



**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD  
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<b>Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!</b>	<b>March 8, 2015</b>	<b>Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!</b>
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***DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE***

***THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST***

***Veneration of the Cross***

Mar. 08	Sun.	8:00 AM	+Kathleen Ryan by Epiphany Ladies Guild
		10:30 AM	Intention of Parishioners

***Fourth Week of the Great Fast***

***MID-LENT***

Mar. 11	Wed.	7:30 PM	Divine Liturgy of St. Gregory – Presanctified Gifts
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Mar. 13	Fri.	7:30 PM	Divine Liturgy of St. Gregory – Presanctified Gifts
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***Fourth All Souls Saturday***

Mar. 14	Sat.	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy and Remembrance of the Departed
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***FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST***

Mar. 15	Sun.	8:00 AM	+John Fontana by Joel and Michelle Susco
		10:30 AM	Intention of Parishioners

***ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – March 15, 2015***

Mar. 15	Sun.	8:00 AM	BCY
		10:30 AM	D. Clark (L), T. Clark, J. Naccash, G. Noyes

***USHER SCHEDULE – March 15, 2015***

Mar. 15	Sun.	8:00 AM	BCY
		10:30 AM	E. Gubanich (L), J. Lichman, G. Semonick

**Veneration of the Holy Cross.** During the forty days between His Transfiguration and His crucifixion, Jesus predicted three times that He would be crucified. The shadow of the cross fell on the Apostles and the men and women disciples as they travelled from Galilee to Jerusalem. In the middle of the Great Fast, the image of the Holy Cross is placed in the middle of the church to turn our thoughts to Great Friday and the cost of our redemption.

**Fourth All Souls Saturday.** This Saturday is the fourth All Souls Saturday in which the Divine Liturgy is offered for the blessed repose of our deceased loved ones and a panachida is celebrated with the reading of the Hramoty or diptychs when their names are read. This is observed on Saturday since the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated on weekdays of the Great Fast and because the Bible relates that after creating the universe God “rested” on the seventh or Sabbath day. God commanded the Hebrews to rest on the Sabbath day. This command is perfectly fulfilled by Jesus who rested in the tomb on the Sabbath day of Great Saturday. For this reason we remember our departed every Saturday but especially for these four Saturdays since there are no weekday Liturgies during the Great Fast. This prayer is a work of charity of the Great Fast for those who have died cannot help themselves. Prayer, fasting and charity are the three works of the Great Fast.

**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 it makes present Christ’s sacrifice on the Cross and His resurrection as well, the Byzantine Church at the Council in Trullo in 692 legislated that the Divine Liturgy was not to be celebrated on the weekdays of the Great Fast. This is because the Divine Liturgy makes the resurrection present. Instead, Presanctified Divine Liturgy, “the completion of a previous Divine Liturgy (namely, Sunday, 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 four-fold action of the Divine Liturgy that began at the Sunday Divine Liturgy (Jesus “(1) took bread, (2) blessed,”) is completed at Presanctified with the fraction of the Lamb (Jesus “took bread, blessed, (3) broke”) and the distribution of Holy Communion ((4) “and he gave it to them”).

**Fast and Eat.** While Byzantine Catholics fast from meat and other foods during Lent, they are invited to partake of the hyper-essential Food of Holy Communion more frequently. 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. God gave them manna to eat every day. As we travel to the Promised Land of Easter we are sustained on the true Bread from Heaven, Holy Communion, which we receive at the Divine Liturgies on Saturday and Sunday and the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on Wednesdays and Fridays.

**Condolences.** We offer condolences to Robert Gerardi and his family upon the death of his mother, +Kathleen Gerardi, who died on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, in New York. The funeral was Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at St. John Roman Catholic Church in Valatie, New York. Burial was from St. John Cemetery in Valatie, New York. May God grant His departed servant, +Kathleen, peaceful repose. Vicnaja jej pamjat'!

## 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.

**EMC Breakfast.** Epiphany Men's Club will sponsor breakfast next Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, in the parish center between Divine Liturgies. All parishioners are invited to attend.

**EMC Meeting Rescheduled.** The Epiphany Men's Club meeting for March has been rescheduled for this Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM with the meeting following at 7:30 PM. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend.

**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.

**Post-construction Update.** Please note the following.

1. Christine Uveyges Loya, the principle of Eikona Studios and the iconographer for our church icons, removed the icon of the Epiphany from the outdoor shrine and repaired the small areas where paint or gold leaf had flaked. The icon is in the sacristy curing. Christine Loya also sealed the four principle icons on the icon screen because she said that these egg tempera icons are fully cured and can now accept the protective seal.
2. The cold temperatures were responsible for ice damming on the north side of the church at the servers' sacristy roof. Kerns Group Architects investigated. Miller Brothers had been contacted and they gave us the names of three roofers to select from. Mike Overton of Miller Brothers said the roof is too ice covered to have roofers go up and knock off the ice. That would possibly damage shingles. Bill Fournier has put plastic tarp to catch snow and ice melt. The adjustor from Catholic Mutual Insurance was here last Thursday to inspect the damage.

EMC BINGO  
03/10/15 Team A  
03/17/15 Team B  
03/24/15 Team C  
03/31/15 Team D  
<http://EMCBINGO.com>

## EPARCHIAL AND OTHER CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Knights of Columbus Gifts Ukraine.** The Knights of Columbus have given a gift of \$400,000 to the Catholic bishops of Ukraine, \$200,000 to the Greek Catholic bishops and \$200,000 to the Latin Catholic bishops to help them assist the poor. "Too often, the conflict in Ukraine is discussed purely in military or geopolitical terms, while the most vulnerable and marginalized — the young and old, the poor, the sick, and the increasing number of refugee families — are almost invisible to the outside world," said Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Dr. Carl Anderson. "Our support is meant to further enable the bishops of Ukraine as they help their people and further implement the Holy Father's call to aid those most in need."

**Jersey City Choir Offers CDs and Cassettes.** St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church announces the sale of their four compact disc (CD) recordings and their four stereo cassette recordings. Compact discs are \$12.00 each, or any four for \$43.95. Stereo cassette recordings are \$7.95 each or any four for \$29.95. All orders are postage and handling free. Select from (1) Great Fast and Resurrection; (2) Divine Liturgy in Old Slavonic; (3) Divine Liturgy in English; (4) Christmas Caroling. Send orders to: St. Mary Choir, 231 Pacific Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07304

### Oration in Veneration of the Cross Saint Theodore the Studite of the Studion Monastery of Constantinople

How precious the gift of the cross, how splendid to contemplate! In the cross there is no mingling of good and evil, as in the tree of paradise: it is wholly beautiful to behold and good to taste. The fruit of this tree is not death but life, not darkness but light. This tree does not cast us out of paradise, but opens the way for our return.

This was the tree on which Christ, like a king on a chariot, destroyed the devil, the Lord of death, and freed the human race from his tyranny. This was the tree upon which the Lord, like a brave warrior wounded in hands, feet and side, healed the wounds of sin that the evil serpent had inflicted on our nature. A tree once caused our death, but now a tree brings life. Once deceived by a tree, we have now repelled the cunning serpent by a tree. What an astonishing transformation! That death should become life, that decay should become immortality, that shame should become glory! Well might the holy Apostle exclaim: *Far be it for me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world!*