

**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 week, Shelley Roberts, Gregory Rock, Scott and Laura Rock & family, John and Sheryl Rodock & family, LaDonna Rodock, Stephen and Shannon Rodock, Naomi Romanchok, and from the Mission, Lisa and Lawrence and Debra Baranyi.

**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 fifth and final All Souls Saturday this year is Saturday, June 3rd.

**Akathistos Saturday.** This Saturday, April 1st, is Akathistos Saturday. Place your blue Akathistos prayer forms in the basket near the icon of the Theotokos. Your prayers of Thanksgiving and Petition to the Mother of God will be included in the Akathist Hymn on Friday.

**Triodion in the 5th 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 Fourth Sunday of the Fast, is also the commemoration of Saint John Climacus, the author of the Ladder of Divine Ascent. This year, however, it is the post-festive day of the feast of the Annunciation to the Mother of God and the feast of the Archangel Gabriel so the commemoration of the saint is omitted. The account of the Annunciation is taken from the gospel according to Luke. The Blessed Virgin Mary's acceptance of the will of God signified when she said, "Let it be done to me as you have said" reverses the choice of Eve

to do her own will—or more precisely, to do the will of Satan who tempted her to think it was her own will. The Blessed Virgin is the first to hear the gospel announcement that God is becoming man. As Mary brought forth Christ the Lord through her assent to God's will so the Church community brings forth Christ by doing the will of Jesus to celebrate the Divine Liturgy so that His Body and Blood in His two natures can be fed to the assembly. The day after Annunciation is the feast of the Archangel Gabriel manifested in visible form to the Blessed Virgin and carrying out the will of God by bringing this message to the Immaculate Virgin. During the fifth week the Great Canon of Repentance of Saint Andrew of Crete is chanted and the week concludes with Akathistos Saturday when the great hymn to the Theotokos is prayed. During the fifth week of the Great Fast the account from Genesis is read of the story of the covenant God made with Abraham, Abraham's mystical vision, and the plan of God to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah. The hymns of the fifth week make us members of the human race consider the condition of our lives according to the parable of the Good Samaritan and of the parable of the workers in the vineyard.

**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.

**Guarding the Tomb.** Each year our parish keeps the ancient tradition of a vigil at the grave of our Lord Jesus Christ from Great Friday after Vespers until Resurrection Matins on Holy Saturday. The hours of the vigil are from 10:00 PM Friday until 5:00 PM Saturday. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex of the church on the bulletin board closest to the ushers' room. Please choose your hour when you and your family can spend time in prayer together. In this way we shall not leave the tomb unguarded.

**Resurrection Candles.** If you would like to offer an Easter candle in remembrance of a departed love one, please visit the parish Office between the Divine Liturgies or on the weekdays from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM beginning next Sunday, April 2nd. All candles will be lit for every liturgy during the Easter Season.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ECF-SOR – Almsgiving \* FOOD PANTRY – Food for Others \* NOVA families in need** During the year and especially during all the weeks of the Great Fast we are collecting items to help others in need:

### ALL ITEMS STILL NEEDED

- ❖ Week 1 - Toothbrushes
- ❖ Week 2 - Toothpaste
- ❖ Week 3 - Uncooked pasta
- ❖ Week 4 - Canned Tomatoes & Tomato Paste
- ❖ Week 5 - Any type of Pasta Sauces

### Collection area – Parish Center

Note: all items should have a reasonable shelf life & not expired dates. Thank you

**Easter Meats.** In order to insure you get your desired meats, please submit your order by Sunday, April 2nd.

**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.

**Baseball Game.** On Sunday, June 11th, Epiphany Men's Club will sponsor a baseball trip to Washington, DC to see the Nationals play. The bus will leave Epiphany parking lot at 2:15 PM. The game begins at 4:05 PM. The cost is \$36/ticket, which includes transportation, beverages, and snacks. Reservations are being accepted now. Contact Ed Gubanich at 703-978-3824 or email ED1345@aol.com; Jack Kepick at 703-455-6510.

**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.

## EPARCHIAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bishop's Appeal 2016.** The parish goal for the this year is \$19,800. 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, 78 families and one organization have contributed \$20,170.00 toward our goal. 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!

**College Students.** Are you looking for a profession that is worthy of your altruism and true to your Catholic identity? Are you looking for a graduate school to continue your education?

1 Divine Mercy University. Consider embracing the helping science of psychology at Divine Mercy University, formerly the Institute for the Psychological Sciences located at Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia. The institute was renamed for Divine Mercy Sunday, the Sunday after Easter, designated by Saint John Paul II when it expanded to two schools, the Institute for the Psychological Sciences and the School of Counseling. The School of Counseling offers an on-line MS program in Counseling. The Institute offers an on-line MS in Psychology as well as a residential program leading to the Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology-APA accredited. Go to [divinemercy.edu](http://divinemercy.edu) to check out details for the MS in counseling webinar on March 23, March 30, and April 6 as well as the MS in Psychology Virtual Open House on March 27 and March 29. Master level professional counselors with the MS in counseling are employed by clinical mental health agencies, counseling centers, private practices, church/mission settings, hospitals, in-patient facilities, school support services, military facilities, and in overseas settings. The IPS Clinical Psychology program MS and Psy.D. at DMU aims to prepare our students to become licensed clinical psychologists and trained in the best empirical, scientific and clinical methods of psychology as well as the Christian understanding of the person, marriage and the family.

2. Byzantine Catholic Seminary. The Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Pittsburgh, PA is the only free-standing Byzantine Catholic Seminary in the United States. A seminary of the Byzantine Ruthenian Catholic Church, it forms candidates in human, intellectual,

and pastoral formation for the Holy Priesthood. In addition, the seminary offers a professional degree track leading to a Master's degree in Theology – M.A.T. The seminary is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools and the degrees are authorized by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Theological school programs are like law schools in that it does not require any specific major in your undergraduate degree. The M.A.T. can be utilized for working with church-related organizations, social services, chaplain, missionary work, leader in a Christian organization, teacher at a Catholic secondary school. The Master's degree can be utilized to apply for the doctorate in theology leading to being a lay theologian at a Catholic university. Please check out our affordable fees and information for the degree programs at [www.bcs.edu](http://www.bcs.edu).

**Pilgrimage Opportunities this Summer.** Bishop Kurt has asked pastors to inform parishioners about these upcoming pilgrimages early enough for them to make plans. The first pilgrimage is the St. Nicholas Pilgrimage at Carpathian Village on Sunday, July 9. This pilgrimage will be preceded by a camp for the married priests and their families. Father Salnicky is the coordinator for these events. The second pilgrimage is the Sybertsville Pilgrimage held by the Franciscan Friars on Sunday, August 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration. There will be Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 1:00 PM and other events throughout the day. The third pilgrimage is the Sloatsburg Pilgrimage held by the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate on Saturday, August 12 and Sunday, August 13. Traditionally, Saturday was Ruthenian Day and Sunday was Ukrainian Day. On Saturday, August 12 at 1:00 PM Father Jack Custer will celebrate the Akathist, at 5:00 PM Father James Spera will celebrate the Divine Liturgy and preach, at 7:30 PM there is a Panachida, and then at 8:00 PM your own Bishop Kurt will celebrate the Moleben and preach.

## Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast

## COMING EVENTS

*(see inside for details)*

- Byzantine Spirituality
- Bishop's Appeal
- Bible Study
- Matins of Saint Andrew of Crete  
Wednesday, March 29th
- Akathist Hymn Friday, March 31st
- Fasting Regulations for this week
- Resurrection Candles - April 2nd
- Guarding the Tomb
- ECF Almsgiving
- Lenten Dinners
- Lenten Dinner Parking
- Easter Meats order forms
- Pussy Willows Needed

### EMC BINGO

03/28/17 Team D  
04/04/17 Team A  
04/11/17 Team B - No Bingo  
04/18/17 Team C

<http://EMCBINGO.com>

March 26, 2017

## TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations–March 19, 2017

Adults	\$7,171.00
Children	\$11.96
Initial Offering	\$5.00
Building Fund	\$940.00
School of Religion	\$91.00
Candles	\$89.25
Flowers	\$633.00
Holy Days	\$110.00
BCY	\$5.00
Holy Water Bottles	\$3.00
Churches of Ukraine	\$10.00
St. Nicholas	\$103.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,172.21</b>

*"In tithing we recognize our creatureliness and our basic poverty before our Maker." (St. Augustine)*

## 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, Robert Esser, and Irene Markovich. 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, Jean Figel, and Jim Sinclair, brother of Carren Turko.



# ΕΠΙΦΑΝΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ

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Very Rev. John G. Basarab - Pastor

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!	March 26, 2017	Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
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## DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Mar. 26 Sun.	8:00 AM	Intention of Parishioners
	10:30 AM	+Erlinda Bueno by Jennifer Linko

### FIFTH WEEK OF THE GREAT FAST

Mar. 29 Wed.	7:30 PM	Matins of the Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete
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Mar. 31 Fri.	7:30 PM	Akathist Hymn
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### Akathistos Saturday

Apr. 01 Sat.	10:00 AM	+Walter Kieba by Epiphany Ladies Guild
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### FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Apr. 02 Sun.	8:00 AM	Intention of Parishioners
	10:30 AM	+Julia Hancher by Epiphany Ladies Guild

### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – April 2, 2017

Apr. 02 Sun.	8:00 AM	C. Susco (L), T. Hughes, J. Jaimes, J. Lampf
	10:30 AM	James Hughes (L), T. Clark, D. Naccash, J. Naccash

### USHER SCHEDULE – April 2, 2017

Apr. 02 Sun.	8:00 AM	J. Fedorko (L), K. Koshute, B. Wargo
	10:30 AM	M. Kernich (L), T. Fazio, D. Semanco

## ΕΠΙΦΑΝΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΟΥ 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.

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

Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Annandale, VA

<http://www.eolbcc.org>

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