



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
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Christ is Risen!
Indeed He is Risen!

April 12, 2015

Christos Voskrese!
Voistinnu Voskrese!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SAINT THOMAS SUNDAY

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

THOMAS WEEK

Apr. 14 Tues. 10:00 AM +Madelyn Semanko by Dorothy Strauskas
 Apr. 17 Fri. 10:00 AM +Dorothy Buban by Carren and Peter Turko
 Apr. 18 Sat. 10:00 AM +Mary and +George Adams by Monica Koshuta & Family

SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT BEARING WOMEN

Apr. 19 Sun. 8:00 AM +John Kuklish by Kuklish Family
 10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – April 19, 2015

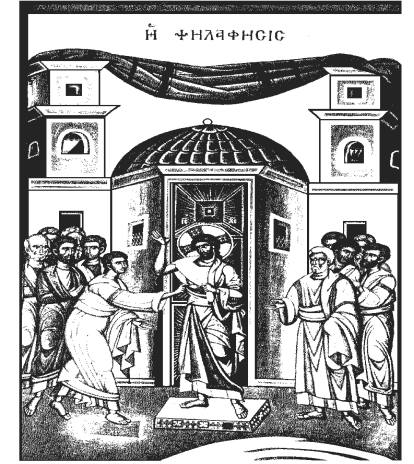
Apr. 19 Sun. 8:00 AM J. O’Leary (L), J. Cooke, T. Hughes, J. Jaimes
 10:30 AM J. Hogan (L), D. Clark, G. Noyes, James Soyka

USHER SCHEDULE – April 19, 2015

Apr. 19 Sun. 8:00 AM BCY
 10:30 AM M. Kernich (L), E. Gubanich, G. Semonick

**Thomas Sunday
 Celebration**

Today Sunday, April 12th, on the feast of the appearance of our Lord to the Apostle Thomas, Epiphany will celebrate with a parish meal that includes the foods from which we abstained during the Great Fast. This meal will take place in the Parish Center



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

EMC BINGO
 04/14/15 Team B
 04/21/15 Team C
 04/28/15 Team D
 05/05/15 Team A
<http://EMCBINGO.com>

EMC Breakfast. Epiphany Men’s Club will host breakfast next Sunday, April 19th, between Divine Liturgies in the Parish Center. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Baseball Game Reminder. On Sunday, June 7, 2015, the Epiphany Men’s Club will sponsor a baseball trip to Washington, D.C. to see the Washington Nationals vs. Chicago Cubs. The game starts at 4:05 PM. The bus will leave from Epiphany parking lot at 2:45 PM.

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.

Epiphany Ladies Guild Meeting. The next ELG meeting will take place tomorrow, April 13th in the Parish Center. Light refreshments will be served at 7:00 PM followed by the meeting at 7:30 PM. All women of the parish are encouraged to attend.

Eparchial Stewardship 2014 Matching Update. Many, many thanks to the 4 organizations, 92 families, and Fr. John, 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 \$21,572! Epiphany will receive a 40% rebate of the entire amount which equals \$8,628.80. If you have not contributed to Stewardship and wish to, please use one of the envelopes next to the bulletins. You may also contribute directly to the chapel roof fund by writing a check to “Epiphany of our Lord” and noting “Chapel Roof” in the check memo line.

Easter Letter Travels. A Facebook page has been set up for the pictures parishioners have taken as they have been traveling over the Easter holyday, taking with them Fr. John’s Easter letter. One traveler took the letter to the Ruthenian Chapel at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Three of our parishioners really put technology into practice with their picture from Anchorage, Alaska. Where in the world or around town did you take the Easter letter? You can still participate in this evangelization project by taking a selfie holding the letter wherever you are. Email the picture to epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net and we will post it. This album of pictures is also being added to our website www.eolbcc.org.

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

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

Epiphany of Our Lord does not conduct pastoral business on the website email.

EPARCHIAL AND OTHER CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

5th Annual GCU & Byzantine Family Day. The GCU has extended the invitation to attend the 5th Annual GCU & Byzantine Family Day at Knoebels Park in Elysburg, PA on Sunday, May 17th. The park opens at Noon and closes at 6:00 PM. There is no fee for admission or parking. Patrons are offered a discounted price on ride books and Ride-All-Day passes. All tickets for the catered luncheon are \$8/person. Children four and under eat free but must be included in the reservations. Prepaid orders for these discounted tickets must be submitted by May 11th. Please contact the Parish Office to make your reservations and submit your pre-payment before May 3rd. All orders will be submitted to GCU through the Parish Office.

Paschal Season Traditions

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

The Artos. The Artos is placed on the tetrapod and blessed after the Ambon Prayer on Easter and again today, 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)

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, the Homily, and now, *May our Mouth be Filled*. 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.