



## EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church

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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 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 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](mailto:epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net).

**Registration** – Individuals who wish to register in the Parish should stop by the Parish Office and complete a census form.

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| Christ is Risen!<br>Indeed He is Risen! | May 1, 2016 | Christos Voskrese!<br>Voistinnu Voskrese! |
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### DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### *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

#### *Sixth Paschal Week*

#### *LEAVE-TAKING OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD*

May 04 Wed. 10:00 AM +Theodore Barthel Conrath II by Theodore Barthel Conrath III

#### *VIGIL OF ASCENSION*

7:30 PM Great Vespers of Ascension

#### *ASCENSION OF OUR LORD*

May 05 Thurs. 10:00 AM +Joanne Markovich by Irene Markovich  
7:30 PM Intention of Parishioners

May 07 Sat. 10:00 AM +Joel Cook by Deacon & Mrs. El Pekarik

#### *SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL*

#### *Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich*

May 08 Sun. 8:00 AM Intention of Mothers Living & Deceased  
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners  
Moleben of Blessed Miriam Theresa Demjanovich

#### *ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – May 8, 2016*

May 08 Sun. 8:00 AM J. O'Leary (L), James Hughes, J. Jaimes, P. O'Leary  
10:30 AM J. Naccash (L), Demetrius Clark, J. Hogan, M. Noyes

#### *USHER SCHEDULE – May 8, 2016*

May 08 Sun. 8:00 AM J. Nashwinter (L), J. Fedorko, T. Susco  
10:30 AM D. Semanco (L), R. Bass, K. Kepick

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

**ELG Spring Dance.** The Epiphany Ladies Guild will sponsor their annual Spring Dance Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:Dtparrell@gmail.com). Daria will also be selling tickets between Divine Liturgies on Sunday in the Parish Center.

**Graduates.** If you are a 2016 graduate of 8<sup>th</sup> grade, high school, college or graduate school, or a parent of a 2016 graduate, please submit the graduate's name and school from which he/she is graduating to the Parish Office by phone 703-573-3986 or email [epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net](mailto:epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net).

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

### EMC BINGO

05/03/16 Team A  
05/10/16 Team B  
05/17/16 Team C  
05/24/16 Team D  
<http://EMCBINGO.com>

## EPARCHIAL & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Presbyteral Days.** The priests of the Eparchy of Passaic received briefings from the commissions, committees, legal counsel, insurance, and two addresses from Bishop

Kurt Burnette. Some points of what were imparted are:

1. The Eparchial Handbook was issued by Bishop Burnette. The handbook had been begun by Bishop Skurla. Bishop Burnette referred to it as “a work in progress.”
2. Althans Insurance Company had updates to the implementation of the policy in hall rental contracts, kitchen and general equipment use and maintenance, and forms to be completed for reports on property and buildings. The health insurance plan has been amended to cover the wives and children of the married priests. This will require adjustments in the quarterly billing invoices.
3. The Bishop shared plans for a center for evangelization and for graduate level courses in theology, Sacred Scripture, and other disciplines. The Bishop also spoke about the Year of the Epistle, preaching (the Bishop spoke about content as well as reminded that priests that they will have to answer before the judgment seat of Christ whether they zealously preached the Good News not just in a brief or perfunctory manner), making parish web sites readable on mobile devices (a reason we were encouraged to switch the bulletins to a two column format was that it was easier to read on mobile devices), and a number of other initiatives the bishop has planned.
4. The new priests from Ukraine were introduced and welcomed.

Bishop Kurt reminded the priests that the only purpose of life is to die a saint. If you priests or your people are doing anything that impedes that purpose, get rid of it, he told the priests.

Sunday of the Man Born Blind

## 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 8<sup>th</sup>
- Mother's Day Breakfast – May 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00 – 10:00 AM in the Parish Center
- EMC Meeting – May 12<sup>th</sup> Guest Speaker, Lector Jack Figel
- ELG Spring Dance – May 14<sup>th</sup> at Epiphany, admission and reservation information
- EMC Family Campout – June 10<sup>th</sup>
- EMC Baseball Game – June 12<sup>th</sup>

May 1, 2016

## TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations–April 17, 2016

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| Adults             | \$3,589.00        |
| Children           | \$7.01            |
| Building Fund      | \$855.00          |
| School of Religion | \$109.00          |
| Candles            | \$111.55          |
| Holy Days          | \$15.00           |
| BCY                | \$10.00           |
| St. Nicholas       | \$781.00          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>\$5,477.56</b> |

*“Do good, be rich in good works, be generous,, share, thus accumulating as treasure a good foundation for the future, so as to win the life that is true life.” (1 Timothy 6:18-19)*

## 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: Paula Poskin and Michael Graham, Nancy Potter, Tina Pounds, Jane Powanda and Daryl Morris, Robert and Judith Prochko, David and Gayle Prokopchak & family, John and Dolores Prokopchak, and from the Mission: Marion Kniska.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pascha, the Man Born Blind. Jesus passes a man blind from birth and, in response to a question by His apostles and disciples, says that the man is blind in order to make visible the work of God. Jesus makes mud and creates eyes for the man just like the Book of Genesis describes God molding man from the dirt of the earth. So, Jesus is God making visible the work of God. And, the work of God is mercy on those who are suffering. The spiritual works of mercy in this gospel are “counseling the doubtful” and “instructing the ignorant.” The corporal work of mercy is to “visit the sick.” Say a prayer for all the wonderful medical professionals who have studied God’s visible creation and use it to heal and cure illness and infirmity. Say something encouraging to them. Give to the medical associations which seek funds to do research to discover cures. For the spiritual works of mercy remember that many people today have an incorrect notion of God. These attitudes in the culture can affect even the Faithful. Consider re-reading the Catholic Catechism for Adults ([www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) to “Beliefs and Teachings”, then “What We Believe” then Catechism).

**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.

**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.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**Mother’s Day Breakfast.** The Epiphany Men’s Club will host the annual Mother’s Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, in the Parish Center from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. All parishioners are welcome. All woman are complimentary.

**Epiphany Men’s Club.** The next meeting of Epiphany Men’s Club will be Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, due to Ascension Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, and will feature a video presentation by Lector Jack Figel. He recently traveled to Transcarpathia, Ukraine, Rome, and Istanbul and video recordings for four liturgical services (Sunday Liturgy of St. Basil in the Cathedral, and morning Divine Liturgy, evening Presanctified Liturgy, and Daily Vespers at the seminary chapel). He also recorded 40 hymns by the seminary choir in preparation for the concert tour in September, and interviews with a patriarch, 4 cardinals, and a bishop for greeting the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Orientale Lumen Conference in June. This video will be short excerpts from all of those encounters and be less than 30 minutes in total. Q & A will follow the presentation.

**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](mailto: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!** 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. Look on the bottom of the home page of Epiphany’s web site at [www.eolbcc.org](http://www.eolbcc.org) to get a link to the scheduling software.

**Campout Reminder.** On Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 703-359-0280 and Thom Soyka 703-780-4581.

**Baseball Game Reminder.** On June 12<sup>th</sup>, 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. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Ed Gubanich at 703-978-3824 or by email [ED1345@aol.com](mailto:ED1345@aol.com); Jack Kepick at 703-455-6510. Make checks payable to Epiphany Men’s Club. If you have not confirmed your reservation, please do so immediately.

**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.**