

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church

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Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory Forever!

June 25, 2017

Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava Na Viki!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

POST-FESTIVE OF BIRTH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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

FOURTH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST

June 27 Tues. 10:00 AM +Joseph Gaydos by Epiphany Ladies Guild
June 28 Wed. 7:30 PM Great Vespers for Ss. Peter & Paul

Holyday of Obligation - SS. PETER & PAUL

June 29 Thurs. 10:00 AM Intention of Parishioners
7:30 PM +Joseph Koshuta by Monica Koshuta & Family
July 01 Sat. 10:00 AM +Margaret Baranowski by Mike & Dolores Opachko

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 02 Sun. 8:00 AM +Kenneth Davis by Martha Lamb
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – July 2, 2017

July 02 Sun. 8:00 AM Joseph Hughes (L), T. Hughes, J. Jaimes, P. O'Leary
10:30 AM James Hughes (L), T. Clark, D. Naccash, J. Naccash

USHER SCHEDULE – July 2 2017

July 02 Sun. 8:00 AM B. Wargo (L), J. Fedorko, K. Koshute
10:30 AM K. Kepick (L), M. Kernich, R. Parrell

COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

- Byzantine Spirituality
- Epiphany Graduates
- Silent Auction
- Festival Baking
- Fortnight for Freedom

EMC BINGO

06/27/17 Team A
07/04/17 No Bingo - TEAM B
07/11/17 Team C
07/18/17 Team D
<http://EMCBINGO.com>

TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations–June 18, 2017

Adults	\$4,179.16
Children	\$1.38
Building Fund	\$720.00
School of Religion	\$11.00
Candles	\$82.00
Holy Days	\$75.00
Boiler Fund	\$10.00
Peter's Pence	\$522.00
<u>St. Nicholas Fund</u>	<u>\$317.00</u>
TOTAL	\$5,917.54

"Do good, be rich in good works, be generous, share, thus accumulating as treasure a good foundation for the future, so as to win the life that is true life."

(1 Timothy 6:18-19)

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; Bryant and Ruth Welch, Robert Wiesner, Mary Wisdo, Dorothy Woods, Valeria Wymer, Richard Wytko, Edward and Julia Yablonski, and from the Mission, Elizabeth and Kevin Keyes & family.

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 (died 749) who was a key defender of icons in the iconoclast dispute is considered a principle author of the collection of the octoechos as well as the Burial Hymns of the funeral. (The Latin Church considers Saint John of Damascus **the last of the Eastern fathers of the Church and a Doctor of the Church** because of his works about the Assumption or Dormition of the Theotokos. They consider **Saint Isidore of Seville** the last of the Western fathers. Saint John Paul II made Saint Isidore of Seville **the patron of the internet** because of his encyclopedia.) 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 last Sunday and week, to be followed this 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 which in turn is the foundation for the next eight ascending notes that will be the next octave.

Feast in a Fast. The Birth of Saint John the Baptist on June 24th is a feast celebrated during the Apostles’ Fast. This is appropriate when one reflects because Saint John the Baptist was a desert-dweller and one who fasted and ate locusts and wild honey according to the gospel (Matthew 3:4). In fact, even his cousin, the Lord Jesus, testified, “for John came neither eating or drinking, and they said, ‘He is possessed.’” (Matthew 11:18 and Luke 7:33). Therefore, the Velikij Časoslov (Great Horologion or Book of Hours) published in Rome according to the Ruthenian Recension, 1950, only concedes allowing eating fish (for monks, nuns and those who follow the traditional fast) if the feast falls on the fast days of the Apostles’ Fast, that is, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The feast only has a one-day post-festive, today, June 25th. After the summer solstice, daylight decreases, and we are to remember the words of Saint John the Baptist about Jesus, “He must increase. I must decrease” (John 3:30) and apply this to our life in Christ. We must make room in ourselves for Jesus Christ to increase so that He can make us more God-like.

Apostles’ Fast. The Apostles’ Fast continues to Wednesday, June 28th, the day before the feast of the chief apostles, Saints Peter and Paul. In this fast we have imitated Jesus who fasted forty days and we imitate the apostles who fasted in imitation of the Lord before any of their missionary journeys or ordinations. The Apostles’ Fast prepares us the members of Christ’s Church for sainthood and for the work of the apostolate—our share in the work of the apostles.

Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul. Thursday in the Byzantine and Latin calendar is the feast of the martyrdom of the chief of the apostles, Ss. Peter and Paul. Both were martyred in Rome on June 29, 67, Saint Peter by being crucified upside down and Saint Paul by beheading, during the persecution of Nero. The epistle of Saint Clement of Rome written about AD 89 is the first written account of their martyrdom. The *Ecclesiastical History*

written by Eusebius of Caesarea (Emperor Constantine the Great chose him to give the opening address at the First Ecumenical Council of Nicea) from the Ascension to A.D. 324, compiled contemporary witnesses' affirmation 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 of God by the Lord Jesus, and Saint Paul, who labored more than all the other apostles. The fisherman who denied the Lord and repented and the tent maker who persecuted the Church and then converted were chosen by the Lord for the foundation of His Church. We too may be ordinary people, people with regular professions or people who are students, and we may be recovering sinners by the grace of Jesus Christ, but we are also chosen to build on their foundation by the share of the apostolate given to us. According to the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches promulgated by Saint John Paul II, this is a holyday of obligation for all Eastern Catholics. There will be two Divine Liturgies on June 29th, 10:00AM and 7:30PM.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduates. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for the list of 2017 graduates.

Epiphany Men's Club. The beginning of June was a very busy time for the EMC. The attendance for the Father-Son Steak night was (46) with all enjoying porterhouse steaks grilled by the veteran grill masters Rand Bass and Emil Koval. Father Ephrem our guest speaker, also enjoyed the meal before drawing Father John's name from the hat for the (4) tickets to the National's July 4th baseball game. Father Ephrem spoke about his experiences as a married priest with children and his experiences growing up three blocks away from the site of Our Lord's birth. The Epiphany Family Campout followed on Friday with all the festivities included a visit from the FFP K-9 unit. This year the attendees (65) were able to finish off the 2 ½ bushels of crab but it took some diehards until 9:00 to complete the task. (20) campers enjoyed the pancake and sausage breakfast and the

camp closed by 10:00 AM. The baseball game trip was another enjoyable outing during the EMC weekend of fun, and even the National's loss did not take away from the fun had by all.

The EMC's next meeting will be July 6th and will feature a wine tasting experience from one of the local vineyards. The EMC is open to all men over the age of 18 and all are encouraged to attend to discuss important church functions and to enjoy the companionship of others. Without your support events like those this past month would not be possible.

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.

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

Assistant Director(s). A Woman's Choice Pro-life Crisis Pregnancy Center has immediate openings for two part-time assistants to the Associate and Executive Directors. One position is in the Falls Church location and another in our Herndon location. Hours would be Monday through Friday from 9:30 to 2:30. Candidates must be dedicated to the pro-life movement, bilingual in English and Spanish and be willing to be trained in counseling pregnant women. For more information please contact Dolores Wisecarver at AWCLife@VACoxMail.com or call 703-538-4305.

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. Recently, the challenge to religious liberty is being justified because religious beliefs are accused as a violation of 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 mere 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. The Church seeks **the freedom** of religion to offer health care and elder care as followers of Jesus who healed the sick. The Church seeks **freedom** to offer quality education in order to follow Christ the Teacher. The Church seeks **freedom** to offer support system and adoption programs especially for hard-to-place children in which the Church had previously excelled in order to imitate Saint Joseph who accepted his role as foster father of the Son of God-made-man. The Church seeks **the freedom** to seek the Truth in the university system to help answer the question of the world, "Pilate said, 'what is truth?'" with the enlightenment of the gospel of the Lord Jesus who taught, "I-AM the way, the truth, and the life." The Church seeks **freedom** to witness to protection of life in the womb in order to ascribe the gift of life to God alone and so that the United States can live out its creed in granting rights of "Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Byzantine Catholic Seminary Online. In Fall 2017, the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Pittsburgh, PA is launching a fully online MAT degree program. These classes will consist of the same in-house courses and utilize many of our in-house faculty in order to deliver a fully online Master of Arts in Theology degree program. In keeping with our mission statement, "...teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:20), Byzantine Online seeks to produce exceptional academic leaders in Eastern Christian theology, scripture, and dogma. Through Byzantine Online, one has the chance to join with a Catholic community who by God's grace will form some of the future leaders for the Church. The track for seminarians remains the in-house study for priestly formation and the degree program for the Master of Divinity degree. For more information visit www.bcs.edu. For application information, visit <http://www.bcs.edu/mat-admissions-process/>

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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 v411isitation.

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 Council of Administration

Emil Koval, Greg Puhak, Sally Green

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.

Parish Office Staff

Jamie Bacigalupi, Administrative Assistant
Diane Dougherty, Financial Assistant

Parish Office Hours: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday- Friday
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Sunday

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