



**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!	March 15, 2015	Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

Fifth Week of the Great Fast

Mar. 18 Wed. 7:30 PM Divine Liturgy of St. Gregory – Presanctified Gifts

Mar. 20 Fri. 7:30 PM Akathistos Hymn

Akathistos Saturday

Mar. 21 Sat. 10:00 AM +Paraska Drozd by Kuklish Family

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Mar. 22 Sun. 8:00 AM Intention of Parishioners
10:30 AM +Joseph G. Blake by Joseph Stone

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – March 22, 2015

Mar. 22 Sun. 8:00 AM C. Susco (L), James Hughes, Joseph Hughes, T. Hughes
10:30 AM J. Hogan (L), D. Clark, D. Naccash, J. Naccash

USHER SCHEDULE – March 22, 2015

Mar. 22 Sun. 8:00 AM T. Susco (L), J. Fedorko, J. Nashwinter
10:30 AM K. Hogan (L), J. Mattingly, T. Soyka

Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast

March 15, 2015

Fourth Sunday. This Sunday and week are powerful instructions of and also supports for being a disciple of Jesus Christ. The commemoration of the Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast is Saint John Climacus, hegumen of Saint Catherine’s Monastery on Mt. Sinai, and author of the *Ladder of Divine Ascent*. The Ladder is read each day in monasteries and also by some of the faithful. In 2009 Pope Benedict XVI offered a catechesis of Saint John Climacus and his Ladder in which he reflected that this 1,500 year old book is very relevant today as a way to recover the state of baptismal infancy, the purity of soul, we all had at baptism.

Akathistos Saturday. “At the foot of the cross stood His mother...” so the gospels record the crucifixion events. As we journey with the Lord during the forty days from the mount of Transfiguration to the hill of Crucifixion we recall that the Theotokos must have journeyed with her divine Son from Nazareth to Jerusalem. This Saturday is Akathistos Saturday. The Akathist Hymn is a prayer composition that uses the Annunciation of the Theotokos as its inspiration. Since the feast of the Annunciation always occurs at the latter part of the Great Fast or on Great Week the fifth Saturday is dedicated to the Akathist Hymn. It is most appropriate as a Lenten prayer. We recall the prophecy of Simeon the Elder to the Theotokos: “And you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed” (Luke 2:35). The prayer petition forms in which we share our “thoughts of many hearts” and ask the Theotokos to intercede for us with her Son as she stands at the Cross. The Akathist Hymn will be prayed this Friday at 7:30 PM.

Great Canon. This Thursday the Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete is prayed at Matins. A canon is a special composition that uses Old Testament and New Testament canticles as inspiration. The Great Canon of Andrew of Crete is a check list of sins and virtues, an examination of conscience. Each verse is accompanied by a great prostration, totally several hundred prostrations during the service so that mind, soul, and body are integrated into this examination of conscience and act of contrition. The Great Canon is prayed in monasteries, the seminary, and some parishes.

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.

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”).

EPARCHIAL AND OTHER CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Resurrection Candles. If you would like to offer an Easter candle in remembrance of a departed loved one, please visit the Parish Office between Divine Liturgies on Sunday, or on weekdays from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM beginning next Sunday, March 22nd. All candles will be lit for every liturgy during the Easter Season.

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.

Easter Meats. Meat order forms must be returned by next Sunday, March 22nd. Orders will not be accepted after that. Please see the meat order insert in today's bulletin.

EMC Breakfast. Epiphany Men's Club will sponsor breakfast today Sunday, March 15th, in the parish center between Divine Liturgies. All parishioners are invited 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. 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 March 5th to inspect the damage. One of the roofers was here last week and offered a different assessment. The office waits for their report.
2. The parish was notified that the Bond release package was reviewed by the Bonds and Agreement Center of Fairfax County for completeness and accuracy. The Bonds and Agreement Center is notifying the Board of Supervisors and County agencies of imminent release before sending an e-mail letter for the signature of Father Basarab and any outstanding fees. This generates the release package for signature by the Manager of Bonds and Agreements Center. The steps here are the penultimate steps for the bond release. Bill Fournier explains that the bond release now will be weeks rather than months. The bond is \$278,100.

Parish Cash Flow Statement. The parish Cash Flow Statements for 2013 and 2014 can be found on the table in the narthex by the bulletins.

EMC BINGO

03/17/15 Team B

03/24/15 Team C

03/31/15 NO BINGO Team D

04/07/15 Team A

<http://EMCBINGO.com>

Young Adult Catholic Retreat Weekend. Answer Pope Francis' call to discipleship...ENCOUNTER! REJOICE! LEAD! The Sisters of St. Basil the Great (www.sistersofstbasil.org) will sponsor a weekend retreat for young adults, ages 18-35 at Mount St. Macrina House of Prayer, 510 W. Main Street, Uniontown, PA 15401. The retreat will begin at 7:00 PM Friday, May 29th and conclude Sunday, May 31st. Both singles and married couples are welcome. The deadline for registration is Friday, May 22nd. The cost of the retreat is \$100. A \$50 deposit is due at the time of registration. The balance of \$50 is due upon check-in at the retreat. For further information, please contact Sr. Barbara Jean at 724-438-7149.

Pope Francis On Fatherhood. The Holy Father Pope Francis has been offering catechesis on the family in preparation for the World Meeting of Families, this year to be held in Philadelphia. The two-part catechesis On Fatherhood by Pope Francis is available to parishioners today in the narthex.

Pope Francis in Philadelphia. The World Meeting of Families will take place in Philadelphia, PA, from September 22-25, 2015. This gathering will offer an Adult Congress and a Youth Congress for ages 6 to 17. The Adult Congress, for ages 18 and older, will consist of keynote presentations and breakout sessions that address the many ways in which families can strengthen their bonds, especially in the face of significant challenges facing the family globally in the 21st century. The Youth Congress will provide interactive programs designed for young people to play, listen, serve, build and embrace the mission of love in a family. Held every three years and sponsored by the Holy See's Pontifical Council for the Family, the World Meeting of Families is the world's largest Catholic gathering of families. Bishop Kurt hopes many of our families of the Eparchy of Passaic will participate. Please go to <http://www.worldmeeting2015.org> for more information and to register. Once you have registered, please forward a copy of your registration to the Eparchy of Passaic at secretary@dioceseofpassaic.org. Bishop Kurt is planning a special event on the evening of Wednesday, September 23 that will bring together everyone who will be attending. The Eparchy will also be offering a partial registration reimbursement of \$125 per day per child, teen or full time student to families who attend with children. If you have any questions, please e-mail Father Ed Cimbala at: fredstmary@aol.com.

At the Beginning of World War I – the first concentration camp in Europe. While the words "concentration camp" are associated almost exclusively with the Nazis and World War II, the development of the idea of a concentration camp in Europe was piloted by the Austrian government in the town of Graz in 1914, 25 years before Auschwitz-Birkenau, Dachau and other such sites in World War II. And the first people in Europe interned in this camp, called Thalerhof, was a little-known people from the northeastern regions of the Austro-Hungarian Empire – the Carpatho-Rusyns. Titled *Changed by Thalerhof*, the 1-hour, 5 minute film interviews scholars, current leaders in the Carpatho-Rusyn community, and descendants of Thalerhof victims in Poland, Austria, Slovakia and the United States. The documentary was directed by John Righetti and Maria Silvestri and funded by the John and Helen Timo Foundation of Pittsburgh. The documentary is available On Demand and will be available on YouTube. For information go to documentary@rusynprojects.net. As usual, the bulletin announcements by cultural associations are for our parishioners' information and should not be taken to imply that anything contained in them have the support of the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church. Of course, parents should exercise supervision and preview to determine whether the documentary is suitable for children or teens.