



**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!	June 28, 2015	Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 28 Sun.	8:00 AM	+Joseph Koshuta by Monica Koshuta & Family
	10:30 AM	Intention of Parishioners

SIXTH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST

FEAST OF SS. PETER AND PAUL

June 29 Mon.	10:00 AM	+Florence Mikulak by Michael Mikulak
	7:30 PM	Intention of Parishioners

July 03 Fri.	10:00 AM	+Alice Healey by Regina Dolan
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INDEPENDENCE DAY

July 04 Sat	10:00 AM	Supplication for Preservation of Religious Freedom and Protection of our Country
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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 05 Sun.	8:00 AM	+Mary Naughton by Theresa Matlaga & Family
	10:30 AM	Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – July 5, 2015

July 5 Sun.	8:00 AM	P. O’Leary (L), J. Cooke, T. Hughes, J. Jaimés
	10:30 AM	D. Clark (L), G. Noyes, M. Noyes, James Soyka

USHER SCHEDULE – July 5, 2015

July 5 Sun.	8:00 AM	T. Ryan (L), J. Nashwinter, T. Susco
	10:30 AM	E. Gubanich (L), K. Kepick, E. Koval

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2015

Ss. Peter and Paul. The feast of the martyrdom of the chief of the apostles, Saints Peter and Paul is celebrated tomorrow.

- Both were martyred in Rome, Peter by being crucified upside down and Paul, because he was a Roman citizen, by beheading, during the persecution of Nero. Both were martyred June 29, 67. The epistle of St. Clement of Rome written about A.D. 89 is the first written record of their martyrdom. The Church celebrates the glorious memory of Saint Peter, who was made the foundation of the Church and given the keys of the kingdom by the Lord Jesus, and Paul, who labored more than all the other apostles.
- The feast commissions, as it were, Christ’s faithful to go forth and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. This share of the work of the apostles is called the apostolate. The *Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches* legislates in canon 401: “It is for lay persons, according to their own vocation, in the first place to seek the Kingdom of God; they do this by dealing with and regulating temporal matters in conformity with God. Therefore, in their private, family and politico-social life it is for them to be witnesses to Christ and manifest him to others, to defend just legislation in society, and radiating faith, hope and charity, to act like leaven for the sanctification of the world.”

Thank You. Thank you for the gifts, cards and prayers from the parishioners of Epiphany of Our Lord upon my ordination to the diaconate. And deepest appreciation to Fr. John, the catering and office staffs for their contribution toward making this day so enjoyable and one that I will never forget.

- Deacon Peter Turko

Holy Day of Obligation. Tomorrow, June 29th. is the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul, a holy day of obligation for all Eastern Catholics according to the Code of Canons of Eastern Churches, as promulgated by Pope John Paul II. There will be two Divine Liturgies for the convenience of our parishioners, 10:00 AM Monday morning and 7:30 PM Monday evening.

Divine Liturgy for Religious Freedom. The Divine Liturgy will be offered at our parish on the Fourth of July at 10:00 AM. Please join your Catholic brothers and sisters who will be assisting at Divine Liturgies and Masses around the nation to pray for religious freedom and conscience protection. After the Divine Liturgy the procession to the flag pole and the raising of the flag will be followed by the ringing of our church bells at 12:00 Noon.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Office Schedule. In observance of the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul, a holy day of obligation for Eastern Catholics, the Parish Office will be closed tomorrow, June 29th. Office hours will resume on Tuesday, June 30th.

Bulletin Deadline and Parish Office Schedule. In observance of the July 4th federal holiday, the Parish Office will be closed Friday, July 3rd. Office hours will resume Monday, July 6th. The bulletin deadline has been moved forward to Tuesday before 12:00 Noon for this week only.

Help needed on Saturday, July 18, 2015 for the baking of nut, apricot, poppy seed, and lekvar rolls for the upcoming Slavic American Festival. Assistance with dough preparation will be needed as early as 6:35 AM. Rolling will begin at approximately 7:20 AM. Volunteers to bag the rolls and cleanup will be needed at 1:00 PM. Please come and participate in this important parish event. Your help is greatly appreciated. For more information, call Theresa Matlaga (703) 802-1496 or Dolores Opachko at (703) 938-2373.

Year of the Epistle. Bishop Kurt Burnette has declared a “Year of the Epistle” from Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2015, to Pentecost Sunday 2016. 1. How is the apostolic reading proclaimed by the lector? 2. How attentive is the congregation to the apostolic reading? 3. Are there any distractions during the proclamation of the epistle? 4. The priest or deacon is to preach on the apostolic reading during the Year of the Epistle.

EMC Meeting. The next meeting of Epiphany Mens’ Club will be Thursday, July 9th. Please note the date change due to the federal holiday, July 3rd.

Post-construction Update. The following items were completed this past week.

1. Our parish has received notification by letter from Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services and Land Development Service Bond and Agreement Center that our parish has completed all requirements of Fairfax County and Virginia Department of Transportation. Included in this correspondence are the two checks which represent the bond release totaling \$275,049.57. The checks are made out to the Eparchy of Passaic, the Owner of Record. The checks will be forwarded to the Eparchy of Passaic with the request that the Eparchial Finance Office deposit the checks and draft an eparchial check to Epiphany Church for the amount listed above, less \$75,000, which represents an additional principle payment against our loan to the Eparchy. Our parish Building Fund had posted the bond with funds from the \$1.8 million loan we obtained from the Eparchy of Passaic.(The current loan balance is \$1.55 million). This means that the \$275,049.57 is not money from our own funds but part of the money the parish received from the Eparchy of Passaic.

Silent Auction Items Needed. The 2nd 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 or (703) 802-1496 to arrange pickup.

EMC BINGO
06/30/15 Team A
07/07/15 Team B
07/14/15 Team C
07/21/15 Team D
http://EMCBINGO.com

Bingo Help Needed. The Bingo program at Epiphany of Our Lord is in need of several volunteers. One specific area is the need for Bingo cashiers. Tom Forsythe has been a cashier for several years, however, he will be moving out of the area in the near future. At least one volunteer is needed to take his place. And more would be fantastic! If interested, please contact Ed Gubanich at 703-978-3824 or ED13456@aol.com.

Vibrant Parish. Please take the time to read, reflect, and then pray on the fifth set of questions in the bulletin today. The dimension this Sunday is MISSIONARY SPIRIT.

1. What is the Vibrant Parish Program?

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.

2. What is a vibrant parish according to the program?

His Beatitude Sviatoslav, using words echoed by Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis, states that the vibrant parish is a parish where a person can meet Jesus Christ.

3. How does the program determine the presence of Jesus in a parish?

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, on Missionary Spirit. The questions are a guide to self-examination. Bishop Kurt Burnette wishes the Byzantine Ruthenian parishes of the Eparchy of Passaic to share in this program from the Ukrainian Catholic Church to assess the life of the parishes. The number of parishioners who are willing to take the time to respond to the program is in itself a measure of the vibrancy of a parish. Please save your responses and submit them when all six dimensions have been presented.

EPARCHIAL AND OTHER CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fortnight for Freedom. The Fortnight for Freedom began last Sunday, June 21. It concludes on Independence Day, July 4th with a Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine, Washington, DC. The theme for the fortnight this year is “Freedom to Bear Witness.” For prayers, thoughtful articles and talking points see the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at www.usccb.org. The bishops of the United States invite all Catholics, Eastern and Latin, to pray for the protection of religious liberty during this time. You may use the prayer “O God Our Creator,” found on the insert which the bishops offer:

O GOD OUR CREATOR,

from your provident hand we have received
our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
You have called us as your people and given us
the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God,
and your Son, Jesus Christ.
Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit,
you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world,
bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel
to every corner of society.
We ask you to bless us
in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.
Give us the strength of mind and heart
to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;
give us courage in making our voices heard
on behalf of the rights of your Church
and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.
Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,
a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters
gathered in your Church
in this decisive hour in the history of our nation,
so that, with every trial withstood
and every danger overcome—
for the sake of our children, our grandchildren,
and all who come after us—
this great land will always be “one nation, under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.