



**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!	May 24, 2015	Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

PENTECOST WEEK

PENTECOST MONDAY

May 25 Mon. 10:00 AM Those Who Died for Their Country
May 29 Fri. 10:00 AM +Mr. & +Mrs. Joseph Butchko by John Butchko
May 30 Sat. 10:00 AM +Harriet Wegman by Epiphany Men's Club

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

May 31 Sun. 8:00 AM +Michael Koshuta by Monica Koshuta & Family
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – May 31, 2015

May 31 Sun. 8:00 AM J. Jaimes (L), J. Cooke, James Hughes, Joseph Hughes
10:30 AM M. Tanner (L), D. Clark, D. Naccash, J. Naccash

USHER SCHEDULE – May 31, 2015

May 31 Sun. 8:00 AM B. Wargo (L), K. Koshute, J. Susco
10:30 AM T. Soyka (L), K. Hogan, E. Koval

Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2015

Pentecost Sunday. God the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and those assembled in the Upper Room fifty days after Pascha with the outward signs of wind and tongues of fire to signify the presence of the Holy Spirit. Jesus had promised that He would send the Holy Spirit on His Body, the Church, so that after His ascension the rest of His Body, you and I, could follow Him to heaven. This feast does not celebrate a past event. It is our observance of the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit on earth.

1. We receive the Holy Spirit for the first time at baptism. We continue to receive the Holy Spirit and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit in the sacraments. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are permanent dispositions that make us open to follow how the Spirit prompts us. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are listed in the Bible (Isaiah 11:1-13) and are: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, piety, fortitude, and fear (awe) of the Lord.
2. We wear green as a sign of the new life without end, eternal life, that the Lord Jesus won for us on the cross and which the Holy Spirit shares with us. We call this person of the Holy Trinity “the Life-creating Spirit” in the Liturgy and the “Lord and Giver of Life” in the Creed.
3. We decorate our churches with linden leaves (they have heart-shaped leaves since the Holy Spirit is Love and “As proof you are children [i.e. sons and daughters of God] God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts” (Galatians 4:6) and because they are long lasting. We use the branches of the linden tree planted by Ed Hospodar and the tree planted by Eric Kowalski as part of his Eagle Scout project. The gospel appointed for today is when the Lord Jesus spoke at the temple on the feast of Booths that commemorates when God gave the Chosen People water from the rock in the desert. Observant Jews to this day commemorate the feast by building temporary booths of branches and trees and living in them to recall the journey through the desert to the Promised Land.
4. We resume kneeling as a sign of docility to the Holy Spirit. We kneel to show with our bodies the disposition of our wills to be open to receive grace and instruction of God the Holy Spirit.

On Pentecost we celebrate the fullness of the revelation of the Holy Trinity. God the Son became man and revealed the Father. Pentecost Monday is the Feast of the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost Friday there is no fasting

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.

Banns of Ordination. Peter Larry Turko, son of the late Peter Turko and Elizabeth Stephens, husband of Carren Sinclair, father of Ben Turko, Brian Turko and David Turko, is a candidate for ordination to the diaconate. If anyone knows of any impediment that would prevent this ordination, kindly inform the pastor. (1st Announcement).

Vibrant Parish. Bishop Kurt Burnette had Deacon Daniel Dozier, a deacon of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, *sui iuris* who is assisting at Saint Nicholas Byzantine Ruthenian Catholic Church, Orlando, Florida, make a presentation on the program “Vibrant Parish” last month at Presbyteral Days. The Vibrant Parish Program of the Ukrainian Catholic Church is based on the pastoral letter of His Beatitude, Sviatoslav, the Father and Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church world-wide, “The Vibrant Parish—A Place to Encounter the Living Christ”. Copies of this pastoral letter are available in the narthex and can be accessed at the website of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia www.ukarcheparchy.us. Copies of the Vibrant Parish Plan are included in the bulletin today. The six dimensions—Word, Worship, Service, Unity, Missionary Spirit, and Stewardship—proposed by the program are from the six dimensions given in the Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude and are developed in the Plan. Next, our parishioners will receive the Vibrant Parish—Questions for Reflection for Parishes, which is an examination to see whether one’s parish is vibrant. If there are areas in the Questions for Reflection which the parish is doing well these should be noted. If there are areas that are less than vibrant according to the Reflection, using the Reflection can provide a means to renew the parish. The ideal is achieved when the parish as a community as a whole, the different parish organizations, and individual members of the parish, clergy and Christ’s faithful, can be a faithful image of what the program proposes. Bishop Kurt is not proposing that we become part of the Ukrainian Catholic Church by using their program. Since the Ruthenian Catholic Church which takes its origins in the missionary work of Ss. Cyril and Methodius A.D. 863, and the Ukrainian Catholic Church which takes its origins in the Baptism of Kyivan Rus’ in A.D. 988, both use the same liturgical rite called the Ruthenian recension, our Bishop is proposing the use of a program already developed by a sister Byzantine Catholic Church.

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. 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. Also, the Bishop directs that pastors are to give attention to the quality of the proclamation of the Word of God. Please see the list in the bulletin today.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Epiphany Ladies Guild. The Ladies Guild is sponsoring a trip for Epiphany's ladies to Medieval Times on Saturday afternoon/evening, June 13th. All but 3 seats are filled. If you are interested in joining us for the dinner/show, please contact Marsha (Vapuhaks@aol.com) or Daria (dtparrell@gmail.com). The price per person is \$10, with the Ladies Guild covering the balance.

ELG Meeting. The next Epiphany Ladies Guild will be Monday, June 1st at 7:30 PM. Light refreshments will be served at 7:00 PM.

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. Food and drinks will be served from after second liturgy until the bus arrives.

<u>EMC BINGO</u>	
05/26/15	Team D
06/02/15	Team A
06/09/15	Team B
06/16/15	Team C
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.

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EPARCHIAL AND OTHER CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Meeting of Families. Mark your calendar for a once in a lifetime event: **The 2015 World Meeting of Families** to be held in **Philadelphia, Pa September 22nd – 27th**! The theme is “Love is our Mission: The Family Fully Alive.” Families from around the country – and the world – will gather for prayer, presentations, kids’ activities, and celebrations, and a special Liturgy celebrated by Pope Francis! And – as part of the week’s events, **Bishop Kurt** invites **everyone** for a **special gathering** on **September 23rd**. For more information visit www.WorldMeeting2015.org. and {Eparchial website}. Let’s join Bishop Kurt in bringing “the light of the East” to Philly this Fall! **The Eparchy is offering partial registration reimbursement to families who attend the Congress with children. Email Fr. Ed Cimbala for more information: FREDSTMARY@aol.com.