



ΕΠΙΦΑΝΥ OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory to Jesus Christ! Slava Isusu Christu!
Glory Forever! June 18, 2017 Slava Na Viki!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 18 Sun. 8:00 AM Intention of Living and Deceased Fathers
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

THIRD WEEK OF PENTECOST

June 19 Mon. 10:00 AM +Deacon Gerald McDonnell by Mary McDonnell & Family
June 20 Tues. Aliturgical
June 22 Thurs. Aliturgical

VIGIL OF THE BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

June 23 Fri. 7:30 PM Intention of Parishioners

BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

June 24 Sat. 10:00 AM +Joseph Stefan by Nancy Stefan

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 25 Sun. 8:00 AM +Joseph Koshuta by Monica Koshuta & Family
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE - June 25, 2017

June 25 Sun. 8:00 AM J. Lampl (L), Joseph Hughes, T. Hughes, J. Jaimes
10:30 AM T. Clark (L), James Hughes, D. Naccash, J. Naccash

USHER SCHEDULE - June 25, 2017

June 25 Sun. 8:00 AM T. Ryan (L), H. Katawczik, J. Kotula
10:30 AM J. Naccash (L), E. Gubanich, J. Kepick

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 18, 2017

COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

- Byzantine Spirituality
- Epiphany Graduates
- Silent Auction
- Father's Day Breakfast
- Festival Baking
- Fortnight for Freedom

EMC BINGO

06/20/17 Team D
06/27/17 Team A
07/04/17 No Bingo - TEAM B
07/11/17 TEAM C
<http://EMCBINGO.com>

TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations-June 11, 2017

Adults	\$2,380.00
Children	\$4.36
Building Fund	\$585.00
School of Religion	\$131.00
Candles	\$110.80
Holy Days	\$65.00
Boiler Fund	\$10.00
St. Nicholas Fund	\$ 5.00
TOTAL	\$3,291.16

"For the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you 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 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 Paul Vrabel, Bertha Walak, Glenn and Annette Warden, Robert and Deborah Wargo & family, Mark Wasczak, Kalyna Watts & family, Peter and Helen Wegman, and from the Mission, Robert and Margaret Karan.

Octoechos. After All Saints Sunday, the Church resumes the Octoechos, the system of eight tones. While octoechos refers to the eight-tone system of Byzantine Greek music, it specifically refers to a collection of hymns for Vespers, Matins, Divine Liturgy and all the other church services arranged in an eight-week period. The collection of hymns is called in Church Slavonic the Osmohlasnik (the Book of Eight Tones) but in Greek it is called the Paraklitiki. Originally, the Church of Constantinople used a two-tone system which alternated hymns every other week. Saint John of Damascus, a polymath who was a key defender of icons in the iconoclast dispute is considered a principle author of the collection of the octoechos. Saint John of Damascus was a resident of the Monastery of Saint Sabbas the Sanctified overlooking the Kidron valley located between Jerusalem and the Dead Sea. The liturgical practice of this monastery has had great influence on the liturgy of the Orthodox Church and the Byzantine Catholic Churches. (A tradition holds that the last Divine Liturgy on earth before the parousia and the Second Coming will be celebrated at the Mar Sabbas monastery. In 1965 Pope Paul VI returned the relics of Saint Sabbas to the monastery). The Octoechos can be thought of as a pillar or ladder in which the hymns of Tone One are the foundation and base laid down this Sunday and week, to be followed next week by Tone Two which forms the second rung until the completion of all eight weeks. Then, this pillar or ladder with eight rungs forms the base for the

next eight weeks. In this way, from the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost until the Second Coming of the Lord, this ladder of divine ascent is continually being built just as eight ascending notes builds the octave.

Apostles' Fast. The Apostles' Fast continues to June 28th, the day before the feast of the chief apostles, Saints Peter and Paul. 1. We imitate Jesus. Before He began His public ministry of teaching, preaching, and healing, Jesus fasted forty days in the desert. 2. We imitate the apostles imitating Jesus. Before the apostles began any evangelization work they fasted in imitation of Jesus who fasted (Acts of the Apostles 13:2-3 and 14:23). 3. The Apostles' Fast prepares the member of Christ's Church to evangelize. The Apostles' Fast prepares us for sainthood and for the work of the apostolate—our share in the work of the apostles. During this fast we reflect on how to cleanse our lives of sin by prayer and fasting and grow in the gifts of the Holy Spirit to make us saints and equipping us to spread the gospel in the example of Ss. Peter and Paul.

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.

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 epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net no later than tomorrow, Monday, June 19, for publication in Sunday's bulletin.

Silent Auction Items Needed! The 4th Annual Epiphany Silent Auction will be held during the Slavic American Festival on September 10, 2017. Donations will be accepted from June 11 until September 6, 2017. The more items we have in the silent auction the greater success the auction will be. Thinking of what you can donate? Silent auction donations should 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. Remember to visit www.slavicamericanfestival.com and like us on Facebook.

Festival Nut Roll Baking. Volunteers will be baking nut rolls and poppy seed rolls for the Slavic-American Festival at 8:00 AM on Saturday, August 5th. If you are interested in volunteering for this important endeavor, please call Kyra Gerardi at 571-733-7298 or Nancy Soyka at 571.529.0318 with any questions. There are many opportunities to help in the baking process.

Thank You. We wish to express our appreciation to Mary Ellen Kepick for all the hats she wore this weekend planning First Mystery of Repentance, overseer of the second grade recipients in the absence of their teacher, end of SOR year breakfast maker and baseball game lunch coordinator. That is a lot of hats for two days in addition to Campout volunteer and grandma duty.

Fire Marshalls. It has been a year since Bishop Kurt asked the pastors and Christ's Faithful in each parish to be attentive to fire dangers. At the end of May 2017, another Orthodox church, Transfiguration of our Lord in Corona, Queens, New York City, built in 1958 sustained great damage in a fire that seems to have started from a candle someone lit in the front of the church by a relic. Two FDNY firefighters and one civilian were injured. This fire followed two other fires in New York Greek Orthodox churches. Please remember Bishop Kurt's appeal.

Window Replacement. Epiphany Ladies Guild has committed to financially support the replacement of the front windows in the Parish Center. Each dormer section will be replaced separately until all three sections have been completed. The glass of first section of the three has been installed. Although some panes have recently been replaced, all the glass will be replaced at this time for two reasons; 1. a code change requires windows to be replaced by safety glass; and 2. the glass replacement done prior to this was not done correctly. The glass was cut too short for the frame. Each dormer will be completed as a complete set.

EPARCHIAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Dormition Pilgrimage. The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate announce the 63rd Annual Holy Dormition Pilgrimage which will take place August 12th through August 13th at St. Mary's Villa in Sloatsburg, New York. The theme this year is "Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate celebrate 125. Glory to God! Honor to Mary! Peace to Us! Activities on Saturday begin at Noon. The day on Sunday begins at 8:30 AM. In addition to presentations, children's activities, Divine Liturgies, blessing of religious articles, blessing of the sick, Stations of the Cross, Moleban to the Mother of God, and Panakhda, blessing of cars, confessions will be available throughout the entire weekend.

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Fortnight for Freedom. Each year, the Catholic bishops of the United States establish a two week period of prayer and fasting from June 24, the Feast of Saint John the Baptist who was beheaded by King Herod, through the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul, both martyred in Rome by Emperor Nero's persecution, to Independence Day, July 4th to respond to concrete actions taken in recent years against the free exercise clause. The concern for any abridgement of religious liberty is not only for the religious believers' rights but also because it would have grave impact on the nation as evidenced by the founders making religious liberty the first article in the Bill of Rights. President James Madison who drafted the Constitution and was the father of the Bill of Rights, said, "There is not a shadow of right on the general government to intermeddle with religion. Its least interference with it would be a most flagrant usurpation. I can appeal to my uniform conduct on this subject that I have warmly supported religious freedom." Recently, the challenge to religious liberty is stated as a as a justified government response because the beliefs of religious entities violate the norm of tolerance. This position fails to perceive that in the case of the Church, the Church espouses the virtue of love of a person over merely tolerance of behaviors. A love which always wants the good and only the good of one's neighbor requires speaking truth even when the truths are painful to hear. Such was the behavior of Saint John the Baptist toward Herod and Herod's sister-in-law and niece.

Marriage and the Family. A conference on these topics will be held at Christendom College, a Catholic college in Front Royal, VA. "Restoring the Divine Plan for Marriage and the Family" will take place July 8th and feature Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. Timothy O'Donnell, Senator Rick Santorum and Mary Santorum, Mary Beth Bonacci and Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone.

For more information or to register go to www.christendom.edu/conference.

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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 catechuminate. 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

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