



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
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Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!	April 26, 2015	Christos Voskrese! Voistinnu Voskrese!
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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN

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

FOURTH PASCHAL WEEK

May 01	Fri.	10:00 AM	Health and God's Blessings on Fr. John Basarab by Elizabeth Basarab
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May 02	Sat.	10:00 AM	+George Livarcik by Elizabeth Basarab
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SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

May 03	Sun.	8:00 AM	+Joseph Kodman by Helen and Peter Wegman
		10:30 AM	Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – May 3, 2015

May 03	Sun.	8:00 AM	P. O’Leary (L), T. Hughes, J. Jaimes, C. Susco
		10:30 AM	D. Clark (L), G. Noyes, M. Noyes, James Soyka

USHER SCHEDULE – May 3, 2015

May 03	Sun.	8:00 AM
		10:30 AM

LITURGY AND LIFE

Sunday of the Paralytic. The fourth Sunday of Pascha is called the Sunday of the Paralytic Man because the gospel appointed for this Sunday is the account of the healing by the Lord Jesus of the paralyzed man by the pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem.

1. The first three Sundays of Pascha were about the account of the Resurrection itself. This Sunday and the next two are about the meaning and the effect of the resurrection of Jesus on us. The gospels alternate each Sunday between a man and a woman (Thomas, myrrh bearing women, paralytic man, Samaritan woman, man born blind).
2. Baptism is the means by which human beings access the death and resurrection of Jesus. The epistle to the Romans says, “All you who were baptized into Christ have been baptized into His death. We were indeed buried with Him through baptism into death so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life” (Romans 6:3ff). Jesus said that baptism is the way to enter heaven when He said, “Amen, amen I say to you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit” (John 3:5).
3. What Jesus achieved He gave to His Church to continue until the Second Coming. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles shows St. Peter also raising a paralyzed man. At the Last Supper Jesus said, “...whoever believes in me will do the works I do, and will do even greater ones than these because I go to the Father. And whatever you ask in my name I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son” (John 14:12-13).

The pattern of Christian life comes from what our Lord did on Easter as read in the gospel accounts last Sunday and this Sunday.

Mid-Pentecost. Wednesday is Mid-Pentecost, the midpoint between Pascha and Pentecost. The Holy Spirit unites Pascha and Pentecost. The risen Lord Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit on the apostles in the Upper Room on Easter evening and the Holy Spirit came to form the Church on Pentecost. The Holy Spirit unites us to God by the sacraments and the Holy Spirit unites us to each other by joining us as one in the Body of Christ through our baptism.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

EPARCHIAL AND OTHER CHURCH 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.

Mother's Day Breakfast. The Epiphany Men's Club will host the annual Mother's Day breakfast on Sunday, May 10th, in the Parish Center from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. All parishioners are welcome. All women are complimentary.

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.

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 Chicago Cubs vs. Washington Nationals. The game starts at 4:05 PM. The bus will leave from Epiphany parking lot at 2:30 PM. Ticket cost is \$36, which includes transportation, beverages and snacks. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Ed Gubanich at 703-978-3824 or by email ED13456@aol.com; Jack Kepick at 703-455-6510; or Jerry Mattingly at 703-978-1656. Make checks payable to Epiphany Men's Club.

EMC BINGO

04/28/15 Team D
05/05/15 Team A
05/12/15 Team B
05/19/15 Team C
<http://EMCBINGO.com>

ELG Spring Dance. The Epiphany Ladies Guild will host their annual Spring Dance this 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.

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.

Eparchial Stewardship 2014 Matching Update. Epiphany will receive a 40% rebate of the entire amount which equals \$8,676.80.. 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.

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

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

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Annual Seminary Lecture. You are invited to the 16th annual Seminary Lecture. Each year, for the feast of Ss. Cyril and Methodius, our seminary, Ss. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA hosts a lecturer for the annual Seminary Lecture. This year the speaker is Dr. Scott Hahn, editor of over forty books, scripture professor, and EWTN television host, on the topic "The Our Father as a synthesis of the Pattern of Scripture." The lecture will take place at St. John Byzantine Catholic Cathedral, 210 Greentree Road, Munhall, PA May 7th at 7:00 PM. The lecture is free, but you must register by April 30th by contacting the seminary at 412-321-8383 or office@bcs.edu.

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!

Marian Pilgrimage. The Orientale Lumen Foundation (past organizers of the Seminary Concert Tours, and the Ecumenical Pilgrimage that met Pope Francis and Patriarch Bartholomew in 2014) is sponsoring a **Marian Pilgrimage to Eastern Europe for Byzantine Catholics** on August 7-18, 2015. Because of many inquiries and positive responses to our planned itinerary, we have opened up the pilgrimage to **ALL age groups**. The trip will include visits to the Marian Shrines of Litmanova and Lutina in Slovakia, and Mariapocs in Hungary; liturgies in the Cathedrals of Presov and Bratislava; tours of wooden churches and other cultural sites; and joint fellowship activities with European Byzantine Catholics. The land package is only \$1995 per person, double occupancy, and includes transportation, accommodations and some meals. Single rooms are available for an extra \$500. Airfare is extra. Registration and \$500 deposit is due by May 15, 2015. For more details, and to register online, visit www.olconference.com and click on the **PILGRIMAGE** button. Or call [703-691-8862](tel:703-691-8862).

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 *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.