



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church

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**Christ is Risen!
Indeed He is Risen!**

April 24, 2016

**Christos Voskrese!
Voistinnu Voskrese!**

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

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

Fifth Paschal Week

Apr. 30 Sat.	10:00 AM	+George Lichvarcik by Elizabeth Basarab
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SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

May 01 Sun.	8:00 AM	Health & God's Blessings on Fr. John Basarab by Elizabeth Basarab
	10:30 AM	Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – May 1, 2016

May 01 Sun.	8:00 AM	
	10:30 AM	

USHER SCHEDULE – May 1, 2016

May 01 Sun.	8:00 AM	J. Kotula (L), H. Katawzcik, B. Wargo
	10:30 AM	M. Kernich (L), T. Fazio, J. Lichman

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD Byzantine Catholic Church

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 catechumenate. 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 to 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)

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

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.

Epiphany Men's Club. The next meeting of Epiphany Men's Club will be Thursday, May 12th. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE** in observance of Ascension Thursday, May 5th, a holy day of obligation.

EMC BINGO	
04/26/16	Team D
05/03/16	Team A
05/10/16	Team B
05/17/16	Team C
http://EMCBINGO.com	

EPARCHIAL & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

An Ecumenical Infant Memorial Service sponsored by Divine Mercy Care - Arlington Diocese will take place at the Truro Anglican Church historic chapel on May 7th at 7 PM.

The event honors babies lost to miscarriage, abortion, premature birth, stillbirth, or infant death. This is an opportunity for healing, no matter when the child was lost, and there will be a time to share personal stories as desired. Though the service will be Christian, all faiths and denominations, as well as those of no faith are welcome. You may honor any child - whether your own, a sibling, a grandchild, or a friend's child. **Register at divinemercycare.org and email cmullins@divinemercycare.org for more info.**

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

April 24, 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
- BCY continues to collect clothing and household goods through May 18th
- Tootsie Roll Drive –Today, Sunday, April 24th
- Ecumenical Infant Memorial Service, May 7th at 7:00 PM, Truro Anglican Church
- Mother's Day Breakfast – May 8th 9:00 – 10:00 AM in the Parish Center
- 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 17, 2016

Adults	\$2,939.00
Children	\$8.20
Initial Offering	\$5.00
Building Fund	\$830.00
School of Religion	\$36.00
Candles	\$75.50
Holy Days	\$50.00
Welcome	\$130.00
Resurrection Candles	\$755.00
BCY	\$15.00
St. Nicholas	\$27.00
TOTAL	\$4,870.70

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there might be food in my house, and try me in this, says the Lord of hosts: Shall I not open for you the floodgates of heaven, to pour down blessing upon you without measure?” (Malachi 3:10)

LITURGY AND LIFE

Prayer Intentions. Please remember in prayer: Michael Mikulak, Patricia Fedorko, Marge Rusnak, David Sayen, Marsha Puhak, Helen Capar, Mary McDonnell, and Mary Gaydos. 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: Deacon Elmer and Sally Pekarik, Brian and Mary Phillips & family, Stephen Plishka, Dennis and Catherine Pluchinsky, Dennis and Virginia Poindexter, Maria Polink & family, and from the Mission: Thomas 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 and apostolic reading appointed for the 5th Sunday of Pascha, the Samaritan Woman. Jesus is tired and thirsty when He sits down by Jacob’s well and asks a Samaritan woman for a drink of water. Despite her irregular marriage Jesus reveals to her that He is God. This is a sign of the great mercy of God that searches for the lost sheep. For the corporal meaning, giving drink to the thirsty is a corporal work of mercy. When we send donations to assist places around that world to install access to clean water for people we are not only giving men, women, and children drink but “whatever you do to these least ones,” Jesus said, “you do to me.” So, it is as if Jesus is sitting by the water asking for us to provide access for him to the water. For the spiritual meaning, Jesus is accomplishing two spiritual works of mercy: instructing the ignorant and admonishing the sinner. Consider Jesus as the model for both. He gently leads the woman from immediate, material concerns to eternal, spiritual thirsts which need quenching. Also, He is very gentle in

pointing out her status. In the reading from Acts, the Gentiles who become believers in Antioch, even though they are not fully accepted by the Jewish Christians of Jerusalem, still take up a collection to do the corporal work of feeding the hungry in Jerusalem during the famine. Consider doing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy during this Paschal season.

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.

370th Anniversary. Three hundred seventy years ago today, April 24, 1646, sixty-three priests of the Eparchy of Mukachevo, led by

the priest-monk Peter Parthenius Petrovich, effected the Union of Užhorod in the chapel of the Castle of Ungvar (Užhorod) with the Roman Catholic Church. Several more union ceremonies followed until by the beginning of the 18th century, the reunion of the Church of Mukachevo with the Church of Rome was total. For more information, see the parish web site www.eolbcc.org.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presbyteral Days. Father John will be away this week with the bishop and the other priests of the eparchy. In case of an emergency, please contact your nearest Roman Catholic priest.

Transitions. After co-chairing the Baking Project for the past twelve years, Theresa Palenski is retiring from her leadership position from this popular and profitable activity of our parish. We can reflect that in the past twelve years as the production of (kolachi) rolls has increased, the baking project has supported the ELG Lenten Dinners, the Slavic American Festival, the income of which is given to the church Building Fund, and the financing of the teens of our parish for travel and participation in the ByzanTEEN Rallies. As she retires, Theresa stands ready to share her experience and procedural practices with the next generation who will take up the baking duty while we of Epiphany parish offer our thanks to her in appreciation for all she has done. May God grant His servant, Theresa, peace, health and happiness for many years.

Epiphany Ladies Guild. The next meeting of Epiphany Ladies Guild will be Monday, May 2nd in the Parish Center. Light refreshments will be served at 7:00 PM with meeting following at 7:30 PM. All women of the parish are encouraged to attend.

Mother’s Day Breakfast. The Epiphany Men’s Club will host the annual Mother’s

Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 8th, in the Parish Center from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. All parishioners are welcome. All women are complimentary.

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.