



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. **Fasting Regulations.** In the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church in the United States the aspects of the fast are left to the personal conscience of the individual. The traditional fast has a strict fast on Monday, Wednesday and Friday with abstinence on Tuesday and Thursday. In the United States, Fridays now resume as a Day of Penance since the celebration of Pentecost is completed.
5. **Prepared for sainthood and the apostolate.** During this fast we can reflect how to cleanse our lives by fasting and prayer to be filled with the Holy Spirit and God's grace to make us saints and share in the work of the apostles, equipping us to spread the gospel in the example of Ss. Peter and Paul.

**Pussywillows and Palms.** Pussywillows and Palms are being collected for the start of the Camp-out. 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. (2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement).

**Vibrant Parish.** Bishop Kurt Burnette had Deacon Daniel Dozier, a Ukrainian Catholic deacon, 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 can be accessed at the website of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia [www.ukarcheparchy.us](http://www.ukarcheparchy.us). 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. Today our parishioners 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, parish organizations, and individual members of the parish, clergy and Christ's faithful, can be a faithful image of what the program proposes.

**Year of the Epistle.** Bishop Kurt Burnette has announced 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.

**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](mailto:Vapuhaks@aol.com)) or Daria ([dtparrell@gmail.com](mailto:dtparrell@gmail.com)). The price per person is \$10, with the Ladies Guild covering the balance.

**ELG Meeting.** The next Epiphany Ladies Guild meeting will be tomorrow, Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 PM. Light refreshments will be served at 7:00 PM.

**Post-construction Update.** The Bonds and Agreement Center of Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services and Land Development Services has issued a letter dated May 28, 2015 acknowledging our completion of the obligations of the building project and which serves as the release of the Performance Bond, the conservation escrow and the Tree Preservation Deposit. The request to release these funds has been sent to the county cashier's office and will be released within thirty days. The check total should be \$274,452.04.

**Father and Son Steak Night.** The EMC will host their annual Father-Son Steak Dinner on this Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. The EMC meeting will begin at 7:30 PM. Fr. Sal Pignato will be the guest speaker. This event is open to all men and their sons who are **twelve years of age and above**. RSVP to Greg Puhak at [gregpuhak@aol.com](mailto:gregpuhak@aol.com) or 703-404-5544.

**Family Campout.** The Epiphany Men's Club Family Campout will be this Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, with breakfast on Saturday morning, June 6<sup>th</sup>. The evening will begin with the burning of last year's palms and pussywillows. All parishioners are invited to attend.

**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](mailto: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.

### EMC BINGO

06/02/15 Team A

06/09/15 Team B

06/16/15 Team C

06/23/15 Team D

<http://EMCBINGO.com>

**Graduates.** If you are a 2015 graduate of 8<sup>th</sup> 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 [epiphanyoffourlord@verizon.net](mailto:epiphanyoffourlord@verizon.net).

**Silent Auction Items Needed.** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Epiphany Silent Auction will be held during the Slavic American Festival on September 13. Donations will be accepted from June 1 until September 1, 2015. The more items we have in the silent auction the more successful the auction will be. Thinking what you can donate? Silent auction donations have a value of \$25 or more. Donations can be professional services, memorabilia, gift cards, dinners, overnight stays, special item(s), event or sporting tickets, theme baskets, handcrafted items, etc. Have a donation? Contact Terry Matlaga Bell @ [tmatlaga@yahoo.com](mailto:tmatlaga@yahoo.com) or (703) 802-1496 to arrange pickup.

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

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

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

## EPARCHIAL AND OTHER CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Order of SS. Cyril and Methodius.** Bishop Kurt is recognizing the catechists, past and present, of the Eparchy of Passaic at a ceremony at which he will enroll our Catechists into The Order of SS. Cyril and Methodius. The ceremony for the Middle States Syncellate will take place at Epiphany of Our Lord June 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. Each parish has been asked to provide the Chancery with the names and length of service within the Eparchy of Passaic only. If you are not currently a catechist at Epiphany but have been in the past, please contact the Parish Office and include the years you served. If you have served as a catechist within the Eparchy of Passaic other than Epiphany of Our Lord, please contact the parish in which you served to verify the years you served.

**Blessed Theodore Romža Documentary.** The Eparchy of Mukachevo, our Mother Church, has posted a documentary film on the life and martyrdom of Blessed Theodore Romža on their eparchial web site [www.mgce.uz.ua](http://www.mgce.uz.ua) (Mukachevo Greko Catholic Eparchy, Užhorod, Ukraine.) On the home page look down the right hand side and click on the black and white photograph of a group of priests with the words Документальний фільм Осіння Голгофа Теодора Ромжі.