

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 Nancy Stefan, Robert and Nancy Stegon, Joseph Stone, Edward and Miriam Strickland & Family, Joseph and Heather Strickland & Family, Robert and Jennifer Strickland & Family, Joel and Michelle Susco & Family, Thomas and Nancy Susco & Family, David and Rebecca Sweda, and from the Mission, Daniel and Sheila Hakun..

Blessed Palms and Willows should be kept in your home, usually at the icon corner or crucifix, as a witness to the Lord's presence in your life. Last year's palms and willows are blessed sacramentals and should be destroyed by burning or burying them or bring them to the hall in the chapel basement and place them in the receptacle provided. ***Do not throw them into the garbage.***

Pentecostarion for Pascha. The Pentecostarion, which means "Fifty Days" referring to the fifty days from Pascha to Pentecost, is the liturgy book that begins Great Saturday evening and continues until the Sunday of All Saints which is the Sunday after Pentecost Sunday. Another name for this collection of hymns and services is "Flowering Triodion". The fifth Sunday after Pascha is called the **Sunday of the Man Born Blind**. The gospel appointed for this Sunday is from Saint John's account of the encounter of our Lord Jesus with a blind man who is given sight by Jesus making clay from the "water of His mouth" and the dust of the earth and anointing the man and sending Him to the "Sent" pool to wash. This passage gives the mystagogy for the neophytes who were baptized at the Easter Vigil the opportunity to show that

like the blind man they believed in Jesus without seeing and now have spiritual sight but that people who were once their friends will now accuse them of belief in Jesus as God. The gospels appointed for the Sundays of Pascha alternate between men and women: Thomas Sunday, Myrrh Bearing Women Sunday, Sunday of the Paralytic Man, Sunday of the Samaritan Woman, and Sunday of the Man born Blind, show that men and women disciples are both beneficiaries of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the fortieth day after His resurrection is the **Ascension of our Lord**. The Risen Lord Jesus took His glorified human nature to heaven. At the same time, Jesus remains invisibly among us "drawing all humans to Himself". Ascension is the annual reminder of the words of the Holy Spirit to those who are baptized: "If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory" (Colossians 3:1-4).

Paschal Rituals. Wednesday is the leave-taking of Pascha and the conclusion of standing during the Divine Liturgy. Beginning Ascension you may resume sitting at the usual times. Kneeling does not resume until Pentecost Sunday.

Mother helping mothers. "Mary, Helper of Mothers" is a special icon of the Mother of God that women who are having difficulty conceiving, or for mothers who are having a difficult pregnancy, or expectant mothers who have had hard childbirth with their other children have recourse to in prayer. The icon was particularly effective in the Eparchy of Phoenix. Bishop Kurt has brought this devotion to assist the women of his eparchy. The annual Saint Nicholas Pilgrimage at Carpathian Village, Cresco, PA will center on this holy icon on Sunday, July 9, 2017. The pilgrimage will begin at 11:00 AM with a Moleben to Saint Nicholas, the protector of the Byzantine Ruthenian Catholic Church and conclude at 6:00 PM with a panachida for deceased clergy and former pilgrims. Food service begins at 11:30AM. See

information sheet on narthex bulletin board. If there is sufficient interest in any parish of the eparchy to host the holy icon of Mary, Helper of Mothers, please inform your pastor so he can ask the Bishop for a specific time for the icon to visit the parish.

Bible Conference Webinar. The Eastern Catholic Bible Conference sponsored by the Eastern Catholic Eparchial directors of Religious Education, the ECED, and the Arch/Eparchies of Pittsburgh, Passaic, Phoenix and the Melkite Catholic Eparchy of Newton on the Book of Genesis will be hosted by Saint Stephen Byzantine Catholic Cathedral, Phoenix, AZ, May 19th-20th. The Bible conference begins Friday, May 19th at 6:30 PM and concludes Saturday, May 20th at 3:45PM. For webinar purposes, please remember that Phoenix is three hours behind Eastern Standard Time. The cost is \$30 \$7 via On-line Webinar. Register and pay online at ECBIBLESPRING2017.eventbrite.com. Speakers are Deacon Daniel Dozier, Panyi Katie Matlak, Father Hezekias Carnazzo and Father Sebastian Carnazzo, and Father Alexander Wroblicky. ECF-SOR is planning to have the webinar in the parish center. Please see Mary Ellen Kepick if interested in the parish center webinar.

Special Prayer Intention. Please remember Father Lee Gross in your prayers. Father Lee fell at Loyola on the Potomac Jesuit Retreat House. He was operated on Wednesday and expects a number of weeks of therapy. Father Lee celebrates Divine Liturgy at Epiphany mission most Sundays and has celebrated 10:30 AM Liturgy so Father John can go to the mission. We will try to cover the mission and try to minimize any disruption to the Epiphany Annandale schedule.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Office Schedule. The Parish Office will be closed this Thursday, May 25th in observance of the Ascension of our Lord, a holy day of obligation for all Eastern Catholics. Office hours will resume Friday, May 26th.

FIOS Conversion. Verizon has completed the transfer of our phone lines to FIOS as well as internet connection. However, our Phone Tree system was disrupted and Bill Fournier is working once again to restore it. Thank you to EMC and ELG for sending the messages to the parishioners on their e-mail lists. At present, the parish Verizon voicemail has not yet been restored.

Campout. Epiphany Campout is Friday, June 9th through June 10th. The campout begins at 4:00 PM on June 9th and will continue into Saturday morning. All Epiphany families and their friends are invited to attend. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for details and to RSVP to accommodate the people attending with enough food.

Voicemail. We are experiencing difficulty with our Verizon voicemail. We are unable to retrieve our voicemail messages from any of the voicemail options. In case of an emergency, please contact the deacons. They will do whatever is necessary to notify Fr. John or the Parish Office. When calling the Parish office, if your call is not answered but goes to voicemail, please email the office at epiphanyoffourlord@verizon.net.

Thank You. To all of you who have been so thoughtful and kind with your Mass remembrances, cards, calls, prayers and candles as I recover from surgery. I am truly blessed and grateful to have such caring people around me. It's been a difficult road and it's going slower than I expected but I am making progress. Hopefully I'll be back to my "normal" state and will see you soon. Again, thanks. I keep all of you in my prayers daily.

- Irene Markovich

Graduates. If you are a 2017 graduate of 8th grade, high school, college or graduate school or the parent of a 2017 graduate, please submit the graduate's name and school from which he/she is graduating to the Parish Office by phone 703-573-3986 or email epiphanyoffourlord@verizon.net.

Baseball Game. On Sunday, June 11th, Epiphany Men's Club will sponsor a baseball

trip to Washington, DC to see the Nationals play against the Texas Rangers. The bus will leave Epiphany parking lot at 2:15 PM. The game begins at 4:05 PM. All tickets have been reserved but a waiting list is being developed. The cost is \$36/ticket, which includes transportation, beverages, and snacks. To pay for your tickets or to be added to the waiting list, contact Ed Gubanich at 703-978-3824 or email ED13456@aol.com, Jack Kepick at 703-455-6510. Make checks payable to Epiphany Men's Club. If you have not confirmed your reservation, please do so immediately.

Phase III Icon Update. Of the four icons of the third phase of the Icon Program to complete the new church, two have found donors: the Dormition of the Theotokos and the Resurrection of Christ. The Crucifixion (\$11,760) and the Communion of the Apostles (\$24,800) are still available for donation. Multiple donors can unite to donate the Communion of the Apostles using the following schedule. There are sixteen figures on this large icon which covers the back wall of the Holy Place under the Platytera of the Mother of God. The figures are: the Lord Jesus holding the discos, the Lord Jesus holding the chalice (the Lord appears twice in this icon), the apostles: Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Saint Andrew the First-called, Saint James son of Zebedee, Saint John the Evangelist son of Zebedee, Saint Philip, Saint Thomas, Saint Matthew the Evangelist, Saint Jude Thaddeus, Saint Bartholomew (also called Saint Nathanael), Saint James Adelphotheos (relative of God), Saint Simon the Zealot, two angels serving as deacons holding the liturgical fan, the ripidion. If sixteen donors select the subject they wish to offer, e.g., Our Lord, or an apostle, or an angel-deacon each would donate \$1,550 for each figure donated. Please recall that the iconographic representations are computer generated proposals to show approximately what the icon would look like in the space where it is to be installed. The icons for our church follow the Carpathian School and the final icon may be somewhat different.

Boiler Update. The eparchy has provided Epiphany of Our Lord with our final 2016 Bishop's Appeal total and the reversion we will receive. Epiphany parishioners donated \$21,110.00. Below please find our totals toward the replacement of the Parish Center boiler:

2015 Reversion	\$7,932.40
2016 Reversion	\$8,444.00
<u>Boiler Fund Donations</u>	<u>\$33,693.80</u>
Total Boiler Funds	\$42,137.80

Thank you for your generosity. We have not yet received the 2016 reversion.

Building Update. The parish used to have a regular yearly rotation of painting maintenance that had the chapel, parish center, and rectory exterior, then chapel interior, hall interior and rectory interior done successively every six years. The parish contracted with Frank Polink, Jr., a parishioner of Epiphany parish, to have his paint contractor company begin again the maintenance rotation painting schedule with Frank Polink that was utilized in the past to upkeep the parish facilities. The repair and painting of the rectory and office exterior has been completed. The painters have begun painting the parish center exterior.

EPARCHIAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tootsie Roll Thank You. The Knights of Columbus collected \$500 from the Tootsie Roll Drive at Epiphany of our Lord last Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.

Man Born Blind

COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

- Byzantine Spirituality
- Ascension Thursday Office Schedule
- Baseball Game
- Feast Day Icons
- Phase III Icons
- Boiler Fund Update
- Verizon Issues
- Epiphany Graduates

EMC BINGO

05/23/17 Team D
 05/30/17 Team A
 06/06/17 Team B
 06/13/17 Team C

<http://EMCBINGO.com>

May 21, 2017

TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations—May 14, 2017

Adults	\$2,678.00
Children	\$10.34
Building Fund	\$825.00
School of Religion	\$61.00
Candles	\$88.50
Catholic Home Missions	\$100.00
<u>St. Nicholas Fund</u>	<u>\$.75</u>
TOTAL	\$3,763.59

"Your generosity produces thanksgiving to God." (Corinthians 9:11)

LITURGY AND LIFE

Prayer Intentions. Please remember in prayer: Michael Mikulak, David Sayen, Mary McDonnell, Justine Ferrari, Julia Zdynak, Louis Shanks, 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, Mary Jewette, Luke Kolar, Fr. Conan Timoney, Eileen Gray, Karen Baine, James Seman, Jim Sinclair, Susan Seman, and Fr. Lee Gross.



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**Christ is Risen!
Indeed He is Risen!**

May 21, 2017

**Christos Voskrese!
Voistinnu Voskrese!**

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

May 21 Sun. 8:00 AM +Patricia Fedorko by Mike & Dolores Opachko
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

SIXTH PASCHAL WEEK

Leave-taking of Pascha

May 24 Wed 10:00 AM +Joanne Markovich by Irene Markovich
7:30 PM Great Vespers

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

May 25 Thurs. 10:00 AM +Daniel Rabayda by Marlene McCracken
7:30 PM Intention of Parishioners

May 27 Sat. 10:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on Emma Snow

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

May 28 Sun. 8:00 AM +Linda Mocharko by Epiphany Ladies Guild
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – May 28, 2017

May 28 Sun. 8:00 AM Joseph Hughes (L), J. Cooke, T. Hughes, J. Lamp
10:30 AM J. Naccash (L), T. Clark, James Hughes, D. Naccash

USHER SCHEDULE – May 28, 2017

May 28 8:00 AM H. Katawczik (L), J. Kotula, T. Ryan
10:30 AM J. Kepick (L), E. Gubanich, K. Kepick

EPIPHANY 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 catechumenate. 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

9:30 AM - 12:30 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 announcement 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 the Parish Office and complete a census form.

Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Annandale, VA

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