

# ΕPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church

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Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Glory Forever!

February 26, 2017

Slava Isusu Christu!  
Slava Na Viki!

## DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE

Feb. 26 Sun. 8:00 AM +Deacon Gerald McDonnell by Mary McDonnell & Family  
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners  
5:00 PM Forgiveness Vespers

### FIRST WEEK OF THE GREAT FAST

Mar. 01 Wed. 7:30 PM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Mar. 03 Fri. 7:30 PM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

### Commemoration of the Miracle of the Great-Martyr Theodore

Feb. 25 Sat. 10:00 AM +Jacob Lichman by Epiphany Parish

### FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Feb. 26 Sun. 8:00 AM Intention of Parishioners  
10:30 AM +Darcie Santoro by Mary Ann Dzama

### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – March 5, 2017

Mar. 5 Sun. 8:00 AM J. Cooke (L), T. Hughes, J. Jaimes, J. Lampl,  
10:30 AM James Hughes (L), T. Clark, D. Naccash, J. Naccash

### USHER SCHEDULE – March 5, 2017

Mar. 5 Sun. 8:00 AM K. Koshute (L), J. Susco, B. Wargo  
10:30 AM D. Semanco (L), T. Fazio, E. Koval

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## 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 to 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.

Create your favorite dessert and bring it to share. Please list the ingredients and put it in the walk-in refrigerator.

**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](mailto:epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net) or Ed Gubanich at [ED13456@aol.com](mailto: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 for 2016. Through your generosity the parish reversions from recent Appeals have provided for necessary repairs and maintenance. The

reversion from the 2015 Appeal was \$7,932.40. Parishioners have generously donated an additional \$3,841.00 and a generous donation of \$15,000 made by the Epiphany Ladies Guild of \$15,000 brings the boiler fund to \$24,998.40. The latest estimate for replacement of the boiler is \$45,257.00. Thank you for your generosity!

**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 online at [www.christendom.edu/experience](http://www.christendom.edu/experience) and we offer financial assistance to anyone who requests it. Interested High School Juniors, please take a pamphlet from the bulletin board in Epiphany narthex.

## Sunday of Cheesefare

### COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

- Byzantine Spirituality
- Bishop's Appeal
- Bible Study
- Book Store - Lenten Reading
- Nut Roll Baking
- Forgiveness Vespers - 5:00 PM Today
- First Day of the Great Fast - strict fast
- Fasting Regulations

## February 26, 2017

### TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations—February 19, 2017

Adults	\$3,757.20
Children	\$9.50
Initial Offering	\$5.00
Building Fund	\$950.00
School of Religion	\$106.00
Candles	\$243.00
Holy Days	\$30.00
BCY	\$5.00
ECL	\$45.00
Bishop's Lenten Appeal	\$100.00
St. Nicholas	\$1,030.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,294.70</b>

*"...Remember, O Lord, those who bear offerings and perform good deeds in Your holy churches..."* (anaphora of the liturgy)

### LITURGY AND LIFE

**Prayer Intentions.** Please remember in prayer: Michael Mikulak, David Sayen, Mary McDonnell, 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, James Seman, and Hank Kowalski, father of Greg Kowalski.

**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 Roe Panella, Richard and Daria Parrell, Steve and Anne Pastorkovich, Majorie Pavliscak, Nora Peabody & Family, Elizabeth Peil, Deacon Elmer and Sally Pekarik and from the Mission, Lou and Marie Shanks.

**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 second one is Saturday, March 11. This year, however, there are only four All Souls Saturdays appointed because the feast of the Annunciation falls on the date of the fourth All Souls Saturday and the typicon directs that the remembrance of the departed is omitted because of the great feast of God the Son being enfleshed or incarnate.

**Fasting Regulations.** 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 and nursing mothers. Wednesdays and Fridays are days of abstinence in which no meat products are permitted. For the complete fasting regulations please see the insert in today's bulletin. Wednesdays are fast days because Judas betrayed the Lord on a Wednesday and we fast for the times 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.

**First Day of Fast.** The *Church Typicon* of Father Dr. Alexander Mikita for the Eparchy of Mukachevo published in 1901 and utilized by the first generations of priests in the United States as well, 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 Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh has been in recent decades to pray this prayer at Forgiveness Vespers Cheese-Fare Sunday evening since the Great Fast begins at these Vespers. What is behind the practice? The Old Testament Book of Joel was the reading last Wednesday at Vespers, and Joel wrote that God ordered: "Proclaim a fast, call an assembly! Gather the people, sanctify the congregation. Assemble the elderly; gather the children, even infants nursing at the breast... *Between the porch and the altar, let the priests weep, let the ministers of the Lord weep and say, 'Spare your people, O Lord!'*"

**Koliva Blessing this Friday.** Koliva will be blessed this Friday at Presanctified Liturgy for the feast of Saint Theodore on the first Saturday of the Great Fast. Koliva is boiled wheat with honey and bits of fruit prepared according to the traditional recipe and made by Theresa Matlaga Palenski. The koliva will be consumed Friday after Presanctified, Saturday on the feast day, and next Sunday.

**Triodion in the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent.** The Lenten prayer book, the Triodion, began to be utilized on the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee. The Triodion hymns for this Sunday makes Adam-the Human Being's lament ours since we are his descendents: "Adam was cast out from Paradise

because he ate the forbidden fruit. Seated before the gates, he wept, lamenting with a pitiable voice." The gospel for the day reminds us to forgive others if we want God to forgive us so that we might have a productive Lent. During the first week of the Great Fast the account from Genesis is read of the creation by God of all that is, and the Fall and exile from our Paradise home. The Triodion offers this hymn: "Instead of the visible Eve, I have the Eve-of-the-mind." Whereas the first humans ate and sinned, let us invite God's healing by imitating the New Adam, Christ, who fasted forty days. Whereas our first Parents did not listen to God's instruction, let us listen to the Word of God and read the appointed Bible readings during the Great Fast so as to reverse the curse of sin.

**Lamp and Light.** During the Great Fast, Lamp and Light Bible Study with Deacon Peter will not be meeting on Wednesday evenings because of Presanctified Liturgy. Instead, participants will be doing home study of two of the three Old Testament books read at Vespers and Presanctified. This year it is the first book of the Bible, Genesis and Proverbs. Use the church wall calendar for the daily reading from Genesis and Proverbs and then go to [www.agapebiblestudy.com](http://www.agapebiblestudy.com) for the study text for Genesis and Proverbs. Deacon Peter and your fellow parishioners who are participants invite you to join them during the Great Fast by following along at home.

**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](http://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.** Epiphany Bookstore has several titles that might be of interest to you for your Lenten discipline. A new addition is *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. To purchase, visit Epiphany Bookstore in the Parish Center.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Epiphany Ladies Guild.** The next meeting of Epiphany Ladies Guild will be Monday, March 6th in the parish center. Light refreshments will be served at 7:00 PM with meeting following.

**Epiphany Men's Club.** Epiphany Men's Club will meet on Thursday, March 2nd in the parish center. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM with the meeting following.

**Lenten Dinners!** With the beginning of the Great Fast comes Lenten dinners, the six Fridays of Great Fast, excluding Good Friday. Desserts are needed each week.