Baine, James Seman, Hank Kowalski, father of Greg Kowalski, and Jean Figel, mother of Jack Figel.

**Prayers for our Parishioners.** The particular law of the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church directs: "The pastor is to celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish entrusted to him on Sundays and days of precept [holy days of obligation]" (canon 294). This liturgy intention for all parishioners is "For the intention of our Parishioners." The faithful who attend the Divine Liturgy for the parishioners participate, according to their state, in praying for that intention. We can continue this prayer for one another during the week by remembering several parishioners and families each week. Please remember this Paula Poskon and Michael Graham, Nancy Potter, Tina Pounds & Family, Jane Powanda and Daryl Morris, Robert and Judith Prochko, David and Gayle Prokopchak & Family, John and Dolores Procopchak, and from the Mission, Daniel and Barbara Spinder & Family.

**All Souls Saturdays.** There are five All Souls Saturdays during the liturgical year when we pray the Divine Liturgy and remember our faithful departed by name. The third one is this Saturday, March 18. This year, however, there are only four All Souls Saturdays appointed because the feast of the Annunciation falls on the date of the fourth All Souls Saturday and the typicon directs that the remembrance of the departed is omitted because of the great feast of God the Son being enfleshed or incarnate.

**Triodion in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent.** The Triodion is the Lenten prayer book, which began to be utilized on the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee. Today, the Second Sunday of the Fast, was originally a commemoration of Saint Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, a disciple of Saint John the Apostle. Saint Polycarp's feast day is February 23<sup>rd</sup>, the day on which, according to the work contemporary with his death *Martyrdom*, Polycarp was martyred. We have Polycarp's *Epistle to the Philippians*. In his epistle we see Polycarp's plain style and powerful way of exhortation: "To deny that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is to be the Antichrist. To contradict the evidence of the Cross is to be of the devil. And to pervert the Lord's own words to suit our own wishes, by asserting there are no things as resurrection or judgment, is to be a first-begotten son of Satan." St. Polycarp demonstrates for us that the Faith we received was handed on from the Apostles to the first generation believers like Polycarp who were faithful to death and from them all the way to us. However, Churches which follow the Greek Recension books, and not the Ruthenian Recension books, also

commemorate Saint Gregory Palamas on this Sunday. During the third week of the Great Fast the account from Genesis is read of the story of Noah and the Great Flood and the salvation in the Ark which is a foreshadowing of our Baptism by which we are saved and are made passengers on the Boat of Peter, the Church. The hymns of the third week make us admit to have committed sins and to identify ourselves with the prodigal son and with the publican. Then the hymns encourage us to change: "Let us cleanse ourselves by fasting and prayer, and serve God through acts of mercy to the poor." In this way, we are being readied to see the Cross of Christ about to be placed before us next Sunday and be moved by that spectacle to ask Christ for forgiveness and the strength to amend our lives.

**Condolences.** We offer our condolences to George Mocharko upon the death of his mother, Linda Mocharko, who passed away March 4<sup>th</sup>. The funeral was yesterday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from Epiphany of our Lord Church. May God grant His departed servant, +Linda, peaceful repose. Vičnaja jej pamjat'.

**Fasting Regulations.** Wednesdays and Fridays during the Great Fast are days of abstinence in which no meat products are permitted. Wednesdays are fast days because Judas betrayed the Lord on a Wednesday and we fast for the times we betrayed the Lord by our sins. Fridays are Days of Fast, because every Friday is a weekly Great Friday when Christ's Faithful join Him in His saving sufferings and life-giving death on our behalf.

**Lamp and Light.** During the Great Fast, Lamp and Light Bible Study with Deacon Peter is not meeting on Wednesday evenings because of Presanctified Liturgy. Instead, participants are doing home study of the two of Old Testament books read at Vespers and Presanctified, Genesis and Proverbs. Use the church wall calendar for the daily reading from Genesis Proverbs and then go to [www.agapebiblestudy.com](http://www.agapebiblestudy.com) for the study text.

Deacon Peter and your fellow parishioners who are participants invite you to join them during the Great Fast by following along at home.

**Lamp and Light Facts.** The Septuagint Old Testament as published by Oxford University Press can be read on-line at [ccat.sas.upen.edu/nets/edition](http://ccat.sas.upen.edu/nets/edition). The Septuagint means "seventy" and is usually abbreviated LXX. The received tradition is that Ptolemy II requested a translation of the Hebrew Bible for his famous Library of Alexandria, Egypt. Seventy Jewish scholars labored on this work to translate the Old Testament from Hebrew to koine Greek. This was the Bible of the early Christians and most times when the evangelists quote the Old Testament, they quote the Septuagint rather than from the Hebrew original text. Modern Catholic English versions of the Old Testament are translated from Hebrew, but the Orthodox Church still uses the Septuagint. The scriptural quotations from the psalms in the 2007 English Divine Liturgy were checked against the koine Greek Septuagint.

**Sacraments of Initiation.** We welcome into the Mystical Body of Christ John Francis Braunlich, Son of Stephen and Alexandra Braunlich, baptized, chrismated and communicated on Saturday, March 4, 2017. May God grant John Francis a pure Profession of Faith all the days of his life. Mnohaja l'ita!

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Epiphany Men's Club Breakfast.** Epiphany Men's Club will sponsor breakfast next Sunday, March 19th, in the parish Center between the Divine Liturgies. All parishioners are invited to attend.

**Chairs for Parishioners!** Need extra chairs around the family dinner table for those special events like Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas? With the new chairs purchased by the Ladies Guild, the time has come to move some of our older items out of the Epiphany inventory of more than 850 chairs! Parishioners

looking for an extra chair or two for those special events are invited to pick out and add to their personal inventory on Sunday, March 19, between Liturgies and immediately after second Liturgy. We will be giving away the older "all-metal" painted chairs used since our Founding. If you're in need of extra chairs, stop by the Chapel Basement March 19 from 9:30 to 10:30 am and after 11:30 am to claim up to five chairs (you'll be put on a waiting list if you need more).

**Lenten Dinners!** With the beginning of the Great Fast comes Lenten dinners, the six Fridays of Great Fast, excluding Good Friday. Desserts are needed each week. Create your favorite dessert and bring it to share. Please list the ingredients and put it in the walk-in refrigerator.

**Lenten Dinners Parking.** Carousel Day Care has six designated parking spaces for child drop off and pickup. The exclusive use of these parking spaces is part of the rental agreement between Epiphany of Our Lord and Carousel Day Care. Please do not park in these parking spaces, which are clearly marked, until close of the day care business day at 6:30 PM.

**Pussy Willows.** Some parts of the northeast and the Midwest are claiming that because of some warmer than average winter temperatures the pussy willows are beginning to bud. Those parishioners who have pussy willows and supply them for our parish to use for Palm Sunday are asked to check your plants for any sign of budding. The news story stated that the correct way to cut them is to wait until almost all the branches have budded and before the buds go green to cut them. They should then be stored in a cool place until Palm Sunday. Thank you.