



**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
Byzantine Catholic Church
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Parish Clergy
**Very Rev. Father John G. Basarab, Pastor
Rev. Deacon Elmer M. Pekarik**

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!	May 17, 2015	Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

SEVENTH PASCHAL WEEK

May 20 Wed. 10:00 AM 36th Anniversary of Ordination of Fr. John Basarab

Leave-taking of the Ascension

May 22 Fri. 10:00 AM +Rose Joubbran by HelenWegman and Marlene McCracken

Fifth All Souls Saturday

May 23 Sat. 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy of Remembrance of the Departed

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 24 Sun. 8:00 AM Intention of Parishioners
10:30 AM +Daniel Green by Sally Green

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – May 24, 2015

May 24 Sun. 8:00 AM P. O’Leary (L), James Hughes, Joseph Hughes, T. Hughes
10:30 AM James Soyka (L), D. Clark, D. Naccash, J. Naccash

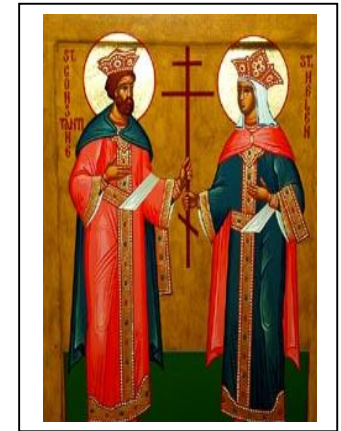
USHER SCHEDULE – May 24, 2015

May 24 Sun. 8:00 AM T. Ryan (L), H. Katawczik, T. Susco
10:30 AM G. Semonick (L), R. Bass, E. Gubanich

PARISH TITHING AND GIVING

Parish Donations – May 10, 2015

Adults	\$3,861.66
Children	\$6.00
Initial Offering	\$50.00
Building Fund	\$1,581.00
School of Religion	\$39.00
Candles	\$143.52
BCY	\$5.00
Holy Days	\$15.00
St. Nicholas	\$174.00
TOTAL	\$5,875.18



***Constantine & Helen
Equal to the Apostles
May 21st***

*“With every contribution show a cheerful countenance
and pay your tithes in a spirit of joy.” (Sirach 35:9)*

LITURGY AND LIFE

Prayer Intentions. Please remember in prayer: Barbara Mohay, Karen Adelman. Please pray for these friends and relatives of parishioners: Shirley Anne Markham.

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 all 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 John Onufrak, Patricia Onufrak, Michael and Dolores Opachko, Juan Carlos and Theresa Orihuela, Warren and Olga Osterberg, Lorraine Overbeck, and from the Mission, Daniel and Barbara Spinder & family.



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 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.

Epiphany of our Lord Church Parish Administration

“The Church is not an organization with sacraments but a sacrament with organization.”

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 or faxed to the pastor (703) 573-0344.

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

Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

May 17, 2015

God, Emperor and Fathers. The seventh Sunday of Pascha is called the Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council commemorating the 318 bishops convoked at Nicea with Hosius, bishop of Cordova representing Pope Sylvester I. A priest of Alexandria, Arius, taught that Jesus was not God even though the gospels record that Jesus said He and the Father are One and other citations that He is God. Because Arius was a popular speaker and preached at a church by the port, his teaching was carried by sailors, merchants and travelers to all parts of the Roman Empire. Many came to believe the Arian teaching that Jesus was the most perfect creation of God, greater than man, less than God. This was the first and the deepest division of the Catholic Church. The Emperor Constantine the Great who had become a Christian catechumen and moved the capital of the Roman Empire to Byzantium was disturbed. He followed the pattern for settling differences in the New Testament book, The Acts of the Apostles, and called for an ecumenical council of all the bishops of the Catholic Church. These convened May 20, 325 for two months and twelve days ending July 25, 325. In attendance were Saint Nicholas, Saint Athanasius, and the deacon Saint Ephrem the Syrian who served as a theologian consultant. The fathers stated that if Jesus Christ is not God then His death could not free humanity from sin. The fathers of the Council issued the first part of the present Creed and made the dogmatic pronouncement that Jesus Christ was one in Being or of one essence with the Father, the Greek word they invented was homoousios in order to define this relation. Today we commemorate the First Ecumenical Council on the Seventh Sunday of Pascha because it is close to the anniversary when it was convened and also because it is within the post-festive celebration of the Ascension of our Lord. We are to profess that Jesus Christ is God, one in essence with the Father and the Holy Spirit, also became a man and is of one essence with us. He died, resurrected and although as God He is always in heaven with the Father, in His human nature He ascended to glory with the Father, opening heaven for the rest of redeemed humanity to follow. This is the reason for the hope in which we live.

Fifth All Souls Saturday. This Saturday is the Fifth All Souls Saturday. It is offered on the day before Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit in the Upper Room, that established the Church as the Body of Christ. The Byzantine Church celebrates the memory of All Saints on the Sunday after Pentecost and prays for the departed souls on the day before Pentecost that they might be freed from the effect of their sins, reach perfection and be saints with God. The two commemorations are joined to Pentecost to show that sanctity is the work of the Holy Spirit.

Pussywillow and Palms. Pussywillows and Palms are being collected for the start of the Campout. Please drop off your old blessed pussywillows and palms in the church hall near the sign up for the campout. We will burn them in the campfire for the official start of the evening events. Please bring them wrapped in twine or in a paper bag to assist in the burning of the items.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

EMC BINGO

05/19/15 Team C

05/26/15 Team D

06/02/15 Team A

06/09/15 Team B

<http://EMCBINGO.com>

Graduates. If you are a 2015 graduate of 8th grade, high school, college or graduate school, or a parent of a 2015 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.

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

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

Epiphany of Our Lord does not conduct pastoral business on the website email.

EPARCHIAL AND OTHER CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Byzantine Online. Byzantine Online is offering summer online credit classes. Classes begin May 18th and include: *Introduction to Dogmatics*, a three credit class taught by Dr. Jared Isaac Goff; and *Introduction to Liturgy*, also three credits, taught by Fr. David Petras. Application and registration information is available at: online.bcs.edu or email the Registrar (scarlino@bcs.edu) for more information.

The World Meeting of Families. “[The World Meeting of Families] WMOF was conceived by Saint John Paul II in 1992 to look at strengthening the sacred bonds of the family unit across the globe. The first WMOF took place in Rome in 1994, the International year of the family. Every three years since 1994, families from all over the world are invited by the Holy Father to attend this global gathering. This meeting will take place in Philadelphia. At the conference, families share their thoughts, dialogue and prayers, working together to grow as individuals and family units. Families can participate in discussion groups on the Christian family's role in the church and society, led by many distinguished speakers.” *History of World Meeting of Families*, <http://www.worldmeeting2015.org>.

Year of the Epistle. Bishop Kurt Burnette informed the priests of the Eparchy of Passaic at the annual Presbyteral Days in the Retreat Center of the Sisters of Bon Secours in Marriottsville, MD last month that he was announcing a “Year of the Epistle” from Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2015, to Pentecost Sunday 2016. Bishop Kurt wrote, “Unless someone has a major event during the week, most Catholics should be able to say that the three most important things each week are the Eucharist, the Gospel reading and the Epistle reading. If your parishioners can't say that...” The bishop then gave concrete ways to implement and highlight the importance of the epistle. He directs all priests and deacons to preach on the Apostolic Reading—the epistle or the reading from the Acts of the Apostles—during the Year of the Epistle. Further, he asks the priests to be attentive to and resolve any distractions during the reading of the epistle. The quality of the proclamation by the Lector or cantor is important for the reception of the Word of God. The lector must acknowledge that God is using the voice of the lector or cantor so that the clergy and Christ's Faithful hear God speaking to them through the human voice of the one reading the epistle. Recognizing that, the lector will prepare carefully to proclaim the epistle. The same is the case for the priest or deacon who proclaims the Gospel. It is Jesus who is taking the voice of the priest or deacon so that Christ's Faithful can hear Him. The parish should also use any means of amplification available so that everyone can hear the proclamation of God speaking to His people in the Divine Liturgy.

Days of Penance

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