



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church

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Christ is Risen!
Indeed He is Risen!

April 17, 2016

Christos Voskrese!
Voistinnu Voskrese!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN

Apr. 17 Sun. 8:00 AM Intention of Parishioners
10:30 AM +Elizabeth Markovich by Irene Markovich

Fourth Paschal Week

MID-PENTECOST

Apr. 20 Wed. 10:00 AM +Eutropia Luis by Wegman Family
Apr. 22 Fri. 10:00 AM +Mary Jane Kuklish by Kuklish Family

GEORGE-GREAT MARTYR

Apr. 23 Sat. 10:00 AM +Joan E. Holensworth by Joseph Stone

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Apr. 24 Sun. 8:00 AM +Stefan Matlaga by Theresa Matlaga Palenski
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – April 24, 2016

Apr. 24 Sun. 8:00 AM T. Hughes (L), J. Cooke, J. O’Leary, C. Susco
10:30 AM T. Clark (L), D. Clark, J. Hogan, James Soyka

USHER SCHEDULE – April 24, 2016

Apr. 24 Sun. 8:00 AM K. Koshute (L), J. Fedorko, T. Ryan
10:30 AM E. Gubanich (L), J. Kepick, E. Koval

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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)

annual Family Picnic. All are welcome to attend. The burning of palms and pussy willows will start the festivities around 5:30 PM. The BCY will be providing activities for the children. Breakfast usually starts at 7:00 AM Saturday morning. Points of contact for the campout are Jeff Nashwinter 703-549-0280 and Thom Soyka 703-780-4581.

Baseball Game Reminder. On June 12th, Epiphany Men's Club will sponsor a baseball trip to Washington, DC to see the Washington Nationals play against the Philadelphia Philly's. The game starts at 4:05 PM. The bus will leave from Epiphany parking lot at 2:30 PM. The ticket cost is \$36/ticket, which includes transportation, beverages, and snacks. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Ed Gubanich at 703-978-3824 or by email ED1345@aol.com; Jack Kepick at 703-455-6510. Make checks payable to Epiphany Men's Club.

EMC BINGO

04/19/16 Team C
04/26/16 Team D
05/03/16 Team A
05/10/16 Team B
<http://EMCBINGO.com>

EPARCHIAL & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tootsie Roll Drive. Money will be collected by the Knights of Columbus next Sunday, April 24th, after both Divine Liturgies to help the cognitively impaired. Your generosity is most appreciated.

Darkness within and Around Us. The embassies of the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia invite you to the 5th Annual V4 Film Series, featuring the theme: *Darkness within and Around Us*, running from April 20th-28th, 2016. All screenings are admission free, but RSVP's are required. Each embassy will present a film that explores the theme of the "Darkness Within and Around Us," shaped by the cultural and political elements of the country's history or universal factors. The film screenings include the following:

April 20th, 6:30 PM – The Way Out. Embassy of the Czech Republic.

RSVP: <http://v4screening.eventbrite.com>

April 21st 7:00 PM – White Palms Embassy of Hungary

RSVP: Rsvp.was@mfa.gov.hu

April 27th, 7:00 PM – The Candidate. Embassy of the Slovak Republic

RSVP: rsvp.washington@mzv.sk

April 28th, 6:30 PM – The Here After Embassy of the Republic of Poland

RSVP: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register>

Sunday of Paralytic Man

April 17, 2016

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
- Parish Directory – appointment scheduling for pictures and AD information
- EMC Breakfast – Today, April 17th
- BCY continues to collect clothing and appliances through May 18th
- Tootsie Roll Drive – Sunday, April 24th
- V4 Embassy film screenings – *Darkness within and Around Us*
- ELG Spring Dance – May 14th at Epiphany, admission and reservation information
- EMC Family Campout – June 10th
- EMC Baseball Game – June 12th

TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations–April 10, 2016

Adults	\$3,250.00
Children	\$21.65
Initial Offering	\$5.00
Building Fund	\$906.00
School of Religion	\$76.00
Candles	\$ 117.00
Easter	\$250.00
Missions	\$10.00
St. Nicholas	\$70.00
TOTAL	\$4,705.65

“Do not store up your treasures on earth, but store up treasures in heaven...for where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”

(Matthew 6:19-21)

LITURGY AND LIFE

Prayer Intentions. Please remember in prayer: 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, Patricia Delfine, Rev. Joseph Jugan, Tom Nagurney.

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: Julia Paluch, Roe Panella, Richard and Daria Parrell, Steve and Anne Pastorkovich, Majorie Pavliscak, Nora Peabody, Elizabeth Peil, and from the Mission: Raymond Klimkosky.

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. The Paschal reflection regarding mercy can be seen from the gospel appointed for the 4th Sunday of Pascha, the Paralyzed Man. Jesus cures a man who had been paralyzed for thirty-eight long years, waiting for a cure at the Pool of Bethesda. Bethesda was a pool created in the 8th century BC when the small valley of Beth Zeta was dammed and a pool created. Around 200 BC a second, lower pool was created, making it a double pool. By 100 BC an *asclepion*, a healing shrine for the pagan god Asclepius, was added in a cave nearby, possibly for the Roman garrison of the Antonia fortress adjoining the northeast part of the Temple courtyard. Bethesda means “House of Mercy,” a term used for a hospital where the sick were cared for and cured. In the original Greek text of John’s gospel, the reservoir is called a *kolumbethra*, a swimming bath, which is an ancient name for the baptismal font. For the corporal meaning, consider all who care for the sick and the aged and the mercy they demonstrate for their fellow-human beings. For the spiritual meaning, recall that Jesus warns the man cured of paralysis to “sin no more so that something worse may not befall you.” So, Jesus teaches that sin is worse than being paralyzed for thirty-eight years. In the words “no more” there is an implication that the paralyzed man had committed sin but the

merciful Jesus helped him nevertheless. Consider all who offer prayers for those anonymous souls in purgatory, or offer prayers and sacrificial good deeds for those committing sins in this life, and those who offer prayers and sacrifices in atonement for those who offend against the holiness of God by carelessness or maliciousness against the Holy Eucharist. All are spiritual works of mercy.

Fasting Regulations. Every Sunday is an Antipasch, a Return to the Pascha, a weekly Easter. Every Friday is a weekly Great Friday. During the Great Fast, Fridays are days of fast, that is, we fast from meat. Now that Great Fast is complete, 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.”

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.

Condolences. We offer condolences to Carren Turko and her family upon the death

of her mother, +Agnes Sinclair, who died April 11, 2016. The funeral was Friday, April 15, at 1:00 PM from St. Irenaeus Roman Catholic Church in Oakmont, PA. Burial was from Oakmont Cemetery in Oakmont, PA. May God grant His departed servant, +Agnes, peaceful repose. Vicnaja jej pamjat’.

Condolences. We offer condolences to Sharon Sulecki upon the death of her aunt, +Julia Smerko, who died Tuesday, April 12th. The funeral was Saturday from Ss. Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church in Minersville, PA. Burial will be from Ss. Peter and Paul Cemetery. May God grant His departed servant, +Julia, peaceful repose. Vicnaja jej pamjat’.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 9:00 am and 1:00 pm in the Chapel: 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.

EMC Breakfast. Epiphany Men’s Club will host breakfast today Sunday, April 17th, between Divine Liturgies in the Parish Center.

BCY Clothes and Household Goods Donation Drive - Extended Until May 8th! As a fundraiser for the ByzanTEEN Youth rally, the **BCY is collecting used clothes and household goods.** These items will be donated to the Unique Thrift Store in Merrifield, VA and the BCY will receive a donation from Unique based on the amount collected. All seasons of clothes are most welcomed for this drive. **Items can be placed in the chapel basement between liturgies through May 8th.**

ELG Spring Dance. The Epiphany Ladies Guild will sponsor their annual Spring Dance Saturday, May 14th, from 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM. The Fairfax Swing Band will be featured. The cost is \$20/ \$10 for students. Please contact Daria Parrell to purchase tickets or reserve tables at 703-255-2221 or Dtparrell@gmail.com. Daria will also be selling tickets between Divine Liturgies on Sunday in the Parish Center.

Campout Reminder. On Friday, June 10th, the Epiphany Men’s Club will sponsor the