



**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
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| Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! | May 10, 2015 | Christos Voskrese! Voistinnu Voskrese! |
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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

May 10 Sun. 8:00 AM Intention of Mothers Living and Deceased
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

SIXTH PASCHAL WEEK

LEAVE-TAKING OF PASCHA

May 13 Wed. 10:00 AM +Louise and Jimmy Cason by Monica Koshuta
Vigil of Ascension
7:30 PM Great Vespers of Ascension

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

May 14 Thurs. 10:00 AM +Joanne Markovich by Irene Markovich
7:30 PM Intention of Parishioners

May 16 Sat. 10:00 AM +Joseph DiRocco by Joseph Stone

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

May 17 Sun. 8:00 AM Intention of Parishioners
10:30 AM +John Figel by Helen and Peter Wegman

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – May 17, 2015

May 17 Sun. 8:00 AM BCY
10:30 AM D. Clark (L), J. Naccash, G. Noyes, M. Tanner

USHER SCHEDULE – May 17, 2015

May 17 Sun. 8:00 AM BCY
10:30 AM R. Parrell (L), T. Fazio, M. Kernich

Sunday of the Man Born Blind The fourth Sunday of Pascha is called the Sunday of the Man Born Blind because the gospel appointed for this Sunday is the account of the Lord Jesus giving sight to the blind man by making eyes for him and sending him to the pool of Siloam in Jerusalem.

1. The first three Sundays of Pascha were about the account of the Resurrection itself. The next three Sundays are about what 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 gospels appointed for the final three Sundays of Pascha all have water in the gospel that indicates baptism. The epistle to the Romans says, “All you who were baptized into Christ have been baptized into His death...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. Jesus made eyes of clay for the blind man and had him wash his face just as the Bible relates how God created Adam from the clay of the earth. By this same action Jesus shows He is the same God who created the first humans, and He is remaking and repairing them by baptism.
4. What Jesus did, He gave to His Church to continue until the Second Coming. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles shows St. Paul also baptizing. The pattern of Christian life comes from what our Lord did.

Ascension. “Until You brought us to heaven”. Forty days after His resurrection from the dead, Our Lord Jesus ascended into heaven.

1. He took His human nature into heaven, opening heaven which was closed to human beings because of the Original sin.
2. Although Jesus has taken His human body into heaven, He is not absent from us on earth but is present in a new way.
3. Just as Jesus is in heaven and present on earth, so too we, the members of His Body by our baptism, live here on earth but are present also in heaven even though what was promised to us is not yet completely fulfilled in our bodies.
4. The 19th century owners of this property lost it in 1866 because property taxes were not paid during the Civil War (The Union passed a law stating that people of the Confederacy had to pay their taxes in person. Since they would not cross Union lines because they would be arrested as rebels, confederate properties were confiscated—like Robert E. Lee’s Arlington). Even though we “own” our place in heaven through baptism, we can lose our place if we do not make the necessary trips home (at the Divine Liturgy) and make “payments” of grace.
5. The feast of the Ascension is our feast, then. It is a time for us to ask ourselves, “How am I doing?” “Am I living to secure the complete entrance of myself into heaven, to follow where Jesus, the Head of my Body, has gone? Have I done anything to lose my place in heaven?”

Holyday of Obligation. St. John Paul II declared Ascension Thursday to be a holyday of obligation for all Eastern Catholics when he promulgated the Code of Canons of the Eastern churches in 1990. Great Vespers with litija will be celebrated Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM. There will be two Divine Liturgies on Ascension for the convenience of our parishioners, 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leave-taking of Pascha. Wednesday is the Leave-taking (Church Slavonic: Otdanije, literally, giving back, meaning giving back the feast to God until He gives it to us next Easter) of Pascha and the Shroud is presented to Christ's faithful for veneration one last time before the Ascension as the Lord Jesus met the disciples for the final time.

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

Parish Office Schedule and Bulletin Deadline. The Parish Office will be closed Thursday, May 14th, in observance of the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, a holyday of obligation. The deadline for bulletin announcements will be Tuesday, May 12th before 2:00 PM. Office hours will resume on Friday, May 15th.

Family Campout. The Epiphany Men's Club Family Campout will be Friday, June 5th, with breakfast on Saturday morning, June 6th. Please save the date for an enjoyable evening.

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. If you have not confirmed your reservation, please do so immediately.

Graduates. If you are a 2015 graduate of 8th grade, high school, college or graduate school, or a parent of a 2014 graduate, please submit the graduate's name and school from which he/she is graduating to the Parish Office at 703-573-3986 or email to epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net.

Thank You. I wish to thank those who offered their prayers and spiritual gifts, their greetings, best wishes, cards and gifts on the occasion of my birthday May 1st. May God reward you for your kindness to me. – Fr. John Basarab

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EPARCHIAL AND OTHER CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Order to Acknowledge Catechists' Service. Bishop Kurt Burnette wishes to acknowledge the importance of the work of catechesis to the life of the Church by establishing The Order of Ss. Cyril and Methodius for catechists of the Eparchy of Passaic. Inductees of the Order will receive a medallion carried on a blue ribbon of an icon of the brother saints who brought the Faith to Central Europe in 863. The catechists of the Middle States Syncellate will be honored at an Akathist celebrated on Saturday, June 20 at Epiphany of our Lord Church. If you are a current catechist of Epiphany parish please inform the rectory office or Catechetical Co-ordinator, Mary Ellen Kepick regarding your name as you wish it to appear and the number of years you have served as a catechist as soon as possible so that the eparchial office of Eastern Catholic Formation can have the certificates which accompany the medallions to be properly prepared.

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)

Days of Penance

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