

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 John Onufrak, Patricia Onufrak, Michael and Dolores Opachko, Juan Carlos and Theresa Orihuela, Warren and Olga Osterberg, Daniel and Theresa Palenski, Julia Paluch & family, and from the Mission, Christina Sesok.

Lamp and Light Facts. The Septuagint Old Testament as published by Oxford University Press can be read on-line at ccat.sas.upen.edu/nets/edition. The Septuagint means "seventy" and is usually abbreviated LXX. The received tradition is that Ptolemy II requested a translation of the Hebrew Bible for his famous Library of Alexandria, Egypt. Seventy Jewish scholars labored on this work to translate the Old Testament from Hebrew to koine Greek. This was the Bible of the early Christians and most times when the evangelists quote the Old Testament, they quote the Septuagint rather than from the Hebrew original text. Modern Catholic English versions of the Old Testament are translated from Hebrew, but the Orthodox Church still uses the Septuagint. The scriptural quotations from the psalms in the 2007 English Divine Liturgy were checked against the koine Greek Septuagint.

Books for Lenten Reading. Our parishioner, Jack Figel, is the owner/publisher of Eastern

Christian Publications. Jack would like his fellow parishioners to know that he has several titles that might be of interest to you for your Lenten discipline. These include: *Back to the Garden*, a pocket-size book of reflections on the Byzantine lectionary of Genesis by Father Jack Custer and others for \$9.00; *Journey through the Great Fast*, \$10.; and *Unfinished Business*, a book of daily spiritual reflections for the Great Fast by Marianne Sailus, \$15. Also available are CD and DVD recordings of *Our Lenten Journey*, talks by Metropolitan Kallistos Ware, the noted Oxford professor; and *The Eastern Fathers on Involuntary Sins* by Father Maximos of Holy Resurrection (Romanian Catholic) Monastery, St. Nazianz, WI. To purchase, visit Epiphany Bookstore in the Parish Center.

Triodion continues. We have entered the period of the Lenten prayer book, the Triodion, which began to be utilized on the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee. This book is used until the end of the Great Fast which takes place on the Friday before Lazarus Saturday. The Byzantine Church also has a four Sunday, twenty-two day, pre-Fast period in order to prepare for the Great Fast. This is why the Triodion begins last Sunday. Today is the third of the four Sundays. On this third Sunday, the gospel of the Second Coming of our Lord and the Last Judgment are read (Matthew 25) to inspire us to use the time of the Great Fast to repent of our sins and seek forgiveness while there is still time.

Fasting Intensifies. There is a gradual intensification in fasting in order to gradually prepare the Faithful to enter into the rigors of the Fast for those who observe the full, traditional fast. Two weeks ago, the week of the Publican and Pharisee, was a fast-free week. Last week the regular rule of fasting resumed, that is, Friday was a Day of Penance since every Friday is a weekly Great Friday as

every Sunday is a weekly Pascha or Easter. Today is Meat-Fare[well] Sunday (Latin: Carne vale or carnival. Church Slavonic: Mjasopustnaja), the last day meat is consumed before Pascha according to the traditional fast. Next, Sunday, Cheese-Fare [well] Sunday would be the final day dairy products are consumed according to the traditional fast. Please remember that according to the fasting prescriptions of the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh, for us fasting during the Great Fast a strict fast Cheese-Fare Monday and Great Friday. Wednesday and Fridays during the Great Fast are fast days when we abstain from meat products. Wednesday is a fast day because Judas betrayed the Lord on a Wednesday and we utilize this to fast for when we betrayed the Lord by our sins. Fridays are Days of Fast, because every Friday is a weekly Great Friday when Christ's Faithful join Him in His saving sufferings and life-giving death on our behalf.

Praying our Lenten Resolution. A main feature of Sundays during the Triodion days is the use of the Lenten stichera "Open to me the Doors of Repentance" sung today and each Sunday from now to the 5th Sunday of the Great Fast. It sets forth the purpose of Great Fast and the Lenten theme. "Open to me the doors of repentance, O Giver of Life. As we worship in your temple this morning, teach us how to purify the temples of our bodies, and in your compassion, purify me by the goodness of your mercies." The second verse appeals to the Theotokos: "Lead me to the paths of salvation, O Theotokos, for I have condemned myself with shameful sins and have wasted my life in slothfulness. By your intercession, purify me from all sinfulness." The third and final verse reflects on Judgment Day: "When I think upon the multitude of evil deeds, I tremble for the terrible Judgment Day. But trusting in the compassion of your mercy, O Lord, I cry to you like David: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your great

mercy. [Psalm 50]" The theme of the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee is reflected in the first verse, the Sunday of the Prodigal Son in the second verse, and Meat-Fare Sunday in the third verse. From the Sunday of the Prodigal Son the solemn singing of the lament of an exile, Psalm 137, is added: "By the rivers of Babylon, we sat down and wept..."

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

End of Life Planning. The follow-up session with the Fairfax Memorial Park cemetery representative will be today, February 19th, between the Divine Liturgies.

Nut Roll Baking. Nut roll baking for Lenten Dinners will begin at 8:00 AM on Saturday, March 11th in the Parish Center. If you are interested in volunteering to help with this important endeavor please contact Kyra Gerardi at 571-733-7298. There are many opportunities to help in the baking process.

Bingo Help Needed. The Bingo program at Epiphany of Our Lord is in need of several volunteers. If you can help one Tuesday night a month, please contact Fr. John or the Parish Office at 703-573-3986 or email epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net or Ed Gubanich at ED13456@aol.com.

Pussy Willows. Some parts of the northeast and the Midwest are claiming that because of some warmer than average winter temperatures the pussy willows are beginning to bud. Those parishioners who have pussy willows and supply them for our parish to use for Palm Sunday are asked to check your plants for any sign of budding. The news story stated that the correct way to cut them is to wait until almost all the branches have budded and before the buds go green to cut them.

They should then be stored in a cool place until Palm Sunday. Thank you.

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, 73 families and one organization have contributed \$19,410 toward our goal. We are only \$390 short of our goal. Through your generosity the parish reversions from recent Appeals given back to Epiphany parish have provided for necessary repairs and maintenance. 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 Epiphany Ladies Guild has generously made a donation of \$15,000.00 toward the replacement of the parish center boiler, which brings the boiler fund up to \$24,998.40. The latest estimate for a new boiler is \$45,257.00. Thank you for your generosity. It is not too late to make a donation.

Saint Gregory Adult Ed. Father Lewis Rabayda invites parishioners of Epiphany parish-Annandale and Epiphany mission-Gaithersburg to the February Adult Catechesis sessions. The remaining date is February 22. The Adult Catechesis will be offered twice to accommodate the differing schedules of adults, one at 10:00 AM and again at 7:30 PM. The topic presented for the month of February is "The Early Church: From the Resurrection of Christ to Catholicism". There are no registration or materials needed to be brought by participants. The location is Saint

Gregory of Nyssa Byzantine Catholic Church, 12420 Old Gunpowder Road Spur, Beltsville, Maryland.

Cantor Training Classes to begin. The Metropolitan Cantor Institute began its Spring 2017 Cantor's Institute on-line classes from February 12 to April 7 with two course offerings using the newly acquired license agreement with Theta Music Trainer. The classes of the Institute are open to all cantors of the Archeparchy and the eparchies of Passaic, Parma, and Phoenix of the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh. Cantors can follow the instruction and link at the website of the Metropolitan Cantor Institute. Go to www.archpitt.org, click on Ministries on the pull down menu, click on Metropolitan Cantor Institute, and then click on the link to their dedicated web site.

Attention HS Juniors. "Greetings from Christendom College" a Catholic, four-year, Liberal Arts College located in Front Royal, Virginia. For the past nineteen years we have provided one of the best-pre college summer programs available. Through these life-changing programs, hundreds of rising seniors have experienced the true joy of living and learning in a supportive Catholic community. While 80% of Catholics who leave the Faith do so during the years 18-22, we have a proven track record so far for helping our students and alumni remain committed, practicing Catholics. We will have three weeks in June and three in July. Register on-line at www.christendom.edu/experience and we offer financial assistance to anyone who requests it.

Sunday of Meatfare

COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

- Byzantine Spirituality
- Bishop's Appeal
- Bible Study
- Book Store - Lenten Reading
- St. Gregory Adult Ed
- End of Life Planning
- Nut Roll Baking

February 19, 2017

TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations—February 12, 2017

Adults	\$2,710.00
Children	\$4.90
Initial Offering	\$10.00
Building Fund	\$735.00
School of Religion	\$26.00
Candles	\$94.00
Holy Days	\$160.00
Boiler Fund	\$300.00
BCY	\$10.00
Blessed Candles	\$174.00
Holy Water	\$3.00
ECL	\$120.00
Byzantine Missions	\$20.00
Retired Priests	\$10.00
St. Nicholas	\$1.00
TOTAL	\$4,377.90

"Give and it shall be given to you. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you." (Luke 6:38)

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, Robert Hencken, Caroline Zurun, Mary Beth Vieira and Robert Esser. 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, Fr. Phillip Scott, Mary Jewette, Luke Kolar, Fr. Conan Timoney, Eileen Gray, Bernadette Strate, Karen Baine and James Seman.



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Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory Forever!

February 19, 2017

Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava Na Viki!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY OF MEATFARE

Feb. 19 Sun. 8:00 AM Intention of Parishioners
10:30 AM +Julia Starr by Peter, Gregory & Kristine Starr

Meatfare Week

Feb.21 Tues. 10:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on Joseph Stone
Feb. 22 Wed. Aliturgical
Feb. 23 Thurs. Health & God's Blessings on Bertha Walak by Helen Wegma
Feb. 24 Fri. Aliturgical
Feb. 25 Sat. 10:00 AM +Edward Paolella by Joseph Stone

SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE

Feb. 26 Sun. 8:00 AM +Deacon Gerald McDonnell by Mary McDonnell & Family
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – February 26, 2017

Feb. 26 Sun. 8:00 AM T. Hughes (L), C. Susco, J. O'Leary, P. O'Leary
10:30 AM D. Naccash (L), T. Clark, J. Naccash

USHER SCHEDULE – February 26, 2017

Feb. 26 Sun. 8:00 AM J. Kotula (L), H. Katawczik, T. Ryan
10:30 AM K. Kepick (L), M. Bell, 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 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

Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Annandale, VA

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