



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church

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Christ is Baptized! In the Jordan!	January 3, 2016	Christos Kretisja! Vo Iordani!
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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

Jan. 03 Sun. 8:00 AM +Stefan Matlaga by Theresa Matlaga & Family
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

Thirty-second Week after Pentecost

VIGIL OF THEOPHANY

Jan. 05 Tues. 10:00 AM Royal Hours
7:30 PM Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil in the Chapel

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Jan. 06 Wed. 10:00 AM Intention of Parishioners
7:30 PM +George Mocharko by Epiphany Men's Club

Synaxis of John the Baptist

Jan. 07 Thurs. 10:00 AM Health and God's Blessings on Sharon Carroll by Mae Checkon

SATURDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

Jan. 09 Sat. 10:00 AM +Deceased Members of the John Butchko Family
by John Butchko

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

Jan. 10 Sun. 8:00 AM Intention of Parishioners
10:30 AM Health & God's Blessings on Deacon El Pekarik
by Sally Pekarik

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – January 10, 2016

Jan. 10 Sun. 8:00 AM J. Cooke (L), James Hughes, J. Jaimes, P. O'Leary
10:30 AM J. Naccash (L), D. Clark, M. Noyes, M. Tanner

USHER SCHEDULE – January 10, 2016

Jan. 10 Sun. 8:00 AM J. Susco (L), K. Katawczik, B. Wargo
10:30 AM R. Bass (L), M. Bell, J. Lichman

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
Mary Ann Dmochowski, 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 12:30 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 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

<http://www.eolbcc.org>

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

EPARCHIAL & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Year of Mercy. Pope Francis asks us to be Christ-like and do Spiritual Works of Mercy and the Corporal Works of Mercy. The second Corporal Work of Mercy is “to give drink to the thirsty”. The US bishops suggest these as ways to accomplish this Corporal Work of Mercy. “Many of our brothers and sisters in Christ do not have access to clean water and suffer from the lack of this basic necessity. We should support the efforts of those working towards greater accessibility of this essential resource. 1. We take it for granted that we have access to clean water. Donate to help build wells for water for those in need. 2. Organize a group of children involved on a sports team (e.g. soccer) or a summer camp. Invite them to collect bottled water to distribute at a shelter for families. If parents can be involved, ask them to accompany their children in delivering the water to families. 3. Do the same for youth and young adult groups. 4. Make an effort not to waste water. Remembering to turn off the water faucet when you are brushing your teeth or washing dishes can help, especially in regions suffering from drought.”

Respect Life Vigil and March. This year the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade which legalized abortion will be observed as a day of penance for the violation of human dignity by abortion on Friday, January 22, 2016. The Prayer Vigil will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, D.C. with a Mass in the Great Upper Church at 6:00 PM. Compline celebrated by Bishop Kurt Beunette in the Crypt Church has a different time assigned by the USCCB,

10:00 PM rather than 11:00 PM. Bishop Kurt Burnette will celebrate the Divine Liturgy Friday morning, January 22nd at Epiphany of our Lord Church. So far, we are informed that Father Robert Kelly and a bus with parishioners from Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, Marblehead, OH, will be attending. The bishop is requesting the parish organizations to consider offering a light breakfast, including a protein, after the Divine Liturgy before the marchers depart for the National Mall and the Rally and March.

Banns of Ordination. Deacon Lewis Michael Rabayda, son of Michael and Patricia Rabayda, baptized at Saint John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, Lansford, Pennsylvania, and a parishioner of Epiphany of our Lord, Annandale, VA, having completed the four year seminary formation at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, is a candidate for the Sacrament of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood of Jesus Christ. If anyone knows any impediment or any grave reason that would impede ordination, such a person has a serious obligation to contact the pastor.

Sunday before Theophany

January 3, 2016

COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

- Year of Mercy
- Holy Door is open. Special indulgences possible
- January 6 – Holy day of obligation
Three Divine Liturgies: 7:30 PM Tuesday; 10:00 AM Wednesday; 7:30 PM Wednesday
- January 10 –Holy Supper for Theophany
- Bishops Appeal – updated pledge information from the eparchy
- Ordination – at Epiphany January 30th
- EMC Bingo resumes this Tuesday
- 2016 calendars available in narthex today
- Parish Office Schedule for the week before Theophany – Office will be closed Wednesday, January 6
- Fasting regulations for this week.
- EMC meeting January 7
- ELG meeting January 4
- BCY Flea Market – Jan. 23
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Respect Life Compline – Note new time 10:00 PM January 21, 2016 – Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM January 22, 2016

TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations–December 20, 2015

Adults	\$7,058.00
Children	\$8.00
Initial Offering	\$15.00
Building Fund	\$1,976.00
School of Religion	\$76.00
Candles	\$939.00
Flowers	\$15.00
Holy Days	\$275.00
Christmas	\$5,439.00
BCY	\$5.00
ECL	\$12.00
St. Nicholas	\$120.00
TOTAL	\$15,938.02

“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: Barbara Mohay, Michael Mikulak, Patricia Fedorko, Marge Rusnak, David Sayen, and Marsha Puhak. Please pray for these friends and relatives of parishioners: Shirley Anne Markham, Jeffrey Mikulak, Francine O’Leary, Russell Plasha, Darcie Santoro, William Brokaw, Maureen Guth, Linda Fisher, Tim O’Leary, and Joanne Gaudino.

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 in tention 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: Natalie and Daniel Hill & family, Kevin and Holly Hogan & family, Joyce and Erik Holm, Melody Homa, Edward and Sally Hospodar, Michele and Charles House, Francis and Araceli Hughes & family, and from the Mission: Daniel and Barbara Spinder & family.

Holy Supper. Holy Supper for Theophany will be next Sunday, January 10th, after the 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy in the Parish Center. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Holy Day of Obligation. Wednesday, January 6th, the feast of the Theophany of our Lord and the parish feast of Epiphany is a holy day of obligation for Byzantine Catholics. There are three Divine Liturgies for your convenience, 7:30 PM Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil, Tuesday, January 5th, 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM Wednesday, January 6th. Water will be blessed at the 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy and available at each liturgy.

Holy Water. Holy Water blessed at the Divine Liturgy of Theophany will be available in the church narthex next Sunday.

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 first one this year is January 30th. Because of the ordination of Deacon Lewis Rabayda, Fr. Edward Higgins, eparchial master of liturgical ceremonies has asked

that the Divine Liturgy and the hramoty be on Friday, January 29th. If you wish to add any names to the list of persons remembered in your family, known as “diptychs” or “hramoty,” please use the appropriate envelope in the offertory envelope box. Please place it in the Sunday collection with the list of names you wish to add along with your offering for their remembrance. New parishioners should list the members of their faithful departed whom they wish to remember in prayer on the reverse side of the envelope. It is also permissible to simply list “all the departed of the (your family name) family” rather than each person by name. If you wish to update, delete or add new names to our Hramoty Listing, please contact the Parish Office during office hours. Hramoty envelopes must be received on or before January 17th to be remembered at all five All Souls Saturdays.

Fasting Regulations. There are no days of strict fast (no meat, no dairy) or days of abstinence (no meat or meat products) from December 25th to January 4th. Traditionally, January 5th, the pre-festive of Theophany, is a day of strict fast. However, in the Ruthenian Church in the US, the practice has been to observe a day of abstinence.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Office Schedule. In observance of the Theophany holy day of obligation for Eastern Catholics, the Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, January 6th. Office hours will resume on Thursday, January 7th.

Thank You. First, I want to thank Father John for the very kind words last Sunday as I “retire” from my Sunday job. I appreciate his trust for allowing me to be a part of the parish staff (and for his patience in trying to

read my handwriting!) I also thank God for granting me the honor and privilege to serve our parish family. It has been a very important part of my life for many years, and I’ve loved every minute! I will miss being in the middle of things and being able to associate with and help so many wonderful people. May God bless Father John, Msgr. George, Deacons Elmer and Peter, Mrs. Basarab, Jamie, Mary Ann and all of you who have worked and continue to work hard for our parish. This is just “so long”. I’ll see you in church.

- Thank you. Irene

BCY Flea Market. Epiphany BCY will sponsor a Flea Market in the Parish Center Saturday, January 23rd, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Help needed on Saturday, February 6, 2016, the Epiphany Ladies Guild will be baking nut, apricot, poppy seed, and lekvar rolls for the upcoming Lenten Dinners. Help with dough preparation will be needed as early as 6:35 AM. Rolling will begin at approximately 7:20 AM. Volunteers to bag the rolls and cleanup will be needed at 1:00 PM. Please come and participate in this important parish event. Your help is greatly appreciated. For more information, call Theresa Matlaga (703) 802-1496 or Dolores Opachko at (703) 938-2373.

Epiphany Men’s Club. The next Epiphany Men’s Club meeting will be Thursday, January 7th. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM with the meeting following at 7:30 PM.

Epiphany Ladies Guild. Epiphany Ladies Guild will meet tomorrow, January 4th. Light refreshments will be served at 7:00 PM with the meeting following at 7:30 PM.

Epiphany Bookstore. The Epiphany Bookstore is open each Sunday between liturgies in the Parish Center. Please check out the icons, books, religious goods and gift items available. All proceeds benefit the Epiphany Building Fund.

2016 Calendars. The calendars for 2016 have arrived and are in the narthex of the church. Please take only one per family.

Parish Activity Calendar. Organization and activity chairpersons please contact Marsha Puhak with the event dates you are planning for each month 2016. Failure to do so will leave your planned event unscheduled on the church and Parish Office calendar.

Ordination Preparations, Details. Please note that the Ordination Announcements and invitation which were included in the bulletin last Sunday are included in the bulletin today. Please complete the entire form (the ordination and the Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving) and respond to the parish office. The Eparchy finance office has informed us that it is the responsibility of our parish to host and pay for the festive luncheon after the ordination and to host and pay for the luncheon after the Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving. We have been informed about what amount we are allowed to expend for the luncheon following sacred ordination.

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