

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church

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Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory Forever!

July 2, 2017

Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava Na Viki!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

FIFTH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST

July 04 Tues. 10:00 AM Supplication for Preservation of Religious Freedom
and Protection of our Country

July 07 Fri. 10:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on Margaret
by Theodore Barthel Conrath II

July 08 Sat. 10:00 AM Thanksgiving for Landon Batewell by Joseph Stone

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 09 Sun. 8:00 AM +Joseph Gaydos by Dorothy Gaydos
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – July 9, 2017

July 09 Sun. 8:00 AM P. O'Leary (L), J. Jaimes, J. Lampl, J. O'Leary
10:30 AM D. Naccash (L), T. Clark, James Hughes, G. Naccash

USHER SCHEDULE – July 9, 2017

July 09 Sun. 8:00 AM J. Nashwinter (L), T. Ryan, J. Susco
10:30 AM R. Bass (L), K. Hogan, T. Soyka

COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

- Byzantine Spirituality
- Silent Auction
- Festival Baking
- Fortnight for Freedom
- Epiphany Men's Club Meeting

EMC BINGO

07/04/17 No Bingo - TEAM B
07/11/17 Team C
07/18/17 Team D
07/25/17 Team A
<http://EMCBINGO.com>

TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations--June 25, 2017

Adults	\$3,837.00
Children	\$3.03
Building Fund	\$695.00
School of Religion	\$1.00
Flowers	\$42.25
Holy Days	\$70.00
Boiler Fund	\$10.00
Peter's Pence	\$35.00
<u>St. Nicholas Fund</u>	<u>\$12.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4,705.50

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there will be food in my house, and try me in this, says the Lord of hosts. Shall I not open for you the floodgates of heaven, to pour down blessings upon you without measure?"

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 [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; Julia Zdynak, Charles and Alicia Zekan & family, Christopher and Mary Zeleznik, Benjamin and Caroline Zurun, and from the Mission, Raymond Klimkowsky.

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 collection was influenced by Saint Joseph the Hymnographer of the Monastery of the Studion in Constantinople (Studite monks). The Byzantine melodies were adjusted for Church Slavonic in Kiev and Novgorod into znamenny chant. This was further adjusted in our mother church to produce the Carpathian plainchant or prostopinije. 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 the first Sunday and week, to be followed the 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 which in turn is the foundation for the next ascending eight notes that will be the next octave.

Thank You. I would like to thank Epiphany Ladies Guild for their thoughtfulness and generosity as well as so many others who sent cards and prayers and best wishes on the second anniversary of my ordination to the holy diaconate. God bless all of you.
Deacon Peter.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Epiphany Men's Club. The EMC meeting for July 6, 2017 will include a wine tasting provided by one of the EMC's own, Monsieur Fournier, who is bringing various red wines for our enjoyment. Four tickets for the July 26 National's home game against the Milwaukee Brewers will be provided to one luck meeting attendee. 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 fellowship of others.

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

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 of religion 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. **Freedom** is the right of a person to practice the highest good. **Religious freedom** "...is our American heritage, our most cherished freedom. It is the first freedom because if we are not free in our conscience and our practice of religion, all other freedoms are fragile. If citizens are not free in their own consciences, how can they be free in relation to others, or to the state?" The Declaration of Independence rightly asserts that the rights of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness are rights given by God and not conceded by any government. The Church seeks **the freedom** of religion to imitate Jesus who healed the sick, who taught the people, and to imitate the saints who imitated Jesus. Archbishop Lori, chairman of the USCCB Committee for Religious Liberty issued a caution for parishes: "Religious institutions such as parishes, schools, and charities can no longer pretend that these are ordinary times. They must be robust in their Catholic identity and missionary zeal. When parishes lose their evangelizing edge or schools and charities become too much like their secular counterparts, we run the risk of surrendering, bit by bit, our religious freedom." The Church seeks freedom of religion for the individual believer to practice the Faith. There are those who act as if the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights grants freedom of worship, but it does not: it grants freedom of religion. The Church seeks this freedom for the United States 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/>.

Summer Initiative for Life. As part of their summer initiative, NOVA for Life is asking local volunteers to organize a group from their parish to go to the Falls Church center to pray anytime from 8:00AM to 12:00PM. NOVA for Life is a coalition of northern Virginia residents united for the protection of life in the womb. Like his predecessor Bishop Loverde, Bishop Michael Burbage has prayed the rosary with members of NOVA for Life outside of the Falls Church center. If interested, please contact Epiphany parishioner Dr Vincent Cassella at the Catholic University cassella@cua.edu or (202) 306-1791. For more information about NOVA for Life visit them on Facebook.

Benefit for Ukrainian Seminary. The 83rd Annual Ukrainian Day will be held Sunday, July 30, 2017 from 11:00 AM to 8:00PM at Saint Nicholas Picnic Grove, Rt. 901 in Primrose, PA, one mile from Minersville, PA. The religious presentation of the Day will be the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 11:00 AM and the veneration of the icon and relic of Blessed Bishop-Martyr Mykola Charnetsky, one of the 20th century Ukrainian Catholic martyrs. The cultural aspects of the event feature delicious foods made by the sponsoring parishes such as pyrohy, halushki, halupki, potato cakes, kielbasa, soups, desserts and more. The Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble will perform, John Stevens Doubleshot Polka Band will play 4-8 PM, pysanky classes, and there will be vendors and crafters selling traditional Eastern European items. Free admission. Proceeds to benefit Saint Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary, Washington, DC. See www.seminary.org or find us on Facebook: Ukrainian Seminary Day.

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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 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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<http://www.eolbcc.org>

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