



# EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church

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<b>Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!</b>	<b>July 23, 2017</b>	<b>Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!</b>
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## DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

### *SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*

July 23 Sun. 8:00 AM Intention of Parishioners  
 10:30 AM +Margaret Baranowski by Jack & Mary Ellen Kepick

### *EIGHTH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST*

#### *Dormition of Anna*

July 25 Tues. 10:00 AM +Catherine Smith by LaDonna Rodock

July 28 Fri. 10:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on Very Rev. John G. Basarab  
 by Bacigalupi Family

July 29 Sat. 10:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on Mr. & Mrs. Stephen G. Butchko  
 by John Butchko

### *EIGHTH SUNDAY AFYER PENTECOST*

July 30 Sun. 8:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on Helen "Penny" Vargo  
 by Marlene McCracken  
 10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

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### *ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – July 30, 2017*

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

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### *USHER SCHEDULE – July 30, 2017*

July 30 Sun. 8:00 AM J. Susco (L), J. Fedorko, J. Nashwinter  
 10:30 AM R. Parrell (L), M. Bell. K. Kepick

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## COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

- Byzantine Spirituality
- Blessing Vehicles
- Silent Auction
- Festival Baking
- Parish Office Communications
- Share My Faith Day - August 12

EMC BINGO

07/25/17 Team A  
 08//01/17 Team B  
 08/08/17 Team C  
 08/15/17 Team D  
<http://EMCBINGO.com>

## TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations–July 16, 2017

Adults	\$2,525.11
Children	\$1.07
Building Fund	\$1,005.00
School of Religion	\$57.00
Candles	\$27.00
Holy Days	\$65.00
Boiler Fund	\$200.00
Peter's Pence	\$20.00
<u>St. Nicholas Fund</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,950.18</b>

*"If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask for whatever you want, and it will be done for you." (John 15:7)*

## 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, Irene Markovich, and Ben Zurun. 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: James and Joyce Beiermann & family, Kevin and Theresa Bell & family, Bret Bellamy, John and Patricia Berezny & family, J. Charles Bernard, Amelia Bordas, Joanne & Randall Borden & family, and from the Mission, Vincent and Joni Kovalick.

**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. Each tone from one through eight is taken in rotation through eight subsequent weeks. Each tone has its own hymns for each day of the week and for each service of each day (Vespers, Compline, Matins). The original Greek melodies needed hymns to match the meter and musical pattern of each particular musical tone which is why each tone needed its own set of hymns. One organizing source for the subject of the hymns was the daily commemorations: Monday-the Holy Angels, Tuesday-Saint John the Baptist, Wednesday-the Holy Cross and the Blessed Virgin at the foot of the Cross; Thursday-the Holy Apostles and Saint Nicholas, Friday, the Holy Cross, and Saturday-All Saints and All Souls and Sunday-the Resurrection. Another organizing principle was the nine canticles in the Bible, eight from the Old Testament and two from the New Testament. These canticles were the inspiration for a long poetic hymn called a canon which is prayed at Matins and also, to a certain extent, Compline. Each canon has nine odes (in actuality, most have eight because the second ode is only taken during the Great Fast because of its penitential nature). Each ode is written for one of the Bible canticles. The ode begins with

an Irmos which is a hymn about the canticle for which it is the match. The irmos serves as a bridge to the troparia which follow it in the ode and which are usually meditations on the irmos so, by extension, they are meditations on the Biblical canticle. Between each troparion of the ode is a short refrain. Finally, the ode concludes with a hymn called the katavasia (literally, descent, because the two choirs or groups of cantors would descend from their cantor stalls and meet in the center aisle of the nave to sing the katavasia. Sometimes the katavasia is a special composition, sometimes, like Resurrection Matins, it is the irmos from the beginning of the ode repeated as the end of the ode. The whole canon is divided into three parts: Odes 1, 2, 3 and then a Sessional Hymn or Sidalen (it means sitting hymn), then Odes 4, 5, 6, and the kontakion and its ikos, and then Odes 7, 8, 9. The biblical canticles which are the inspiration for each ode are: The [canticle of Moses](#) in [Exodus](#) ([Exodus 15:1-19](#)) and Ode 1 of the canon; The Ode of [Moses](#) in [Deuteronomy](#) ([Deuteronomy 32:1-43](#)) (Note: this is sung only on Tuesdays in Lent) and Ode 2 of the canon; The Prayer of Anna the mother of [Samuel](#) the Prophet ([1 Samuel 2:1-10](#)) and Ode 3; The Prayer of [Habakkuk](#) the Prophet ([Habakkuk 3:2-19](#)) and Ode 4; The Prayer of [Isaiah](#) the Prophet ([Isaiah 26:9-20](#)) Ode 5; The Prayer of [Jonah](#) the Prophet ([Jonah 2:3-10](#)) and Ode 6; The [Prayer of the Three Holy Children](#) ([Daniel 3:26-56](#)) and Ode 7; The Song of the Three Holy Children (The *Benedicite*, Daniel 3:57-88) and Ode 8; The Song of the [Theotokos](#) (The *Magnificat*, [Luke 1:46-55](#)) and the Prayer of [Zacharias](#) the father of the [Forerunner](#) (The *Benedictus*, [Luke 1:68-79](#)) and Ode 9. In practice what happened is that this took so long to pray that the singing of the Biblical canticles were omitted and only the canon which is the meditation on that canticle is sung, although in the Ruthenian Book of Hours or Časoslov the Bible canticles are still included even when not prayed aloud.

**Summer Saints.** This week is filled with commemorations of notable saints. Today is the feast of one of them, our Blessed Bishop-martyr Basil Hopko (1904-1976) who died for the faith he was unwilling to deny. His father was killed by

lightning so his mother left him in the care of his grandfather and uncle while she came to the United States to work in New Brunswick, NJ for Johnson & Johnson. After his ordination in 1929 he was assigned to the Greek Catholic parish in Prague where he was especially solicitous for the care of the poor, the unemployed and students. Later, he was editor of the monthly of the Eparchy of Prešov, Blahovistnik. He earned his doctorate in sacred theology. After World War II he was appointed auxiliary bishop of Prešov to Bishop Paul Gajdich (also beatified by Pope John Paul II). He was arrested in 1950 during the communist takeover of Czechoslovakia and tried and convicted for the "subversive activity" of being loyal to Rome. He received brutal treatment in various prisons so much so that in 1964 the communist government transferred him to an old age home to avoid making a martyr of him. He was rehabilitated in the "Pregue Spring" in 1968 and his civil rights restored although he never recovered his health, succumbing to the medical conditions inflicted in his imprisonment. As a result, he was declared a martyr of the faith and beatified by St. John Paul II.

**Blessing of Vehicles.** Each year on the feast of the prophet Saint Elias, July 20<sup>th</sup>, vehicles were blessed this past Thursday. In our parish we will bless cars, trucks, vans, motorcycles after each of the Divine Liturgies today Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Second Book of Kings in the Old Testament of the Bible records what happened when Saint Elias and his disciple Elisha, who would take the place of Elias as prophet, walked to Jericho, then across the Jordan River. There, on the east bank, "As they walked on still conversing, a fiery chariot and fiery horses came between the two of them, and Elijah [in Greek, Elias] went up to heaven in a whirlwind and Elisha saw it happen." (2 Kings 2:11-12). As a result, the Church blesses vehicles on his feast.

**St. Nicholas Apostolate.** Cardinal Robert Sarah, the prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, said in a brief article that the sacred liturgy is a treasure that is given to us, something "received through pure grace." A humble attitude in the presence of this treasure leads priest and people alike to fulfill liturgical norms. Active participation in the liturgy, he added, leads to active participation in the life of

the Church, including works of charity. At Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church, a significant way to actively participate in charity is through the St. Nicholas Apostolate for those in Need. The funds collected allow us to respond to the pressing and often immediate financial needs of our faithful and of the community at large. During this past week, for example, three individuals received critical funds to assist situations they could not handle without assistance. In particular, our faithful are reminded that during urgent financial crises, that some assistance from the parish may be available. You may contact the Parish Office or Deacon El to review your particular situation. Additionally, our parish faithful are reminded that your donations to the Poor Box in the Church Vestibule are for the express purpose of financial assistance for those in crisis. Checks should be made to "St. Nicholas Apostolate for the Needy". All donations are gratefully received in Christian Charity.

Thank you, Deacon El

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Share My Faith Day.** Do you ever get asked the question "What is Byzantine Catholicism?" Do you know how to confidently answer this question? Join me and members of varying faiths at Epiphany of Our Lord church in Annandale, Virginia for a FREE workshop that explores our unique Eastern Rite religion through Pysanky Egg dying, holiday traditions, original Slavic cuisine, and our liturgy! This workshop will be held on August 12th from 9:45

am - 3:30 pm at Epiphany of our Lord church at **3410 Woodburn Rd. Annandale, Virginia 22003.** Ages 12 and up would benefit best from this event. For additional information and to register please send your name, contact information, number of guests, and home church with your religion to [go.gold.kelsey@gmail.com](mailto:go.gold.kelsey@gmail.com). Welcome registration by August 8<sup>th</sup>! See insert in today's bulletin for more details.

*\*This workshop is presented by parishioner Kelsey Lee as part of her **Girl Scout Gold Award** Project, the highest possible award in Girl Scouting!*

**Festival Planning Update.** A short update meeting for Festival planning will be held immediately after the conclusion of the 8:00 am Divine Liturgy on Sunday, August 6, 2017 in the Chapel Basement (circa 9:30 am). All festival chairpersons are asked to attend and give a short status report on their event. All interested parishioners are invited to attend. The meeting will conclude before the 10:30 Divine Liturgy begins.

**Festival Volunteers.** The Epiphany Slavic American Festival will be held on Sunday, September 10, 2017. Volunteers are needed to run dozens of activities for our guests (ethnic food, children's games, bingo, bake sale, ticket sales, etc.). If you have a particular interest in helping with setup (Friday evening and Saturday morning) or on the day of the festival, please come to the planning meeting on August 6<sup>th</sup> and signup, contact Jack Figel at 703-691-8585, or by email: [jackfigel@verzion.net](mailto:jackfigel@verzion.net). We especially need help with food service and food preparation. Thanks!

**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](mailto:tmatlaga@yahoo.com). Remember to visit [www.slavicamericanfestival.com](http://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.

**Building Update.** Members of the Parish Planning Committee are asked to review the proof of the Dedication Plaque of the Consecration of the Church submitted by W & E Baum prior to fabrication. Architect Thomas Kerns designed the plaque and selected the wood. Members of the Planning Committee changed one part of the design, that is, that the text would be computer generated and machine inscribed rather than handwritten and then inscribed by machine in order to have uniformity of the Dedication Plaque and the next part of the project, the Donors' Plaque, which, since the church iconographic scheme is to be completed in the future, would insure that future names added to the Donors' Plaque would match the current list of Donors.

**Parish Office Communications.** It is with great relief that we inform our parishioner that Phone Tree and the office fax capability have been restored. The data entry necessary for Phone Tree emails, as well as, telephone contacts has been completed. This data was lost when we updated the office computers. Also, when the new copier was installed and we had the issues with Verizon, our fax capability was lost. The issue has been corrected and we can now fax through the copier. The office fax number is 703-573-1088 as listed on the bulletin information page.

## **EPARCHIAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Eparchial Altar Server Congress.** The 2017 Altar Server Congress will be held this year August 5-9 at the eparchial pilgrimage site to Saint Nicholas and the family camp grounds in Canadensis, PA in the Poconos. Boys and teens from 7-17 are welcome to register. Apply at [www.eparchyofpassaic.com](http://www.eparchyofpassaic.com). The deadline for registration is July 31<sup>st</sup>.