



**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD  
Byzantine Catholic Church  
3410 Woodburn Road, Annandale, VA 22003  
Phone: 703-573-3986 --- Fax: 703-573-0344**

*Parish Clergy*  
**Very Rev. Father John G. Basarab, Pastor  
Rev. Deacon Elmer M. Pekarik**

<b>Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!</b>	<b>February 15, 2015</b>	<b>Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!</b>
--	--------------------------	--

***DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE***

***SUNDAY OF CHEESE-FARE***

Feb. 15 Sun.	8:00 AM	God's Blessings on Helen and Peter Wegman By Kevin Wegman & Joseph Wegman & Family
	10:30 AM	Intention of Parishioners
	5:00 PM	Vespers for the Beginning of the Great Fast

***First Week of the Great Fast***

Feb. 18 Wed.	7:30 PM	Divine Liturgy of St. Gregory – Presanctified Gifts
Feb. 20 Fri.	7:30 PM	Divine Liturgy of St. Gregory – Presanctified Gifts

***Commemoration of the Miracle of  
the Great Martyr Theodore***

Feb. 21 Sat.	10:00 AM	+Nancy Skapiak by the Noyes Family
--------------	----------	------------------------------------

***FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST***

Feb. 22 Sun.	8:00 AM	Intention of Parishioners
	10:30 AM	+Raymond Ryabik by the Haluski Gang

---

***ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – February 22, 2015***

Feb. 22 Sun.	8:00 AM	Jacob O'Leary (L), J. Cooke, James Hughes, Joseph Hughes, P. O'Leary
	10:30 AM	J. Hogan (L), Dominic Clark, G. Noyes, James Soyka

---

***USHER SCHEDULE – February 22, 2015***

Feb. 22 Sun.	8:00 AM	J. Nashwinter (L), H. Katawczik, T. Susco
	10:30 AM	R. Parrell (L), R. Bass, T. Soyka

---

*Sunday of Cheese-fare*

*February 15, 2015*

**Cheese-Fare Sunday and Forgiveness Sunday.** The final pre-Lenten Sunday to help prepare for the Great Fast has two parts to its title. First, it is called Cheese-Fare[well] Sunday since, according to the traditional fast, it is the last day dairy products are consumed. In the traditional fast, last Sunday, Meat-Fare[well] Sunday, was the last day meat was eaten. In this way, there is a gradual entrance into the austerity of the fast. The hymns also commemorate the expulsion of Adam and Eve from paradise because they did not fast. Through the fast we desire to return to God. This Sunday is also known as the Sunday of Forgiveness. Both fasting and forgiveness are mentioned in the gospel appointed for this Sunday. The gospel records that the Lord Jesus instructs His followers to forgive one another if they wish to receive forgiveness of their sins and become true sons and daughters of God the Father. Repenting of our sins and forgiving each other, fasting from food as we fast from sin, we are prepared to meet the Lord Jesus in the Sacrament of Repentance and obtain forgiveness of our sins from him through the grace that comes from His crucifixion and obtain newness of life by His resurrection.

**Forgiveness Vespers.** Forgiveness Vespers for the beginning of the Great Fast will be today at 5:00 PM.

**The First Day of the Great Fast.** The *Typicon* of Father Dr. Alexander Mikita for the Eparchy of Mukachevo published in 1901 and utilized by the first generation of priests in the United States directs pastors to pray the Prayer for the Beginning of the Great Fast for their spiritual family on the first day of the Great Fast. The practice in the Byzantine Ruthenian Church of Pittsburgh has been in recent decades to pray this at Forgiveness Vespers.

**Fasting Regulations.** The fasting regulations for the Byzantine Ruthenian Church in the U. S. appear as an insert in today's bulletin. Tomorrow and Great Friday are days of strict fast, no meat or dairy products are permitted. Pastors may mitigate the strict fast for individuals. There is mitigation for expectant or nursing mothers. Wednesdays and Fridays are days of abstinence in which no meat products are permitted.

**The Ladder of Saint John Climacus.** During the Great Fast it is the practice of monks and nuns to read *the Ladder of Divine Ascent* by Saint John Climacus, whose memory is observed on the Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast. The division of the steps for daily reading is included as an insert in the bulletin today. The Ladder of Divine Ascent in English can be obtained from Paulist Press.

**First Saturday of the Great Fast.** The first Saturday of the Great Fast is the commemoration of Saint Theodore the Recruit, a Roman soldier martyred under the Emperor Maximium. When the Emperor Julian the Apostate ordered the food in the markets of Constantinople sprinkled with the blood of animals offered to idols to impede the Fast, Saint Theodore appeared to the archbishop and directed him to instruct the people to boil wheat and eat this alone. This appearance demonstrated that fasting is pleasing to God and He will assist our efforts. In some churches, koliva, a dish of boiled wheat prepared with sugar and raisins and decorated with sugared fruit, is blessed and consumed after the Presanctified Divine Liturgy on Friday. Again this year Theresa Matlaga is preparing koliva for our parish for the Presanctified Divine Liturgy this Friday.

**Presanctified Divine 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 Divine Liturgy, “the completion of a previous Divine Liturgy (namely, the Sunday Liturgy when the consecration of the bread and wine into Christ’s Body and Blood took place)”, is offered on Wednesday and Friday evenings. The structure of the Presanctified Divine Liturgy is Vespers. At this Vespers, the Divine Liturgy is completed when the fraction of the Lamb (Jesus took “bread, blessed, *broke*”) and the distribution of Holy Communion (“and he gave it to them”). 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 that fell from heaven. As we travel to the Promised Land of Easter we are sustained on the true Bread from Heaven, Holy Communion.

**Adult Classes for Reception into the Catholic Church or Baptism.** Classes will start soon for adults wishing to come into full Communion with the Catholic Church, and for those adults preparing for baptism in the Catholic Church. Please contact Deacon El, as soon as possible, to register and begin preparations for this process.

**Thank You.** Thank you for the gifts, cards and prayers received for my ordination to Lector and Subdeacon. My gratitude is from the bottom of my heart.

- Peter Turko

**How to Handle Communion.** Please see the insert in today’s bulletin regarding how to handle Communion if it is dropped or spilled. Rev. William Saunders is the author of a weekly article in the Arlington Diocesan paper, The Arlington Catholic Herald.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lenten Dinner 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.

**Office Schedule.** The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow, February 16<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Presidents’ Day, a federal holiday. Office hours will resume on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Epiphany Men’s Club Breakfast.** Epiphany Men’s Club will host breakfast this morning between Divine Liturgies in the Parish Center.

**Nut Roll baking Thank You.** We are most grateful for the tremendous response to our call for volunteers to prepare and bake all of the nut rolls this previous week. We want to thank the many Epiphany men and women, college students, friends and others who have contributed their time and worked so hard. Your efforts, which made the baking a great success, are greatly appreciated. God bless you all.

- Theresa and Dolores

**Lenten Dinners. LENTEN DINNERS BEGIN THIS FRIDAY, February 20<sup>th</sup>!** Volunteers are needed to help with the Lenten dinners. A sign-up sheet is in the parish center on the brown doors. We need volunteers to fill every position including making soup.

**Epiphany Bookstore.** The Epiphany Bookstore is now located in the entry area of the Parish Center. It is open between liturgies on Sunday and during Lenten Dinners. Please stop by and check out our selection of icons, cards, crosses, books and gift items. All proceeds benefit the Epiphany Building Fund.

**Eparchial Stewardship Appeal 2014.** Additional pledges have been received in the past few weeks. Many thanks to the seventy-six families who have pledged \$12,700 towards our goal of \$19,800. You may still donate towards the 2014 Stewardship Appeal. When we reach our goal, we will receive a 40% rebate of \$7,920. Thank you for your generosity!

<b>Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Annandale, VA</b> <a href="http://www.eolbcc.org">http://www.eolbcc.org</a>	<b>Epiphany of Our Lord Mission</b> <a href="http://www.montgomervbz.org">http://www.montgomervbz.org</a>
Epiphany of Our Lord does not conduct pastoral business on the website email.	

## EPARCHIAL AND OTHER CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pope Francis Slava Isusu Christu.** Pope Francis usually speaks only Spanish or Italian. However, recently he stopped his motorcade to visit a shelter in Rome for homeless people. Some of the people there are Spanish and he spoke to them. When he came to the Ukrainian homeless of Rome he greeted them with “Slava Isusu Christu!” Go to <http://romereports.com/pg160276-a-look-at-the-pope-s-powerful-visit-to-an-immigrant-shantytown-en>. The greeting is around 1:09 mark.