



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church

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Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory Forever!

March 20, 2016

Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava na viki!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

Mar. 20 Sun. 8:00 AM +Paraska Drozd by the Kuklish Family
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

GREAT AND HOLY WEEK

Mar. 21 Mon. 7:30 PM Divine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Mar. 22 Tues. 7:30 PM Divine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Mar. 23 Wed. 7:30 PM Office of Holy Anointing

HOLY THURSDAY

Mar. 24 Thurs. 7:30 PM Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS

Mar. 25 Fri. 10:00 AM Passion Matins
7:30 PM Vespers & Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
and Procession with the Holy Shroud

HOLY SATURDAY

Mar. 26 Sat. 5:00 PM Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD-PASCHA

Mar. 27 Sun. 7:30 AM Resurrection Matins
8:00 AM Easter Divine Liturgy
10:30 AM Easter Divine Liturgy

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – March 27, 2016

Mar. 27 Sun. 8:00 AM Joseph Hughes (L), James Hughes, T. Hughes, J. O’Leary
10:30 AM D. Clark (L), T. Clark, D. Naccash, J. Naccash

USHER SCHEDULE – March 27, 2016

Mar. 27 Sun. 8:00 AM Volunteers
10:30 AM Volunteers

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
Mary Ann Dmochowski, 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 12:30 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 and 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.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

EMC. Please NOTE: There will be no Men's Club breakfast today Sunday, March 20th, Palm Sunday. The next breakfast will be held Sunday, April 17th.

EMC BINGO

03/22/16 NO BINGO- Team C
03/29/16 Team D
04/05/16 Team A
04/12/16 Team B
<http://EMCBINGO.com>

Men's Club Meeting: The next meeting of the Epiphany Men's Club will be on Thursday, April 7, in the Parish Hall. All men of the parish are invited! Guest speaker will be Rich Custer, a founder of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society in 1994, and editor of its *New Rusyn Times* newsletter since. He is the author of scholarly and popular articles on Rusyn history and culture and the blog *The Carpatho-Rusyns of Pennsylvania*, <http://rusynsofpa.blogspot.com>. He co-authored *Prikra* (Prešov, Slovakia, 2006), a history of his Rusyn maternal grandmother's village in eastern Slovakia. He holds master's degrees in international business and Eastern Europe studies from the University of Pittsburgh. Mr. Custer will be speaking on his 25 years of research on the history of Carpatho-Rusyns in Pennsylvania. The meeting starts with 6:30 pm cocktails, 7:00 pm dinner and a 7:30 pm meeting start time.

Parish Directory. Schedule your appointment now to have your photo taken on the following dates between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM in the Chapel: 4/10/16; 4/17/16; 5/15/16; 5/22/16. See the insert in today's bulletin for further details and instructions.

It's Time to Start Your Spring Cleaning! The BCY is conducting a donation drive to

raise funds for the ByzanTEEN Youth rally this year. Since donated clothes are not accepted at the Slavic American Festival Rummage Sale in the Fall, bring them in for the BCY Flea Market this Spring! The BCY is looking for donations of gently used clothes and/or other items such as household goods, toys, furniture, etc. Donations can be dropped off in the chapel basement on the following Sundays: March 20th, 27th and April 3rd from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. These items will be sold at the Flea Market April 9th, sponsored by the BCY. The hours for the Flea Market are 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Easter Candy. Easter candy will be available for purchase today Palm Sunday, March 20th, between Divine Liturgies. Fill those Easter baskets and support the Epiphany Ladies Guild candy making project.

2016 Epiphany Parish Directory— Accepting Ads and Memorials Now!

Don't miss this opportunity to promote your business, place a memorial to a loved one, or acknowledge your family's support of this Epiphany project with a congratulatory note. Four ad sizes available, starting at \$40 for business card size. See sample ads in bookstore or in the narthex/vestibule of the church. Ad Space is limited so reserve now. The deadline is May 31, 2016. Questions? Email Debra Bass, bassdd@mindspring.com.

2016 Epiphany Parish Directory—Looking for pictures of First Reconciliation from 2006 through 2015! We are looking for copies of the pictures from the First Reconciliation groups for the years 2006 through 2015. If you have one of these special pictures, we would like a copy of it or the opportunity to borrow it so we can scan it. Please contact Julie and Greg Kowalski at 703-354-7147 if you have one of these pictures. Thank you!

Palm Sunday

COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

- Year of Mercy
- Holy Door is open. Special indulgences possible
- Fasting regulations for this week.
- Easter Meats – last pick-up date today Sunday, March 20th.
- Lenten and Easter supplies – now available in the Book Store
- EMC – No March EMC breakfast; Next breakfast, April 17th
- BCY Flea Market – Donation drop off dates
- Bulletin Deadline this week – tomorrow 3/21/16 by Noon.
- Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts– Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week at 7:30 PM
- Holy Anointing – Wednesday at 7:30 PM
- Guarding the Tomb after Friday Vespers – sign up in the church Narthex
- Blessing of Easter Baskets – after Vespers, and after both Divine Liturgies Easter
- BCY Easter Egg Hunt – Easter Sunday following 8:00 AM Divine Liturgy– children 10 and under
- Parish Directory – appointment scheduling for pictures

March 20, 2016

TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations–March 13, 2016

Adults	\$3,491.25
Children	\$25.65
Building Fund	\$815.00
Initial Offering	\$5.00
School of Religion	\$96.00
Candles	\$122.01
Flowers	\$50.00
Holy Days	\$45.00
Easter	\$135.00
BCY	\$5.00
ECL	\$12.00
Missions	\$78.00
St. Nicholas	\$133.00
TOTAL	\$5,012.91

“Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver. God can multiply His favors among you so that you always have enough of everything and even surplus for good works.” (Phil. 4:19)

LITURGY AND LIFE

Prayer Intentions. Please remember in prayer: Barbara Mohay, Michael Mikulak, Patricia Fedorko, Marge Rusnak, David Sayen, Marsha Puhak, and Helen Capar. Please pray for these friends and relatives of parishioners: Shirley Anne Markham, Jeffrey Mikulak, Francine O'Leary, Russell Plasha, William Brokaw, Maureen Guth, Linda Fisher, Tim O'Leary, Joanne Gaudino, Eric McDonnell, Patricia Delfine, mother of Julia Krek, Rev. Joseph Jugan.

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: Mary Michaels, Michael Mikulak, Kenneth and Dolores Miller & family, Linda Mocharko, Barbara Mohay, James and Johanna Naccash & family, Jeffrey and Victoria Nashwinter & family, and from the Mission: Michael Hamas.

Holy Year-Merciful like the Father. Pope Francis asks us to be God-like and practice the Spiritual Works of Mercy and the Corporal Works of Mercy. For the seven weeks the Corporal Works of Mercy have been presented, one per week. Now the Spiritual Works of Mercy are being presented. The sixth Spiritual Work of Mercy is "To Bear Wrongs Patiently". The US Bishops suggest these as ways to accomplish this Spiritual Work of Mercy "Do not be bitter about wrongs done against you. Place your hope in God so that you can endure the troubles of this world and face them with a compassionate spirit. (1) Frustrated with someone? Step away from the situation, take a few deep breaths, pray the Our Father, asking God for patience."

Fasting Regulations. Great Wednesday and Great Saturday are days of abstinence, that is, no meat or meat products are consumed. Great Friday is a day of strict fast, that is, no meat or meat products and no milk or dairy products are consumed. The feast of the Annunciation occurs this year on Great Friday but the only mitigation in the strict fast

is a mitigation for wine so that the Divine Liturgy might be offered.

Jubilee Year Indulgences. Bishop Kurt has asked that in churches with a Holy Door, an appropriate prayer-service followed by the Sacrament of Penance should be offered once each month on the first or second Saturday. Our parish will be praying the Moleben to Jesus, the Lover of Mankind.

Guarding the Tomb. Each year our parish keeps the ancient tradition of a vigil at the grave of our Lord Jesus Christ from Great Friday after Vespers until Resurrection Matins on Holy Saturday. The hours of the vigil are from 10:00 PM Friday until 5:00 PM Saturday. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex of the church on the bulletin board closest to the ushers' room. Please choose your hour when you and your family can spend time in prayer together. In this way we shall not leave the tomb unguarded.

BCY Jerusalem Matins. The BCY members will pray Jerusalem Matins on Great Friday after Vespers and keep the first watch at the grave from 10:00 PM until 11:00 PM Friday evening.

St. Thomas Sunday. The St. Thomas Dinner will be held in the Parish Center on Sunday, April 3rd after the 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy.

Blessed Palms and Willows should be kept in your home, usually at the icon corner or crucifix, as a witness to the Lord's presence in your life. Last year's palms and willows are blessed sacramentals and should be destroyed by burning or burying them or bring them to the hall in the chapel basement and place them in the receptacle provided. *Do not throw them into the garbage.*

Great Friday Procession. Student-disciples of the Lord Jesus from Epiphany ECF school of Religion will bear the instruments of the crucifixion.

Resurrection Procession. Representatives of Epiphany Men's Club, Ladies Guild, BCY and ECF-School of Religion will carry their respective banners in the procession before Resurrection Matins on Easter Sunday morning at 7:00 AM.

Traditional Blessing of Paschal Foods will take place Saturday after Vespers and Liturgy and after both Divine Liturgies on Sunday morning.

Palm Sunday Procession. We thank the children and teens of Epiphany EFC-School of Religion for leading the procession to welcome our Lord as King of the Kingdom of God at the 8:00 AM Divine Liturgy today. The gospel testifies that "the children crying out in the temple area 'Hosanna to the Son of David'" (Matthew 21:15) is the source of this practice. The Spanish nun Egeria in her *Diary of a Pilgrimage* (A.D. 394 to 417) was an eyewitness to the procession on Palm Sunday in Jerusalem in those years. She wrote, "All the children who are present here, including those who are not yet able to walk because they are too young and therefore are carried on their parents' shoulder, all of them bear palm branches, some carrying palms, others, olive branches" (Chapter 31). The procession takes place at the Great Entrance because the Byzantine commentaries on the Divine Liturgy state "This ceremony signifies [The Great Entrance] the last manifestation of Christ...He rode into the Holy City on the back of a donkey, escorted by a cheering crowd." (Nicholas Cabasilas, Commentary, Chapter III).

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Office Schedule. In observance of Holy Week, the Parish Office will be closed for Holy and Great Friday, Holy Saturday,

Easter Sunday and Bright Monday. Office hours will resume Tuesday, March 29th.

Bulletin Schedule. All bulletin announcements for next Sunday (Easter) must be received in the Parish Office by 12:00 Noon tomorrow Monday, March 21st. There will be NO exceptions.

Bingo. During Holy Week, there will be no Bingo. Bingo will resume Tuesday, March 29th.

Easter Meats. Today, Palm Sunday, is the last pick-up date for your meat orders. You may do so between Divine Liturgies and after the 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy. Payment is due at pick-up.

Lenten and Easter Supplies. As you prepare for Lent and Easter, remember to check out the Epiphany Bookstore your Easter supplies. The Bookstore is also open during Lenten Dinners on the Fridays of Lent.

Easter Egg Hunt. The BCY will once again hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning immediately following 8:00 AM Easter Divine Liturgy. Hundreds of eggs will be scattered on Epiphany's grounds, with a special area set aside for younger children. Don't forget to look for the "special eggs!"

EPARCHIAL & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Fisher, Eparchial Finance Update. We have received an update on Linda Fisher's recovery from treatment for pancreatic cancer. Although not fully in remission, the tumor has shrunk to a size that allows Linda to be pain free. She is very grateful for everyone's prayers, cards and well wishes.