



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church

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Very Rev. John G. Basarab - Pastor

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory Forever!

June 4, 2017

Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava Na Viki!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 04. 8:00 AM +Michael George Koshuta by Monica Koshuta & Family
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

PENTECOST WEEK

PENTECOST MONDAY

June 05 Mon. 10:00 AM +Raymond McCracken by Marlene, Victoria, Justine & Family

June 07 Wed. 10:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on Elizabeth Basarab

June 10 Sat. 2:30 PM Mystery of Repentance

Vigil Divine Liturgy of Sunday

4:00 PM Class of First Mystery of Repentance

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

June 11 Sun. 8:00 AM +Deacon Gerald McDonnell by Mary McDonnell & Family
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – June 11, 2017

June 11 Sun. 8:00 AM P. O'Leary (L), J. Cooke, Joseph Hughes, J. O'Leary
10:30 AM J. Naccash (L), T. Clark, James Hughes, D. Naccash

USHER SCHEDULE – June 4, 2017

June 11 Sun. 8:00 AM BCY
10:30 AM K. Hogan (L), T. Fazio, T. Souka

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.

Parish Administration

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

Parish Clergy

Very Rev. John G. Basarab, Pastor
Deacon Elmer Pekarik, Deacon Peter Turko

Parish Office Staff

Jamie Bacigalupi, Administrative Assistant
Diane Dougherty, Financial Assistant

Parish Council of Administration

Emil Koval, Greg Puhak, Sally Green

Parish Office Hours: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday- Friday

9:30 AM - 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 announcement should be submitted in writing by 12:00 Noon Wednesday afternoon for the upcoming Sunday. Announcements may be dropped off in the Parish Office, faxed to the office (703-573-1088) or email to epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net.

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

Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Annandale, VA

<http://www.eolbcc.org>

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

phone (703-691-8585) if you wish to volunteer to help, or chair any event. If you are new to the parish, please consider being a volunteer. We need all the help we can get! Thanks, Jack Figel, Festival Chairman.

Boiler Estimate. AMS has submitted a new contract for the boiler for the parish center. The previous estimate of 2015 was priced at \$45,000. The current estimate is for removal of the present boiler and installation of two condensing boilers and substituting flue pipes fabricated in stainless steel for a total cost of \$88,040. The previous estimate was submitted by an estimator no longer with the company. The increase is attributed to increase of the price of materials, the need for stainless steel pipe at \$80/foot and \$200/elbows, incorrect pricing of labor costs in the original, and requiring two higher efficiency boilers for greater energy savings and energy cost savings. Bids from companies other than this company who we have for our service contracts are being solicited to compare with this bid.

BCY Pancake Breakfast. The BCY is preparing a Pancake Breakfast for a nominal cost today June 4th, between liturgies. This event is very similar to the Men's Club breakfasts with pricing varying among adults and children. All funds will go towards the Byzantine Catholic Youth Group and their upcoming projects and events. Come out and support the youth today and enjoy some fresh flapjacks!

EPARCHIAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ss. Cyril and Methodius Seminary. The 17th annual Ss. Cyril and Methodius Seminary lecture was held May 11th, the feast of Ss. Cyril and Methodius, following the moleben and graduation commencement at our seminary in Pittsburgh. The speaker was Father Dr. Peter Galadza, a priest of the Ukrainian Catholic Church and a professor at the Sheptytsky Institute at St. Paul University, Ottawa, Canada which will be moving July 1, 2017 to St. Michael University, Toronto. The Institute is directed by the Ukrainian Catholic Church to offer graduate degrees and doctorates in Eastern Christian studies. The topic was *Vatican Guidelines for Church Music: Eastern Christians*

Prospects and Problems. The video of the lecture is available on-line at the seminary web site www.bcs.edu. The problem with production values may pose some difficulty to parts of the lecture.

Ukrainian Catholic Church. Lubomyr Cardinal Husar, MSU, the Archbishop-Major-emeritus of Kyiv-Halych and retired Father and Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, passed away Wednesday, May 31st. Born in L'viv, he and his parents fled during World War II in 1944, arriving in the United States in 1949. He was enrolled at St. Basil Ukrainian Catholic Seminary, Stamford, CT, and studied at Fordham and the Catholic University of America. After ordination he taught at Stamford and served as a parish priest. After he earned a doctorate in theology from the Pontifical Urbanium University, Rome, he entered the Studite Order at Castel Gandolfo and was named the superior and ordained bishop. He was created cardinal by St. John Paul II. He retired because of health reasons in 2011. Many in the United States met him in 2007 on the occasion of the centennial of the arrival of the first Greek Catholic bishop in the United States and he received an honorary doctorate from the Catholic University at that time. May God grant him eternal memory. Vičnaja jemu pamjat'.

New Documentary Released. A documentary on the forced deportation of the Lemko Rusyns in Poland following World War II has been completed by two documentary filmmakers, John Righetti and Maria Silvestri of Pittsburgh and debuted in Poland, Pittsburgh and New York the last week of April on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the infamous action. The film, *Even Tears were not Enough*, is available on-line. The two previously worked on *Changed by Thalerhof*, the story of the Rusyns being interred in Europe's first concentration camp in 1914 during World War I. Both documentaries were produced by the John and Helen Timo Foundation.

Pentecost Sunday

COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

- Byzantine Spirituality
- Baseball Game
- Phase III Icons
- Boiler Fund Update
- Epiphany Graduates
- Ladies Guild June Social
- Camp Out

EMC BINGO

06/06/17 Team B
 06/13/17 Team C
 06/20/17 Team D
 06/27/17 Team A
<http://EMCBINGO.com>

June 4, 2017

TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations—May 28, 2017

Adults	\$3,509.00
Children	\$4.93
Building Fund	\$749.00
School of Religion	\$81.00
Candles	\$87.59
Holy Days	\$435.00
Boiler	\$10.00
Missions	\$5.00
<u>St. Nicholas Fund</u>	<u>\$40.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4,921.88

"In generous spirit pay homage to the Lord...and He will give back sevenfold."
 (Sirach 35:10)

LITURGY AND LIFE

Prayer Intentions. Please remember in prayer: Michael Mikulak, David Sayen, Mary McDonnell, Justine Ferrari, Julia Zdynak, Louis Shanks, Caroline Zurun, Mary Beth Vieira, Robert Esser, and Irene Markovich. Please pray for these friends and relatives of parishioners: Shirley Anne Markham, Jeffrey Mikulak, Francine O'Leary, Russell Plasha, Tim O'Leary, Joanne Gaudino, Patricia Delfine, Rev. Joseph Jugan, Steven Goula, Mary Jewette, Luke Kolar, Fr. Conan Timoney, Eileen Gray, Karen Baine, James Seman, Jim Sinclair, Susan Seman, and Fr. Lee Gross.

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 Sundays and days of prece

[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 Carisia Switala, Stephen and Sophia Tanner & Family, Michael and Lynette Terpak, Paul Terpak & Family, Bradley Thomas, Patricia Trubia, Deacon Peter and Carren Turko, and from the Mission, and Jenny Hakun.

Pentecostarion for Pascha. The Pentecostarion, which means “Fifty Days” referring to the fifty days from Pascha to Pentecost, is the liturgy book that begins Great Saturday evening and continues until the Sunday of All Saints which is the Sunday after Pentecost Sunday. Another name for this collection of hymns and services is “Flowering Triodion”. The fiftieth day after Pascha is called the **Pentecost Sunday**. Pentecost Sunday, Pjadesjatnicy (Fiftieth) Ned’ila (Sunday), and the week of Pentecost are called Želenyj svjatyj, the Green Holydays. **Old Testament.** The Hebrews were freed from Egypt on Passover and after seven weeks, on the Pentecost or fiftieth day, God gave them the Law through Moses on Mount Sinai, thus establishing a covenant with the Hebrews. Today the feast is called Shavuot, that is, Weeks. This Feast of Weeks—called so because it is a week (7) of weeks—is commemorated by decorating synagogues and homes with boughs of green branches because a tradition held that Mount Sinai blossomed with greenery and flowers in anticipation of God giving Moses the commandments. Some synagogues have a marriage canopy on the bemah (ambon) since the Sinai covenant was a spiritual marriage union between God and the Chosen People. The Bible book of Exodus describes the Theophany of God on Sinai as thunder and lightning and at the same time a heavy cloud and smoke (even as God is revealed—expressed in lightning—yet God is concealed—expressed by heavy cloud—

because of God’s infinite Being and human finiteness). **New Testament.** On the fiftieth day after the Passover of the Lord, Pascha of the Lord’s Resurrection, God the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles gathered in the Upper Room and the appearance of God the Holy Spirit was expressed in terms reminiscent of Sinai, tongues “as of fire” falling from heaven which prompted the apostles to speak in a variety of tongues so people from different nations who were on pilgrimage in Jerusalem could understand, revealing that with God the Holy Spirit the separation at Babel was changed to unity. The sound described as “like a wind” is because the word “spirit” means breath, wind, and life. God the Holy Spirit makes the grace of salvation achieved by Jesus Christ through His death and resurrection, accessible through the sacramental life in the Church.

Blessed Palms and Willows. This year’s blessed palms and willows should be kept at your home at the icon corner or crucifix, as a witness of the Lord’s presence in your life. Last year’s palms and willows will be burned this Friday at the parish campout.

Special Prayer Intention. Please remember Father Lee Gross in your prayers as he continues to recover and rehabilitate. Information is available in the insert in today’s bulletin.

Vigil of Sunday Divine Liturgy. The Divine Liturgy celebrated this Saturday, June 10th at 4:00 PM is open to all parishioners and will satisfy your Sunday obligation.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

High School SOR. Parents and Parishioners, The 2016-2017, 9-12 SOR has ended its first instructional year supporting **A Vibrant Parish**. The year began with lessons of *Byzantine History of the Church* and ended with *The Divine Liturgies of St. John of Chrysostom and St. Basil the Great*. The 2017-2018 plans for the 9-12 SOR include using the recently designed and implemented 4-year curriculum. However, students will meet in either 9-10 or 11-12 classrooms, each class having its own teacher.

To implement the 9-12 SOR plans effectively, your help is needed. If you are interested in volunteering to prepare, plan, and teach from the recently developed SOR 9-12 curriculum, please contact Deacon Peter Turko at Dn.PeterTurko@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.

ELG Meeting. The next meeting of Epiphany Ladies Guild is scheduled for tomorrow, June 5th. Light refreshments will be served at 7:00 PM followed by the meeting at 7:30 PM.

ELG June Social - Saturday, June 17th
The trip will include transportation, a Botanical Gardens visit followed by Dinner at the Waterford. Depart Epiphany between 1:00-1:15, Botanical Gardens visit from 2:00-2:45PM. Depart Botanical Gardens by 3:00, Dinner at the Waterford 4:00-5:00. Depart by 5:15 to return to church by around 5:45 PM. RSVP to Daria Parrell (dtparrell@gmail.com) to reserve your place for the trip on Saturday, June 17, 2017. We are limited to 30 on the limo bus.

Campout. Epiphany Campout is this Friday, June 9th through June 10th. The campout begins at 4:00 PM on June 9th and will continue into Saturday morning. All Epiphany families and their friends are invited to attend. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for details and to RSVP to accommodate the people attending with enough food.

Father-Son Steak Night. The next meeting of Epiphany Men's Club is this Thursday, June 8th, which will be the Father-Son Steak Night. All Fathers and sons are cordially invited to attend. There is no charge for this event but RSVP's are required. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM.

Baseball Game. On Sunday, June 11th, Epiphany Men's Club will sponsor a baseball trip to Washington, DC to see the Nationals play against the Texas Rangers. The bus will leave Epiphany parking lot at 2:15 PM. The game begins at 4:05 PM. All tickets have been reserved but a waiting list is being developed. If you have not yet paid for your reserved tickets, please do so at your EARLIEST convenience. If your plans have changed, please release your reservation to the waiting list. To

pay for your ticket or to release it, contact Ed Gubanich at 703-978-3824 or email ED13456@aol.com, Jack Kepick at 703-455-6510. Make checks payable to Epiphany Men's Club. If you have not confirmed your reservation, please do so immediately.

Graduates. If you are a 2017 graduate of 8th grade, high school, college or graduate school or the parent of a 2017 graduate, please submit the graduate's name and school from which he/she is graduating to the Parish Office by phone 703-573-3986 or email epiphanyoffourlord@verizon.net no later than this Wednesday, June 7, for publication in this week's bulletin.

Festival Planning Meeting. The Annual Slavic American Festival of Epiphany Church will be held on **Sunday, September 10, 2017**. The first planning meeting will be held in the Parish Center on **Thursday evening, June 15, 2017 at 7:30 pm**. All activity chairpersons are especially invited to attend, as well as any other interested parishioners. We will discuss the outcome of last year's festival, and what changes we might want to consider for this year. The festival's success depends on volunteers from our parish family to prepare, setup and run all the activities that our guests enjoy. The financial contribution to the parish building fund is substantial. Contact Jack Figel by email (jackfigel@verizon.net) or by

installer, our voicemail capability has been restored. Messages can again be left and collected from the Parish Office voicemail box only.

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Phase III Icon Update. Of the four icons of the third phase of the Icon Program to complete the new church, two have found donors: the Dormition of the Theotokos and the Resurrection of Christ. The Crucifixion (\$11,760) and the Communion of the Apostles (\$24,800) are still available for donation. Multiple donors can unite to donate the Communion of the Apostles using the following schedule. There are sixteen figures on this large icon which covers the back wall of the Holy Place under the Platytera of the Mother of God. The figures are: the Lord Jesus holding the discos, the Lord Jesus holding the chalice (the Lord appears twice in this icon), the apostles: Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Saint Andrew the First-called, Saint James son of Zebedee, Saint John the Evangelist son of Zebedee, Saint Philip, Saint Thomas, Saint Matthew the Evangelist, Saint Jude Thaddeus, Saint Bartholomew (also called Saint Nathanael), Saint James Adelphotheos (relative of God), Saint Simon the Zealot, two angels serving as deacons holding the liturgical fan, the ripidion. If sixteen donors select the subject they wish to offer, e.g., Our Lord, or an apostle, or an angel-deacon each would donate \$1,550 for each figure donated. Please recall that the iconographic representations are computer generated proposals to show approximately what the icon would look like in the space where it is to be installed. The icons for our church follow the Carpathian School and the final icon may be somewhat different.

Boiler Update. The eparchy has provided Epiphany of Our Lord with our final 2016 Bishop's Appeal total and the reversion we will receive. Epiphany parishioners donated \$21,110.00. Below please find our totals toward the replacement of the Parish Center boiler:

2015 Reversion	\$7,932.40
2016 Reversion	\$8,444.00
<u>Boiler Fund Donations</u>	<u>\$33,693.80</u>
Total Boiler Funds	\$42,137.80

The last estimate from AMS upon which figures are predicated is 2015. We have asked AMS for an updated cost estimate. Thank you for your generosity. We have not yet received the 2016 reversion.

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Fathers of First Ecumenical Council

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- Baseball Game
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- Boiler Fund Update

- Verizon Issues
- Epiphany Graduates
- Ladies Guild June Social
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http://EMCBINGO.com	

Boiler	\$10.00
<u>St. Nicholas Fund</u>	<u>\$41.00</u>
TOTAL	\$3,959.35

"Your generosity produces thanksgiving to God." (Corinthians 9:11)

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May 28, 2017

TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations—May 21, 2017

Adults	\$2,696.00
Children	\$2.00
Building Fund	\$840.00
School of Religion	\$81.00
Candles	\$89.35
Holy Days	\$80.00
Easter	\$110.00
Holy Water Bottles	\$10.00

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Blessed Palms and Willows should be kept in your home, usually at the icon corner or crucifix, as a witness to the Lord’s presence in your life. Last year’s palms and willows are blessed sacramentals and should be destroyed by burning or burying them or bring them to the hall in the chapel basement and place them in the receptacle provided. ***Do not throw them into the garbage.***

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without the bodily presence of Jesus who had ascended. The observance of the First Ecumenical Council on this Sunday is certainly because the council was held May 20-June 19, 325. However, a deeper application to this Sunday after Ascension is seen in the question which the council was faced with adjudicating: who is Jesus of Nazareth? Jesus had said: “the Father and I are One” (John 10:30) and “the Father is in me and I am in the Father” (John 10:38). However, what is to be made of the words of Jesus: “the Father is greater than I” (John 14:28)? This latter quote gave the priest Arius the opportunity to teach that Jesus is a little less than God but greater than humans. If he were right, Jesus’ death and resurrection could not save us since He would not be one with us and one with God. The bishops responded with the orthodox Catholic teaching: the Father eternally begets the Son and spirates the Holy Spirit. That is the only way the Father is understood as “greater”. (First there is equality of the Three Persons in One God the Holy Trinity and then there is order). In addition, the fathers made the unprecedented (to that point in time) step of inventing a word not in the New Testament to define the relationship of God the Father and Jesus, who calls Himself the Son of God. The word was *homoousios* a word that means “one in essence” or “one in being.” This definition of dogma is important for what occurred at Ascension. Jesus as Son of God is One, *homoousios*, with the Father and the Holy Spirit and always with the other persons of the Holy Trinity. After the Son of God was incarnate in the womb of the Blessed Virgin He became *homoousios* with us. At Ascension Jesus took human nature to heaven where as God He always is. This ascension opens heavens for all those who are baptized into Christ to follow: “Where the Head of His Body, Jesus, has gone before us in glory, we, the rest of the Body, are called to follow in hope.”

Condolences. We offer our condolences to Lynn Doering and her family upon the death of her mother, +Claire Goula, who passed away Sunday, May 21st. The funeral service was

Thursday, May 25th by Epiphany of our Lord Church at Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home. Interment was at Fairfax Memorial Park. May God grant His departed servant, +Claire, peaceful repose. Vičnaja jej pamjat’.

Condolences. We offer our condolences to Dorothy Gaydos and her family upon the death of her husband, +Joseph Gaydos, who passed away May 18, 2017 . The funeral was from Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, Johnstown, PA and the interment was at Grandview Cemetery. May God grant His departed servant, +Joseph, peaceful repose. Vičnaja jemu pamjat’.

Special Prayer Intention. Please remember Father Lee Gross in your prayers. Father Lee fell at Loyola on the Potomac Jesuit Retreat House. He was operated on last Wednesday and expects a number of weeks of therapy. Father Lee celebrates Divine Liturgy at Epiphany mission most Sundays and has celebrated 10:30 AM Liturgy so Father John can go to the mission. We will try to cover the mission and try to minimize any disruption to the Epiphany Annandale schedule. We have contacted the Diocese of Arlington Vicar for Priests to obtain an update on the progress of Fr. Lee's rehabilitation and location. As of the printing of this bulletin, we are unable to communicate that information.

Paschal Rituals. Beginning Ascension you may resume sitting at the usual times. Kneeling does not resume until Pentecost Sunday.

Mother helping mothers. “Mary, Helper of Mothers” is a special icon of the Mother of God that women who are having difficulty conceiving, or for mothers who are having a difficult pregnancy, or expectant mothers who have had hard childbirth with their other children have recourse to in prayer. The icon was particularly effective in the Eparchy of Phoenix. Bishop Kurt has brought this devotion to assist the women of his eparchy. The annual Saint Nicholas Pilgrimage at Carpathian Village,

Cresco, PA will center on this holy icon on Sunday, July 9, 2017. The pilgrimage will begin at 11:00 AM with a Moleben to Saint Nicholas, the protector of the Byzantine Ruthenian Catholic Church and conclude at 6:00 PM with a panachida for deceased clergy and former pilgrims. Food service begins at 11:30AM. See information sheet on narthex bulletin board. If there is sufficient interest in any parish of the eparchy to host the holy icon of Mary, Helper of Mothers, please inform your pastor so he can ask the Bishop for a specific time for the icon to visit the parish.

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FIOS Conversion. Verizon has completed the transfer of our phone lines to FIOS as well as internet connection. However, our Phone Tree system was disrupted and Bill Fournier is working once again to restore it. Thank you to EMC and ELG for sending the messages to the parishioners on their e-mail lists.

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Voicemail. With coordination between our phone system technician and the Verizon Fios