



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church

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Christ is born!
Glorify Him!

January 1, 2017

Christos Raždajetsja!
Slavite Jeho!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD BASIL THE GREAT - ARCHBISHOP

Jan. 01 Sun. 8:00 AM +Helen Uhrin by Monica Koshuta & Family
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

Thirty-fourth Week after Pentecost

VIGIL OF THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD

Jan. 05 Thurs. 10:00 AM Royal Hours
7:30 PM Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
Intention of Parishioners

THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD

Jan. 06 Fri. 10:00 AM +Julia Hancher by Irene Markovich
Jan. 07 Sat. 10:00 AM +George Mocharko by Joseph Stone

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

Jan. 08 Sun. 8:00 AM Intention of Parishioners
10:30 AM +George Puhak by Slava Men's Chorus

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – January 8, 2017

Jan. 08 Sun. 8:00 AM J. O’Leary (L), J. Jaimes, P. O’Leary, C. Susco
10:30 AM D. Naccash (L), T. Clark, James Hughes, J. Naccash

USHER SCHEDULE – January 8, 2017

Jan. 08 Sun. 8:00 AM J. Susco (L), K. Koshute, B. Wargo
10:30 AM E. Koval (L), K. Hogan, T. Soyka

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 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 the Parish Office and complete a census form.

Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Annandale, VA

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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: Peter Kovalick, Andrew Kovch, Gregory and Julia Kowalski, Lillian Kozloski, David Krek & family, Thomas and Treacy Krisztinicz & family, Alex and Joy Kubik & family, and from the Mission, Jack and Lisabeth McLaurin.

Fasting Regulations. The festal period of time from Christmas, December 25th, to January 4th, is a fast-free time, meaning there is no fast (fast is no meat or dairy products) or abstinence (abstinence means not eating meat or meat products). Fridays, January 6th the Feast of the Theophany is a day free from fast and abstinence. The Eve of Epiphany, January 5th, is traditionally a day of strict fast, that is, no meat or dairy products are consumed. In the Ruthenian Church in the United States January 5th is a fast day but the aspects and degree of fasting is left to the individual.

Christmas Liturgy. When December 25th occurs on a Sunday, the next Sunday is January 1st, the eighth day when our Lord was named and circumcised and the feast of the passing into eternal life of Saint Basil the Great. This means there is no Sunday after Christmas. Therefore, the Typicon of Father Alexander Mikita, Užhorod, 1901, directs that the Sunday after Christmas and its commemoration of Saint Joseph, King David and the Apostle James, is observed on December 26th along with the Synaxis of the Mother of God which is the feast of December 26th. He further explains that January 1st, when it occurs on a Sunday, is observed as the Sunday before Theophany as well as the Feast

of the Circumcision and of Saint Basil the Great.

Lamp and Light. Bible Study classes resume this Wednesday, January 4th with Deacon Peter.

Epiphany Holy Supper. We are looking for a person to chair the Epiphany Holy Supper on Sunday, January 8th. We are also looking for helpers for preparing the Epiphany Holy Supper (food preparation) on Saturday, January 7th and to help serve the food and cleanup on Sunday, January 8th. If you can help either day or organize this event, please call (703-573-3986) or email (epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net) the Parish Office.

Condolences. We offer condolences to Lynn Doering and Claire Goula upon the death of their son and grandson, +Anthony Doering, who died December 24th. Funeral service was held Saturday, December 31st, 12:00 Noon at Mountcastle Funeral Home, located at 4143 Dale Blvd, Dale City, VA 22193.

Condolences. We offer condolences to Lt. Col. Andrew Chando, USA, ret., Mary Ann Berezny Smith and John Berezny, upon the death of Colonel Chando's father, Edward Chando, who died December 10, 2016 at the Armed Forces Retirement Home, Washington, DC. Mr. Chando retired from the US Navy in recent years was a parishioner of Epiphany Church. The funeral was December 17th from Ss. Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church, Philipsburg, NJ and interment at Ss. Peter and Paul Cemetery. May God grant His departed servant, +Edward, peaceful repose. Vičnajakemu pamjat'.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy New Year. May God grant His protection, grace blessings in the new Year to all of us.

Parish Office Schedule. The Parish Office will be closed Friday, January 6th in observance of the feast of the Theophany of our Lord, a holy day of obligation for eastern Catholics.

Bulletin Deadline. The deadline for bulletin announcements this week will be Tuesday, January 3rd, by 2:00 PM.

New 2006-2015 Parish Directory. If you have not yet picked up the new Parish Directory, copies are available in the Parish Office. A copy will be provided at no charge to each family that participated by having a picture taken or purchasing an ad. Additional copies are available to those who did not participate for a donation of \$30.00.

EMC Meeting. The first meeting of Epiphany Men's Club for 2017 will be Thursday, January 12th. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM with the meeting following at 7:30 PM.

ELG. The next meeting of the Epiphany Ladies Guild will be Monday, January 2nd. Light refreshments will be served at 7:00 PM with the meeting following at 7:30 PM. All women of the parish are encouraged to attend.

2017 Calendars. The calendars for 2017 have arrived and are available in the narthex of the church. Please take only one per family.

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, 52 families have contributed \$9,845.00 toward our goal. Through your generosity the parish reversions from recent Appeals given back to Epiphany parish have provided for necessary repairs and maintenance. The 2014 reversion, along with the Festival Raffle and individual gifts allowed us to replace the over 30 year old roof of the chapel. The reversion from the Bishop's Appeal 2015 is \$7,932.40 which is dedicated funds for the replacement of the Parish Center boiler. Added to the reversion, \$3,841.00 has been donated by parishioners toward the replacement of the boiler in the Parish Center. The proceeds from this year's festival raffle was \$2,066. The latest estimate for a new boiler is \$45,257.00. Thank you for your generosity. It is not too late to make your 2016 pledge.

Vocations to the Priesthood. Our parish is blessed with many reverent and zealous men. Have you ever had thoughts about the priesthood? Possibly these thoughts might be that God is calling you to the Holy Priesthood. If you have questions please speak to Father John or contact the Vocations Director of the Eparchy of Passaic, Father Michael Kerestes (570) 822-6028. The first step is to meet with the Vocations Director. Then, if there is a possible vocation, the candidate is reviewed by the Vocations Board. If accepted by the board and the Bishop, the process of applying to the seminary begins. The traditional path is to enter the seminary as a single man and during the seminary to discern marriage or celibacy with the help of the spiritual director. The deadline for submitting a name to the Eparchial Vocations Board is January 30, 2017.

COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

- Byzantine Spirituality
- Bishop’s Appeal
- Directories
- Calendars
- Bible Study
- Parish Office Schedule
- ELG Meeting
- EMC Meeting
- Guest Speaker – January 15, 2017

EMC BINGO

01/03/17 Bingo Resumes Team
 01/10/17 Team A
 01/17/17 Team B
 01/24/17 Team C

TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations–December 25, 2016

Adults	\$9,761.35
Children	\$14.00
Building Fund	\$1794.00
School of Religion	\$56.00
Candles	\$34.00
Flowers	\$25.00
Holy Days	\$247.00
Christmas	\$5,205.00
BCY	\$15.00
Catholic Charities	\$15.00
St. Nicholas	\$10.00
TOTAL	\$17,181.35

“In tithing we humbly recognize our creatureliness and our basic poverty before our Maker.” (St. Augustine)

LITURGY AND LIFE

Prayer Intentions. Please remember in prayer: Michael Mikulak, Patricia Fedorko, David Sayen, Mary McDonnell, Mary Gaydos, Justine Ferrari, Julia Zdynak, Louis Shanks, Peter Wegman and Robert Hencken. Please pray for these friends and relatives of parishioners: Shirley Anne Markham, Jeffrey Mikulak, Francine O’Leary, Russell Plasha, William Brokaw, Maureen Guth, 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, and Karen Baine.

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

