



**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
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Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!	April 5, 2015	Christos Voskrese! Voitinnu Voskrese!
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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Apr. 05	Sun.	7:30 AM	Resurrection Matins
		8:00 AM	Easter Divine Liturgy
		10:30 AM	Easter Divine Liturgy

BRIGHT WEEK

BRIGHT MONDAY

Apr. 06	Mon	10:00 AM	+Deacon Gerald McDonnell by John Wenderoth
		7:30 PM	Intention of Parishioners

BRIGHT TUESDAY

Apr. 07	Tues.	10:00 AM	+Walter John Horosko by Michele Horosko
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BRIGHT WEDNESDAY

Apr. 08	Wed.	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy and Resurrection Matins for +Julia Hancher
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BRIGHT SATURDAY

Apr. 11	Sat.	10:00 AM	Health and God's Blessings on the Stone, Shinock and Montelione Families by Joseph Stone
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SAINT THOMAS SUNDAY

Apr. 12	Sun.	8:00 AM	Intention of Parishioners
		10:30 AM	+Elizabeth Markovich by Irene Markovich

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – April 12, 2015

Apr. 12	Sun.	8:00 AM	J. O'Leary (L), J. Cooke, T. Hughes, J. Jaimes
		10:30 AM	T. Clark (L), D. Naccash, J. Naccash, M. Noyes

USHER SCHEDULE – April 12, 2015

Apr. 12	Sun.	8:00 AM	J. Nashwinter (L), J. Susco, B. Wargo
		10:30 AM	D. Semanco (L), T. Fazio, E. Koval

LITURGY AND LIFE

Thomas Sunday. The St. Thomas Dinner will be held in the Parish Center next Sunday, April 12th, after the 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy.

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

Condolences. We offer our condolences to Michael Hancher and his family upon the death of his wife, Julia Hancher, who passed away Tuesday, March 31st. Mourners will be received at Murphy Funeral Home, Falls Church, VA Tuesday, April 7 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM. Parastas of Bright Week will be celebrated at 7:30 PM. The Divine Liturgy of Bright Wednesday and Resurrection Matins will be celebrated at 10:00 AM at Epiphany of our Lord. Interment will be at Fairfax Memorial Cemetery. May God grant His departed servant, +Julia, peaceful repose. Christos voskrese!

Welcome. On this glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord, we welcome relatives of parishioners, guests and visitors who have come to celebrate with us and share in the joy of Our Lord's victory over death. We sincerely hope and pray that your visit with us is a holy and grace filled one and that you will return to visit us often. We greet you with the blessing of the Lord's Resurrection in these languages traditional to the Ruthenian Church and also those used by some parishioners as a sign that salvation is open to the whole world:

Slavonic:	Christos voskrese!	Voistinnu voskrese!
Church Slavonic	Христосъ Воскресе.	Воистину Воскресе.
Latin	Christus Resurrexit!	Vere Resurrexit!
English:	Christ is risen!	Indeed He is risen!
Rusin:	Христос воскрес!	Воистину воскрес!
Hungarian:	Feltamádt Krisztus!	Valóban feltamádt!
Slovak:	Kristus vstal zmŕtvých!	Skutočne vstal!
Greek:	Christos anesti! Χριστός Ανέστη.	Alithos anesti! Αληθώς Ανέστη.
Spanish:	¡Cristo es resucitado!	¡Verdaderamente, ha resucitado!
Italian	Cristo è risorto!	È veramente risorto!
French	Le Christ est ressuscité!	Vraiment Il est ressuscité!
Romanian	Hristos a înviat!	Adevărat a înviat!
Czech	Kristus vstal z mrtvých!	Vpravdě vstal z mrtvých!
Polish	Chrystus zmartwychwstał!	Prawdziwie zmartwychwstał!
German	Christus ist auferstanden!	Er ist wahrhaftig auferstanden!
Scots Gaelic	Tha Crìosd air èiridh!	Gu dearbh, tha e air èiridh!
Irish	Tá Críost éirithe!	Go deimhin, tá sé éirithe!
Japanese	ハリストス復活	！実に復活！

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Office Schedule. In observance of the holy day, the Parish Office will be closed tomorrow, April 6th. Office hours will resume on Tuesday, April 7th.

EMC. Save the Date! Epiphany Men's Club sponsored Family Campout will be Friday, June 5th through Saturday, June 6th. You are welcome to attend the fun on Friday and those who stay the night will be treated to a pancake breakfast. Points of contact for the event are Jeff Nashwinter and Thom Soyka.

Easter Egg Hunt. The annual egg hunt, sponsored by the BCY, will take place today Easter Sunday, April 5th, after the 8:00 AM Divine Liturgy, following the basket blessing. This is open to children ages 10 and under. There will be a special section for toddlers. All participants should gather in the lobby of the Parish Center.

ELG Spring Dance. The Epiphany Ladies Guild will host their annual Spring Dance Saturday, May 2nd from 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM. The Fairfax Swing Band will be featured. The cost is \$20.00/person, \$10.00 for students.

Easter Dinner for Singles. A parishioner is planning to cook dinner on Easter Sunday for adult parishioners of Epiphany of Our Lord Church, who have no family in the area. You are invited to share the meal with members of your parish family. The Easter meal will be served in the Parish Center at 1:00 PM today Easter Sunday, April 5th. The cost per person is \$10, which will include ham, coleslaw, green beans, sweet potatoes and beverage

EMC BINGO

04/07/15 Team A

04/14/15 Team B

04/21/15 Team C

04/28/15 Team D

<http://EMCBINGO.com>

Shrine of Ruthenian Martyrs sponsored by ECF-SOR and BCY. Blessed Theodore Romzha – Venerable Alexander Chira – Venerable Petro Oros. Thank you to all who helped to make this shrine possible: ECF-SOR, BCY, Parents, Special Donors. May these Martyrs of Transcarpathia be an inspiration for our youth and play an important role in supporting their faith in life's everyday endeavors.

Post-construction Update. Please note the following.

1. Father John was at the chancery office Tuesday, March 24 for a meeting. He carried Letter 18 and the IRS W-9 form for the signature of Bishop Burnette. 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.
2. Christine Loya, the principle of Eikona Studios, installed the new icon of the Martyrs of the Eparchy of Mukachevo which is donated by the catechists and students of Epiphany ECF School of Religion and the teens of Epiphany BCY. She also re-installed the Epiphany icon in the outside shrine which she repaired on her last visit here.

EPARCHIAL AND OTHER CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eparchial Stewardship 2014 Matching Update. Many, many thanks to the parishioners who contributed to Stewardship Matching to make goal. Because of your generosity, not only have we made the goal of \$19,800 but have exceeded it for a grand total of \$21,372! Epiphany will receive a 40% rebate of the entire amount which equals \$8,548.80.

Tootsie Roll Drive. Money will be collected for the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, April 12th, after both Divine Liturgies to help the cognitively disabled in Virginia. Your generosity is most appreciated.

Paschal Season Traditions

We express our joy in the Resurrection of the Lord and His presence among us by the following:

The Royal Doors and Deacon Doors. The doors of the icon screen are opened during Bright Week as a sign that heaven is reopened to the human race through the Resurrection of the Lord.

The Artos. The Artos is placed on the tetrapod and blessed after the Ambon Prayer today and again next Sunday, when it is distributed to the Faithful. The word “artos” is Greek and means “bread”. It reminds us that the Lord Jesus is the “Bread of Life”. As He said: “I am the living Bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this Bread will live forever; and the Bread that I will give is My flesh for the life of the world” (John 6:51).

Origins of the Artos. The historical origin of the Artos is as follows: the Apostles, who were accustomed to partake a meal together with the resurrected Lord (Acts 10:41), after His ascension to heaven, remembering His covenantal words: “I am with you always.” (Mt. 28:20), felt the invisible presence of the Lord through living the faith in their assemblies, but could not see Him with carnal eyes. The natural expression of this burning faith of the disciples to their Teacher and their desire to have a constant reminder of His abiding with them, was that at a meal they left an unoccupied place for Jesus Christ to recline with them, but placed on the table before that place some bread as if for Him, and each time after the end of the meal, lifting up thanksgiving to God, lifted this bread, saying: “Christ is Risen!” ...As the Apostles during the assemblies have placed the particle of bread in the place appointed for the Savior reminded them of the risen Christ, so, intentionally the Holy Church even to the present time places an Artos on Holy Pascha in the temple in full view of the faithful to serve as their same reminder of the invisible presence of the risen Lord with us. (Father Sergius Bulgakov, Kiev 1900)

Paschal Foods. Two disciples were traveling to Emmaus on the first Easter and did not recognize that the Risen Lord Jesus was walking with them until they stopped for the meal. Then, they recognized Him, “and He was made known to them in the breaking of the bread” (Luke 24:35). Traditionally, the foods in the basket are those from which we have abstained during Lent. May we recognize the presence of the Risen Lord among us when we share the Paschal bread and other blessed food.

Fasting. There is no fasting Bright Friday or any days of Bright Week as all of the days of Bright Week are an extension of Easter Sunday.

Standing. As a sign of the joy that is ours in the resurrection, we do not kneel from Easter 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 the Homily. You may sit at the litanies, the first and second antiphons, and the Troparia. You may sit at other times at other times, except when *Christ is Risen* is sung, if you feel the need to rest.

Commemorations. During Bright Week no personal commemorations for the living or the departed are made at the conclusion of the Liturgies. Instead, at the conclusion of all Liturgies, “Christ is Risen ...” is sung three times with the conclusion “...and to us He granted life eternal. Let us glorify His resurrection.” During the remainder of the Forty Days until Ascension Thursday, commemorations for the living and departed can be made, but with the proper response of, “Many Years ...” or “Eternal Memory...”