



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church

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Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!	April 3, 2016	Christos Voskrese! Voistinnu Voskrese!
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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

THOMAS SUNDAY

Apr. 03 Sun.	8:00 AM	Intention of Parishioners
	10:30 AM	+Julia Hancher by Grandchildren and Great - Grandchild
<i>Thomas Week</i>		
Apr. 05 Tues.	10:00 AM	Health & God's Blessings on Elizabeth Yevchak by Helen & Peter Wegman
Apr. 08 Fri.	10:00 AM	+George Mocharko by Linda & George Lee Mocharko
Apr. 09 Sat.	10:00 AM	+Mary and +George Adams by Monica Koshuta & Family

SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT - BEARERS

Apr. 10 Sun.	8:00 AM	+John Kuklish by Kuklish Family
	10:30 AM	Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – April 10, 2016

Apr. 10 Sun.	8:00 AM	P. O’Leary (L), J. Cooke, James Hughes, Joseph Hughes
	10:30 AM	J. Hogan (L), T. Clark, G. Noyes, James Soyka

USHER SCHEDULE – April 10, 2016

Apr. 10 Sun.	8:00 AM	B. Wargo (L), J. Susco, T. Susco
	10:30 AM	K. Kepick (L), R. Bass, M. Bell

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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
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)

Thank You. Thank you for all the Easter cards, gifts, food and prayers.

- Deacon Peter

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!

Parish Directory - Make sure you are included!

It is time to publish our Parish Directory once again. We have already begun taking photos so don't miss your chance to be included in our upcoming edition. Appointments will fill up quickly. Schedule to have your photo taken by one of our parishioners who is a professional photographer so there is no pressure or sales pitch to sit through. Photos will be taken on the following Sundays between 9:00am and 1:00pm in the Chapel:

4/10/16; 4/17/16; 5/15/16; and 5/22/16. See the insert in today's bulletin for further details and instructions or look on the bottom of the home page of Epiphany's web site at www.eolbcc.org to get a link to the scheduling software.

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.

EMC BINGO

04/05/16 Team A

04/12/16 Team B

04/19/16 Team C

04/26/16 Team D

<http://EMCBINGO.com>

EPARCHIAL & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thomas Sunday

COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

- Year of Mercy
- Holy Door is open. Special indulgences possible
- Fasting Regulations – Fridays resume as Days of Penance
- Paschal Rituals
- BCY Flea Market – Donation drop off dates
- Parish Directory – appointment scheduling for pictures and AD information
- St. Thomas Sunday-TODAY, April 3rd Supper following 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy
- ELG – Meeting & Special Event Monday, April 4th
- EMC – Meeting, April 7th Next breakfast, April 17th

April 3, 2016

TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations–March 27, 2016

Adults	\$2,307.05
Children	\$31.90
Building Fund	\$641.00
School of Religion	\$35.00
Candles	\$25.00
Holy Days	\$1,441.00
Easter	\$4,480.00
ECL	\$10.00
Missions	\$12.00
St. Nicholas	\$40.00
TOTAL	\$9,022.95

“Of everything you give Me, I will faithfully return a tenth part to you.” (Genesis 28:22)

LITURGY AND LIFE

Prayer Intentions. Please remember in prayer: Barbara Mohay, Michael Mikulak, Patricia Fedorko, Marge Rusnak, David Sayen, Marsha Puhak, Helen Capar, and Mary McDonnell. 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, and 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: Anne and Charles Neary & family, Ronald and Susan Noff, Christina and Doug Nevitt & family, Carlton Noffsinger, David and Laura Norod & family, Katie and Andrew Nowakowski, Carol and Gary Noyes & family, and from the Mission: Robert and Margaret Karam.

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. This is a special Sunday in the liturgical calendar of the Latin Church. It is Divine Mercy Sunday. This commemoration was introduced by Pope John Paul II. Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. St. John Paul explains: "This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy—the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church" Pope Saint John Paul II, *Memory and Identity* (2005). "As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil,

selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy!" "What is mercy if not the boundless love of God, who confronted with human sin, restrains the sentiment of severe justice and, allowing Himself to be moved by the wretchedness of His creatures, spurs Himself to the total gift of self, in the Son's cross...? Who can say that he is free from sin and does not need God's mercy? As people of this restless time of ours, wavering between the emptiness of self-exaltation and the humiliation of despair, we have a greater need than ever for a regenerating experience of mercy." St. Pope John Paul II, Regina Caeli message, April 10, 1994. "*Lord, who reveals the Father's love by Your death and Resurrection, we believe in You and confidently repeat to You today: Jesus, I trust in You, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world.*" St. Pope John Paul II, Regina Caeli message prepared for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2005 quoting the Divine Mercy chaplet.

Fasting Regulations. Fridays resume as Days of Penance, that is, we abstain from meat or we do an equivalent penitential act or an act of charity.

Paschal Rituals. We express our joy in the resurrection by several rituals during the forty days of Pascha: (1) As a sign of the joy that is ours in the resurrection, we do not kneel from Easter Sunday until Pentecost for any of the liturgical services, for the time of penance is completed, and joy now reigns. We stand instead of kneeling and we stand whenever *Christ is risen* is sung. We sit at the epistle and homily. You may sit at the litanies, the first and second antiphons and the Troparia. You may sit at other times, except when *Christ is risen* is sung. (2) After Bright Week,

commemorations are made for intentions, but with the proper response of "Many years..." or "Eternal Memory."(3) The Artos (Greek: Bread), blessed and placed on the tetrapod on Pascha is broken and distributed today. The risen Lord ate with his disciples during the forty days from Pascha to Ascension. Jesus said, "I am the living Bread that came down from heaven" (John 6:51). The Artos is placed in the middle of the churches "in full view of the faithful to serve as their same reminder of the invisible presence of the Lord with us" (Bulgakov, Kiev, 1900).

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.***

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.

St. Thomas Sunday Luncheon. The St. Thomas Sunday Luncheon is prepared by Epiphany Ladies Guild and features the foods from the Easter Basket: ham, kolbassi, cheese, pascha, beet-horseradish, and nut roll. The original name, still preserved, for Thomas Sunday is Antipascha, the Return to Pascha. Since all of Bright Week is one long day of Easter Sunday, the Sunday after Easter was the return to the Sunday of Easter. The neophytes who were baptized at the Easter Vigil Liturgy on Great Saturday night wore their white baptismal robes all of bright Week until today, when they remove them. We also return to the food of which we partook on

Easter. Come, celebrate the Return to the Pascha with us, your brothers and sisters. Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Epiphany Ladies Guild. Epiphany Ladies Guild will meet tomorrow, April 4th. Light refreshments will be served at 7:00 PM with a brief meeting following. The special event for this month, Antiques Road Show, will begin at 8:00 PM. It promises to be a fun and informative evening. Come join us!

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 today Sunday, April 3rd, from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. These items will be sold at the Flea Market this Saturday, April 9th, sponsored by the BCY. The hours for the Flea Market are 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.