



**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
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Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!	April 19, 2015	Christos Voskrese! Voistinnu Voskrese!
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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT BEARING WOMEN

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

THIRD PASCHAL WEEK

Apr. 21 Tues. 10:00 AM Nancy Skapiak by Noyes Family

George – Great Martyr

Apr. 23 Thurs. 10:00 AM +Theodore Barthel Conrath by Theodore Conrath

Apr. 25 Sat. 10:00 AM +John Bonnage by James Sprada

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN

Apr. 26 Sun. 8:00 AM +Stefan Matlaga by Theresa Matlaga & Family
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – April 26, 2015

Apr. 26 Sun. 8:00 AM C. Susco (L), James Hughes, J. Jaimes, J. O’Leary
10:30 AM T. Clark (L), Demetrius Clark, Dominic Clark, M. Noyes

USHER SCHEDULE – April 26, 2015

Apr. 26 Sun. 8:00 AM J. Kotula (L), H. Katawczik, T. Susco
10:30 AM R. Bass (L), K. Hogan, T. Soyka

Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers

April 19, 2015

Thank You. We would like to thank everyone for helping with the St. Thomas dinner. From setting up the hall, purchasing the food, to clean up, your help was much appreciated. Thanks!

-Fr. John

Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women. The third Sunday of Pascha is called the Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing women because the gospel appointed for this Sunday is the narrative of the women who went to the tomb of Jesus early in the morning of Easter to prepare the spices for the dead body of Jesus but became witnesses of His resurrection. The gospel passage read today includes the burial of our Lord by Joseph of Arimathea on Good Friday, and that the need of haste because it will be the Sabbath does not provide time for the complete burial rites. The gospel read on this Sunday is the source of certain beliefs we have.

1. Jesus really died and really was buried. The offer of the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea was important to insure that the body could not have been stolen. The Roman soldiers posted as a guard also were a surety that the body was not stolen.
2. Secondly, Jesus really rose from the dead. The tomb was empty. The angel rolled back the stone to reveal it.
3. Third, just as Jesus raised His Body, when Jesus returns at the parousia, the end of the world, the bodies and souls of all humans will be reunited and raised. We must care for our bodies and souls during life, and treat the deceased body of Christians, who by baptism are part of the Body of Christ, with respect.
4. Fourth, the women who supported the ministry of Jesus from their incomes are given the reward of hearing the announcement of Jesus’ resurrection first.
5. The angel tells the women to “go, tell His disciples and Peter”. Peter is mentioned separately from the other apostles and disciples since St. Peter is the head of the college of the apostles just as his successors, the popes, are the head of the college of bishops.

What we believe and how we live the faith is founded on what the Lord did on Easter and the gospel narratives of the resurrection read last Sunday and this Sunday.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shrine of Ruthenian Martyrs sponsored by ECF-SOR and BCY. Blessed Theodore Romzha – Servant of God Alexander Chira – Servant of God 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.

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 Breakfast. Epiphany Men's Club will host breakfast today 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.

Eparchial Stewardship 2014 Matching Update. Many, many thanks to the 4 organizations, 94 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 \$21,692! Epiphany will receive a 40% rebate of the entire amount which equals \$8,676.80. 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.

Building Fund Financial Statements. In today's bulletin you will find the 1st Quarter 2015 Epiphany Building Fund Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet statements. When you review the Profit & Loss statement, kindly note that the income items "Building Fund Envelopes", "Lease" and "Mens Club Bingo" only reflect two months of receipts.

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 has also been added to our website www.eolbcc.org.

Post - Construction Update. Please note the following: 1. Eikona Studios has moved into the next phase of icons for the Church which includes the Pascha Icon for the exterior shrine, the Crucifixion Icon for the exterior wooden cross, the Communion of the Apostles/Heavenly Banquet Icon, and design of the icons for the Nave of the Church. 2. W.E. Baum has been contacted concerning the building committee memorial plaque and the donors' plaque to be installed in the Church Narthex. All donors will receive a letter in the mail within the next few weeks asking them to confirm how they wish their memorial to read in order that the plans can be drawn up.

<u>EMC BINGO</u> 04/21/15 Team C 04/28/15 Team D 05/05/15 Team A 05/12/15 Team B http://EMCBINGO.com

Pilgrimage Video: Several parishioners from Epiphany went on pilgrimage to Rome and Constantinople (Istanbul) last October and experienced private audiences with both Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. On **Sunday May 3rd**, Lector Jack Figel will show a short 15-minute **video of highlights** of the two audiences in the **Chapel Basement between Divine Liturgies**, at approximately 9:20 am. All parishioners are invited to attend, and then have a Q&A discussion with Jack and others who were there (Marlene McCracken, Debra and Rand Bass, Sophia Melos, Helena Tanner, and Dominic Cassella). Coffee and donuts will be made available in the Chapel Basement without going to the Parish Center. Come and hear first-hand about what it is like to visit the Apostolic Palace in the Vatican, meet the Pope in person, and get his blessing!

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EPARCHIAL AND OTHER CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tootsie Roll Drive. Thanks to the generosity of Epiphany parishioners, the Knights of Columbus collected \$500 for the cognitively disabled in Virginia.

Paschal Season Traditions
We express our joy in the Resurrection of the Lord and His presence among us by the following:
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 <i>Christ is Risen</i> is sung. We sit at the Epistle, the Homily, and now, <i>May our Mouth be Filled</i> . 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 <i>Christ is Risen</i> is sung, if you feel the need to rest.

Days of Penance

Fridays resume as days of penance. One may abstain from meat or instead offer prayer or charitable works.