



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church

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Glory to Jesus Christ!	February 14, 2016	Slava Isusu Christu!
Glory Forever!		Slava na viki!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Feb. 14 Sun.	8:00 AM	Health and God's Blessings on Peter and Helen Wegman by Kevin and Joseph Wegman
	10:30 AM	Intention of Parishioners

SECOND WEEK OF THE GREAT FAST

Feb. 17 Wed.	7:30 PM	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Feb. 19 Fri.	7:30 PM	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Second All Souls Saturday

Feb. 20 Sat.	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy and Remembrance of the Departed
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SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Feb. 21 Sun.	8:00 AM	+Peter Gaydos by Mary Gaydos
	10:30 AM	Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – February 21, 2016

Feb. 21 Sun.	8:00 AM	BCY
	10:30 AM	T. Clark (L), J. Hogan, James Soyka, M. Tanner

USHER SCHEDULE – February 21, 2016

Feb. 21 Sun.	8:00 AM	BCY
	10:30 AM	E. Gubanich (L), K. Hogan, M. Kernich

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

Holy Year-Merciful like the Father. Pope Francis asks us to be God-like and practice the Spiritual Works of Mercy and the Corporal Works of Mercy. For the past seven weeks the Corporal Works of Mercy have been presented, one per week. The first Spiritual Work of Mercy is “To Counsel the Doubtful”. The US Bishops suggest these as ways to accomplish this Spiritual Work of Mercy. “Everyone has moments of doubt in their faith journey. Nevertheless, we should always remember that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life and turn to him along our way. (1) “Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may eventually become wise” ([Prov 19:20](#)). (2) The Cross of Christ “the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength” ([1 Cor 1:25](#)). (3) Has someone asked you for advice? Orient your response to Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. (4) Follow Christ with the witness of your life so that others may see God's love revealed in your actions. (5) Accompany a friend who is struggling with believing to join a parish group for service or faith formation, share a book you found useful in dealing with your friend's faith concern, and worship at Sunday Liturgy.”

Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy Service. Bishop Kurt Burnette has directed that churches in the Eparchy with a Holy Door are to schedule a special service on Saturday per month during the Holy Year. In our parish the Moleben to Jesus, the Lover of Mankind will be prayed.

24 Hours for the Lord-Jubilee of Mercy. In the papal Bull of Indiction, *Misericordiae Vultus*, Pope Francis directed that the Sacrament of Repentance be offered in all

churches for twenty-four hours on the Friday before the Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast (that is, on the Friday of Veneration of the Cross week). The Holy Father decreed: “The initiative of “*24 Hours for the Lord*,” to be celebrated on the Friday and Saturday preceding the Fourth Week of Lent, should be implemented in every diocese. So many people, including young people, are returning to the Sacrament of Reconciliation; through this experience they are rediscovering a path back to the Lord, living a moment of intense prayer and finding meaning in their lives. Let us place the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the centre once more in such a way that it will enable people to touch the grandeur of God's mercy with their own hands. For every penitent, it will be a source of true interior peace. I will never tire of insisting that confessors be authentic signs of the Father's mercy.”

Teen Disciples of Christ. Father Bruce Riebe of the Eparchy of Parma announced that the annual National ByzanTEEN Rally 2016 will be held on the campus of Notre Dame College, Cleveland, OH July 7th to 10th, 2016. The traditional dance at the end of the rally will be at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The 2016 theme is: FEARLESS: “The Lord is my Rock and my Refuge”, Being a courageous disciple of Christ. Mark the dates! For more information, you may contact Father Riebe at the host eparchy at stbyz@sbcglobal.net or (440) 526-1818, or Diane Rabiej at the Rally Headquarters at the Passaic chancery office (973) 890-7777.

Bishop's Appeal 2015 matching Campaign – You Did It! On the January 31st update for our pledges, the Eparchy reported that we are within \$1,484 of our goal of \$19,800. With the match, we have now made our goal.

First Sunday of the Great Fast

February 14, 2016

COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

- Year of Mercy
- Holy Door is open. Special indulgences possible
- Bishops Appeal – updated pledge information from the eparchy
- Fasting regulations for this week.
- Valentine Candy – on sale February 7th and 14th between liturgies
- Parish Office closed, February 15th.
- Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts– every Wednesday and Friday during the Great Fast
- Lenten Dinners – February 19th Desserts needed.
- Financial Assistant leaving Epiphany
- Lenten and Easter supplies – now available in the Book Store
- Parish Directory – appointment scheduling for pictures
- Flea Market Rescheduled – April 9th

TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations–February 7, 2016

Adults	\$5,465.00
Children	\$7.50
Initial Offering	\$10.00
Building Fund	\$1,149.00
School of Religion	\$56.00
Candles	\$133.00
Holy Days	\$191.00
BCY	\$10.00
ECL	\$477.00
Retired Religious	\$10.00
St. Nicholas	\$20.00
TOTAL	\$7,538.50

“ Your generosity produces thanksgiving to God.” (II Corinthians 9:11)

LITURGY AND LIFE

Prayer Intentions. Please remember in prayer: Barbara Mohay, Michael Mikulak, Patricia Fedorko, Marge Rusnak, David Sayen, Marsha Puhak and Eric McDonnell. Please pray for these friends and relatives of parishioners: Shirley Anne Markham, Jeffrey Mikulak, Francine O'Leary, Russell Plasha, 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 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: Andrew Kovch, Gregory and Julia Kowalski, Lillian Kozloski, Julia Krek, Thomas and Treacy Krisztinicz & family, Alex and Joy Kubik & family, John and Matilda Kuklish & family, and from the Mission: Richard and Doris Fejka.

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 next one this year is this Saturday, February 20th.

Fasting Regulations. Wednesdays and Fridays during the Great Fast are days of abstinence in which no meat products are permitted.

Presanctified Liturgy. Since the Divine Liturgy is the re-presentation of the sacrificial death of the Lord Jesus on the cross and His resurrection from the dead, The Byzantine Church legislated that the Divine Liturgy was not to be celebrated on the weekdays of the Great Fast. This is because the Divine Liturgy re-presents the resurrection. Instead, Presanctified Liturgy, Vespers with the distribution of Holy Communion, was celebrated. The Church offers the image of the Chosen People traveling through the desert for forty years seeking the Promised Land while God sustained them on manna, the bread fallen from heaven. As we travel to the Promised Land of Easter we are sustained on the true Bread from Heaven, Holy Communion.

Jubilee Year Indulgences. Bishop Kurt has asked that in churches with a Holy Door, an appropriate prayer-service followed by the Sacrament of Penance should be offered once each month on the first or second Saturday.

Our parish will be praying the Moleben to Jesus, the Lover of Mankind.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Financial Assistant Leaving. Mary Ann Dmochowski has been the Financial Assistant for Epiphany Parish for the past six years. We wish her Health and God's Blessings as she begins her new job at St. Mark Roman Catholic Parish. She will temporarily fill in the gaps until a new financial assistant is hired and trained. Mary Ann is also temporarily manning the Parish Office on Sundays until a replacement for Irene, who recently retired from the position after forty years, can be found.

ELG Valentine Candy. Treat your Sweetie to some ELG candy this Valentine's Day. An assortment of beautiful and delicious candy will be sold between Liturgies today Sunday, February 14th in the Parish Center. Priced to treat your sweetie (and yourself!). Something for everyone!

Lenten Dinners. LENTEN DINNERS HAVE BEGUN! Take out begins at 4:00 PM. Eat in begins at 5:00 PM. Service ends at 7:00 PM in time to attend Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts at 7:30 PM.

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.

Lenten Dinner Desserts. Desserts for Lenten Dinners are needed. Please bring your

baked items wrapped and labeled to the Parish Center on Sundays or Fridays during Lent.

Parish Office Schedule. In observance of Presidents' Day, a federal holiday, the Parish Office will be closed Monday, February 15th. Normal business hours will resume Tuesday, February 16th.

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.

Lenten and Easter Supplies. As you prepare for Lent and Easter, remember to check out the Epiphany Bookstore for inspirational books for the Lenten season and your Easter supplies.

Parish Directory. It is time to publish our Parish Directory once again. Don't miss your opportunity to be included in our upcoming edition. Schedule your appointment now to have your photo taken on the following dates between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM in the Chapel: 3/06/16 ; 3/13/16; 4/10/16; 4/17/16; 5/15/16; 5/22/16. See the insert in today's bulletin for further details and instructions.

Happy Valentine's Day, Married Couples. Marriage is a sacrament. Catholics are married in churches with a sacred rite because for baptized men and women marriage is a union of three different, complementary persons: a man, a woman, and the God-man Jesus Christ. Want to show how much you love Jesus and your spouse on Valentine's Day? Give each other the gift of a virtual Marriage Week Retreat. Each day for seven days, set aside some time for prayer. This retreat is based on the theme of "marriage and mercy," since the Church is currently celebrating the year-long Jubilee of Mercy.

There are two other retreats available as well: 1) Pope Francis' advice about marriage and family life; 2) Reflections on the USCCB pastoral letter Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan. Both are available at the USCCB web site www.ForYourMarriage.org. Each day has a theme, followed by ways to put the theme into practice through prayer, reflection, and action (Pray – Reflect – Do). End each mini-retreat by praying the prayer for married couples.

Thank You. "I am deeply overwhelmed at the prayerful support the Parish Family of Epiphany of Our Lord has shown to me and my family on the occasion of my ordination to the holy presbyterate. I know that hosting this event and my first Liturgy of Thanksgiving took a lot of planning and resources, but I know that everyone found it to be a spiritually uplifting event. It was a beautiful weekend for both the Eparchy and the parish and I hope it is an event that we will never forget. I thank all of you from my heart and ask that God continue to bless the good work that goes on within the parish and your individual families. May you all have a blessed and prayerful Fast and experience the true joy of the Resurrection of Christ!"

- Father Lewis Rabayda

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