



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
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Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory Forever!

August 2, 2015

Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava Na Viki!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Aug. 02 Sun. 8:00 AM +Robert Slebodnick by Epiphany Ladies Guild
 10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ELEVENTH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST

Aug. 03 Mon. Aliturgical
 Aug. 04 Tues. Aliturgical

Vigil of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Aug. 05 Wed.. 7:30 PM Intention of Parishioners

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Aug. 06 Thurs. 10:00 AM +Anna and +Michael Koshuta by Monica Koshuta & Family

Aug. 08 Sat. 10:00 AM +Francis Eugene Hogan by Epiphany Men's Club

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Aug. 09 Sun. 8:00 AM Intention of Parishioners
 10:30 AM +George Mocharko by Linda Mocharko & Family

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – Aug. 9, 2015

Aug. 09 Sun. 8:00 AM C. Susco (L), J. Jaimes, J. O'Leary, P. O'Leary
 10:30 AM J. Hogan (L), T. Clark, James Soyka, M. Tanner

USHER SCHEDULE – Aug. 9, 2015

Aug. 09 Sun. 8:00 AM B. Wargo (L), J. Fedorko, K. Koshute
 10:30 AM E. Koval (L), E. Gubanich, J. Mattingly

LITURGY AND LIFE

Dormition Fast. The Dormition Fast began yesterday, Saturday, August 1st, which is the feast of the Procession with the Holy Cross, and continues until August 14th, the day before the Dormition of the Mother of God. Traditionally, it is a fast from meat and dairy products Monday through Friday with a mitigation on Saturdays, Sundays and the feast of the Transfiguration, August 6th, this Thursday.

Transfiguration Reflection. The Transfiguration is one of the Twelve Great Feasts and is observed in the United States as a solemn holyday. The Lord Jesus was transfigured, His divinity shown through His humanity, and was seen as much as humanly possible forty days before His crucifixion.

1. It was commemorated originally in February, forty days before Great Friday. Because of the joy of the feast it was moved from February at the beginning of the Great Fast to August 6th, forty days before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.
2. The Latin Church still reads the gospel account of the Transfiguration at the beginning of Lent while they too transferred the feast to August 6th.
3. At the Transfiguration the Holy Trinity was revealed and so this is another feast of Theophany.
4. This feast, however, does not commemorate the past historical event of our Lord, only, but is future oriented. It offers hope for us and all Christ's Body, the members of the Church, who persevere in holiness and are free from mortal sin, can enter heaven and share in the divine glory of Christ that is shown on this feast. Peter did not want to leave this experience. He said, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. With your permission I will erect three tents..." These words encourage us that heaven is that good that all would want to be residents there forever. The Divine Liturgy of this feast since it is a participation in the Liturgy of Heaven is a pledge of this future.
5. Fruit is blessed at this feast since at the time of the fruit harvest God commanded Moses, "No one shall appear before me empty-handed. You shall also keep the feast of the grain harvest with the first of the crop you have sown in the field; and finally, the feast of the fruit harvest at the end of the year, when you gather in the produce from the fields" (Exodus 23:19). The Church New Year is September 1st. As we prepare during the Dormition Fast to always be ready for "a Christian, painless, unashamed, peaceful end of our life and for a good account before the fearsome judgment seat of Christ" we can bring a tithe of fruit to show that we do not wish to come before God empty-handed but with hands full of faith and good deeds.

Paraklesis. The Paraklesis Prayer Intention insert is in today's bulletin. The date for Paraklesis during the Dormition Fast has not yet been determined.

Year of the Epistle. As Archbishop of Constantinople, Saint John Chrysostom preached on the epistles. When he preached on the epistles, he would read a verse of the epistle and then give an exegesis of the verse and then preach on the verse. These homilies are available on-line at a number of sites. Two of the Catholic sites are: www.newadvent.org>[Home](#)>[FathersoftheChurch](#)>[HomiliesonFirstCorinthians\(Chrysostom\)](#) and www.documentacatholicaomnia.eu/.../0345-0407_Ionannes_Chrysostomus

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Epiphany Men's Club Meeting. The next meeting of the EMC will be August 6th at 7:30 PM. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM with the meeting following.

Induction of Councilors. Bishop Kurt Burnette in a letter dated June 4, 2015 has reappointed Emil D. Koval, Jr., Gregory John Basil Puhak, and Sally Green to serve as lay councilors for one year. The councilors will be inducted into their new term of office today during the 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy. May they use the gifts God imparted upon them at Baptism and Chrismation for the welfare of this parish of God's Holy Church. May God grant them many blessed years. Mnohaja l'ita.

Vibrant Parish. The Vibrant Parish—A Place to Encounter the Living Christ is a program of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church that Bishop Kurt has borrowed for our eparchy. Now that the reflections of the six dimensions of the Vibrant Parish have appeared in the bulletin for six weeks the bulletin will have the results from other parishes that were presented by the priests of the Eparchy of Passaic at Presbyteral Days. Please review the practices of other parishes and the suggestions of the priests of other parishes regarding what they think could be done.

EMC BINGO

08/04/15 Team B

08/11/15 Team C

08/18/15 Team D

08/25/15 Team A

<http://EMCBINGO.com>

Halupki Making for the Festival. It is time to make 2400 Halupki! The schedule is as follows: Friday, August 28th work begins at 9:30 AM coring cabbages; mix rice, onions, meat; make centers of halupki. Saturday, August 29th early birds begin at 7:00 AM boiling cabbage, prepare leaves, sauce and pans; 9:00 stuffing halupki and baking. Please help make this a success.

- Daria Parrell & Tom Soyka, Chairpersons

Nut Roll Baking Thank You. We are most grateful for the tremendous response to our call for volunteers to prepare and bake all of the nut rolls this previous week. We want to thank the many Epiphany men and women, college students, friends and others who have contributed their time and worked so hard. Your efforts, which made the baking a great success, are greatly appreciated. God bless you all. - Theresa and Dolores.

Festival Bake Sale: Every year, your generous donations of baked goods make our Bake Sale a success! Every flavor & shape is welcome. Keep in mind that **low calorie or gluten free offerings** are also welcomed! So please pull out your favorite recipes and let the baking begin! Label your donation being sure to include content details (nuts/no nuts, low fat, gluten free etc.) your name, and the words "Festival Bake Sale" on it. Place it in the Parish Center walk-in freezer, or refrigerator if delivered the festival weekend. Thank you! Your donations are deeply appreciated. Maryanne Berezny Smith, Bake Sale Chair. Questions? Please call 703 283 2564 or email me at mbreezy1@verizon.net

Slavic American Festival Tickets. Fr. John's festival letter and the festival raffle tickets have been mailed and should arrive in your mailbox by the end of this coming week.

Festival Rummage Sale. Gather up those family heirlooms, the thingamabobs that you bought from QVC and HSN, and other useful items that have been cluttering your basement or closets, and consider donating them for the Epiphany Rummage Sale to be held at the Slavic American Festival on September 13th. Please no clothing, car parts, major appliances, tires, etc. Donations will be accepted from Sunday, August 2nd to Sunday, August 30th on the following schedule: Sundays between Divine Liturgies and for 30 minutes after the 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy; Tuesdays from 7:45 PM to 8:30 PM; Saturdays 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Thank you in advance for your generosity. For additional information, or to volunteer to assist at the sale, contact Tony Fazio at 703-323-3650.

Silent Auction Items Needed. The 2nd Annual Epiphany Silent Auction will be held during the Slavic American Festival on September 13th. Donations will be accepted from June 1st until September 1st. The more items we have in the silent auction the more successful the auction will be. Thinking what you can donate? Silent auction donations 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 or (703) 802-1496 to arrange pickup.

EPARCHIAL AND OTHER CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit of Pope Francis. On September 23, 2015, during his Apostolic Visit to the United States, Pope Francis will be visiting the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. On the National Shrine's East Portico, the Holy Father will celebrate the Mass of Canonization of Blessed Junípero Serra, the Franciscan priest who founded missions throughout California. Blessed Junípero Serra will be the first person to be canonized on American soil. Please join us in praying for the Holy Father and his upcoming Apostolic Visit to America and to the Basilica of the National Shrine. We also invite you to visit the National Shrine's newest Memorial Hall exhibit, which highlights the life and work of Father Junípero Serra. Other laborers in the American mission field are also featured, as are artifacts of the peoples they served. The exhibit will be on display until November 23, 2015. May Our Lady intercede for you and those you love.