



**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!	March 22, 2015	Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Mary of Egypt - Venerable

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

Sixth Week of the Great Fast

ANNUCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS

Mar. 25	Wed.	7:30 PM	Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Mar. 27	Fri.	7:30 PM	Divine Liturgy of St. Gregory – Presanctified Gifts

Saturday of Lazarus

Mar. 28	Sat.	10:00 AM	+George Mocharko by Linda Mocharko & Family
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ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

Mar. 29	Sun.	8:00 AM	Intention of Parishioners
		10:30 AM	+Norman and +Florence Andersen by LaDonna Rodock

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – March 29, 2015

Mar. 29	Sun.	8:00 AM	P. O’Leary (L), J. Cooke, James Hughes, Joseph Hughes
		10:30 AM	James Soyka (L), D. Clark, D. Naccash, J. Naccash

USHER SCHEDULE – March 29, 2015

Mar. 29	Sun.	8:00 AM	H. Katawczik (L), K. Koshute, J. Kotula, T. Ryan
		10:30 AM	J. Kepick (L), R. Bass, K. Kepick, R. Parrell

Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast

March 22, 2015

Condolences. We offer our condolences to Michael Mikulak upon the death of his wife, +Florence Mikulak, who died Wednesday, March 11th. The funeral was Saturday, March 14th at Holy Trinity Byzantine Catholic Church, New Britain, Connecticut. Burial was from Holy Trinity Cemetery, New Britain, Connecticut. May God grant His departed servant, +Florence, peaceful repose. Vicnaja jej pamjat’.

Sixth Week of the Great Fast. The Great Fast concludes this Friday and we observe this conclusion at the Presanctified Liturgy that day. During these forty days given to us for our correction and perfection we have:

- We have followed the Lord Jesus who fasted forty days in the desert. Our Lord, by fasting and quoting the Sacred Scripture, overcame the temptations of the Evil One. By fasting from food as we fast from sin, by reading and listening to the Holy Scripture, and by doing acts of charity we are prepared to receive the forgiveness of sins Jesus offers in His Sacrament of Penance.
- God led Moses and the Chosen People from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land for forty years. God fed them Manna, the Bread from heaven, during the pilgrimage through the desert. We have received Holy Communion, the true Bread of Heaven, Christ’s Body and Blood during the forty days, four days each week.
- We have followed the Lord Jesus, who with the apostles and the men and women disciples, travelled from Mount Tabor and His Transfiguration to the hill of Golgotha and His Glorification on the Cross during forty days, as He prepares us to participate in His entrance into Jerusalem, the institution of the Holy Eucharist and His Crucifixion.

Sunday this Saturday. This Saturday is Lazarus Saturday, commemorating our Lord raising His friend Lazarus from the dead. The observance is a Sunday observance on a Saturday.

- As Man, Jesus weeps at the tomb of Lazarus. As God, He raises Lazarus from the dead. Our Lord mourns the deaths of all His friends. As God He has the power to grant life to His friends who die. At the Last Supper He revealed who are His friends, “You are my friends if you keep My commands.”
- By raising Lazarus from the dead before so many witnesses, Jesus revealed that there is life after death, a truth not accepted by all at that time or in our time.
- By raising His friend Lazarus from the dead He will be welcomed as the King of the Living and the Dead in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. However, giving life to His friend will lead to His death. To give life to you and to me Jesus died on the cross.

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.

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 today Sunday, March 22nd. All candles will be lit for every liturgy during the Easter Season.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pascha Baking. Help is needed to bake pascha for the Easter baskets. On the job training is available. Baking will take place in the Parish Center on Saturday, March 28th. Early Birds arrive at 6:30 AM; Decorators at 9:00 AM and Late Birds at 12:00 Noon. Paschas will be available for purchase on Palm Sunday, March 29th.

Easter Candy. Easter Candy will be on sale next Sunday, Palm Sunday, March 29th. Parishioners will have the opportunity to purchase Easter Candy made by Epiphany Ladies Guild members on Sunday, March 29th. Candy will be sold between Divine Liturgies in the Parish Center.

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 today Sunday, March 22nd. Orders will not be accepted after that. Please see the meat order insert in today's bulletin.

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. Bill Fournier had 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 March 10th and offered a different assessment. The second roofer was here Thursday and was in agreement with Kerns Group and Miller Brothers assessment. Bill Fournier will review the two roofers' proposals with Kerns Group.
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 has sent an e-mail letter for the signature of Bishop Burnette and will check for any outstanding fees. When the Bishop signs Letter 18 and the Eparchy completes an updated W-9 form for the IRS, 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.

EMC BINGO

03/24/15 Team C
03/31/15 NO BINGO Team D
04/07/15 Team A
04/14/15 Team B
<http://EMCBINGO.com>

Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Annandale, VA
<http://www.eolbcc.org>

Epiphany of Our Lord Mission
<http://www.montgomerybyz.org>

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EPARCHIAL AND OTHER CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eparchial Stewardship Appeal 2014 Update. Thanks to the Epiphany Ladies Guild, which donated \$3,000 to the Eparchial Stewardship Appeal, and seventy-seven families who have pledged, our appeal total has reached \$16,250! This is only \$3,550 less than our goal of \$19,800. To help us reach our parish goal and receive a 40% rebate of \$7,920, an anonymous parishioner has offered to match donations to goal. See the bulletin insert on how you can help.

Questionnaire For the Synod of October, 2015. Metropolitan William Skurla is asking all the faithful or the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh to help him prepare for the Synod on the Family this October, 2015. To help Metropolitan Skurla, the questionnaire packet is available in the Parish Center between Liturgies and after the second liturgy for registered adult parishioners. Instructions are provided. Thank you for your participation.

Young Adult Marian Pilgrimage. The Orientale Lumen Foundation (past organizers of the Seminary Concert Tours, and Ecmenical Pilgrimage that met Pope Francis and Patriarch Bartholomew in 2014) is sponsoring a **Marian Pilgrimage to Eastern Europe for Young Adult Byzantine Catholics (ages 20-29)** on August 7th – 18th, 2015. The trip will include visits to the Marian Shrines of Litmanova, Slovakia and Mariapocs, Hungary; liturgies in the Cathedrals of Presov and Bratislava; tours of wooden churches and other cultural sites; and joint fellowship activities with Slovak Byzantine Catholic youth. The land package is only \$1995 per person, double occupancy, and includes transportation, accommodations and some meals. Registration and \$500 deposit is due by May 1st, 2015. For more details, and to register online, visit www.olconference.com and click on the **Pilgrimage** button. Or call 703-691-8862.

New Metropolitan Church. Pope Francis has reorganized the Greek Catholic Church in Hungary according to a news report in Vatican Radio. The Holy Father has established a Metropolitan Church, *sui iuris*, for our church in Hungary that was divided in 1912 from the Eparchy of Mukachevo. He has elevated the Eparchy of Hajdúdorog to a Metropolitan See, with a seat at Debrecen, and has nominated Bishop Fülöp Kocsis, until now Eparchal Bishop of Hajdúdorog, as first Metropolitan. He also elevated the Apostolic Exarchate of Miskolc for Catholics of Byzantine Rite to an Eparchy, establishing it as a suffragan of the Metropolitan See of Hajdúdorog, and has nominated Bishop Atanáz Orosz, who has been serving as Apostolic Exarch of Miskolc, as first Eparchal Bishop; and, Erected the Eparchy of Nyíregyháza for Catholics of Byzantine Rite, with territory taken from the Eparchy of Hajdúdorog, establishing it as a suffragan of the Metropolitan See of Hajdúdorog. Pope Francis has named Bishop Atanáz Orosz Apostolic Administrator *sede vacante*, of the new Eparchy.

Our Church is now organized:

1. The Mother Church, the Eparchy of Mukachevo, Transcarpathia, Ukraine.
2. The Metropolitan Church, *sui iuris*, of Prešov, Slovakia: the Archeparchy of Prešov, the Eparchy of Kocise, the Eparchy of Bratislava.
3. The Exarchate of Prague.
4. The Metropolitan Church, *sui iuris*, of Hajdúdorog, Hungary: the Archeparchy of Hajdúdorog, the Eparchy of Miskolc, the Eparchy of Nyíregyháza.
5. The Eparchy of Križevci, Croatia.
6. The Exarchate of Macedonia.
7. The Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh, USA, *sui iuris*: Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, Eparchy of Passaic, Eparchy of Parma, Eparchy of Phoenix.
8. The Eparchy of Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Toronto, Canada.