



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
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Glory to Jesus Christ!	September 6, 2015	Slava Isusu Christu!
Glory Forever!		Slava Na Viki!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sept. 06 Sun. 8:00 AM Intention of Parishioners
 10:30 AM +Helen Polink by Frank Polink, Sr.

SIXTEENTH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST

BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS

Sept 08 Tues. 10:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on Darcie Santoro by Santoro Family
 7:30 PM Intention of Parishioners

Sept. 11 Fri. 10:00 AM Victims of September 11, 2001

Saturday before the Exaltation of the Cross

Sept. 12 Sat. 10:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on Steven Dieffenbach
 by Theodore Conrath

Vigil of Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross

Sept. 12 Sat. 5:00 PM Deceased Members of Epiphany Men's Club

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

Sept. 13 Sun. 8:00 AM +Kathleen Ryan by Ryan Children
 10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – September 13, 2015

Sept. 13 Sun. 8:00 AM Joseph Hughes (L), James Hughes, J. Jaimes, P. O'Leary
 10:30 AM J. Hogan (L), Demetrius Clark, Dominic Clark, M. Noyes

USHER SCHEDULE – September 13, 2015

Sept. 13 Sun. 8:00 AM J. Kotula (L), J. Fedorko, K. Koshute
 10:30 AM R. Parrell (L), J. Lichman, D. Semanco

LITURGY AND LIFE

ECF-SOR Registration. Epiphany School of Religion classes begin Sunday, September 20th. If you are new to the parish or the SOR program please see the insert in today's bulletin regarding registering your child/children for classes.

Birth of the Virgin Mary. September 8th is a holyday, the Birth of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Joachim and Anna were childless and advanced in years. In answer to their prayers, angels told each of them individually that they would have a child, a daughter, who would be spoken of throughout the world. When the angels' words came to pass, this birth revealed that God had fulfilled His promise to Adam and Eve, to King David, and to Joachim and Anna. Because the parents were told in advance by the angelic messengers of God's answer to their prayers, because this birth was to a couple of advanced age, the feast conveys the spiritual truth that the Mother of God was the foreordained instrument of the Incarnation and divine plan of salvation, the way the Son of God would come into the world to offer salvation to the human race. The Incarnation is carefully planned by God through millennia, foretold through the Holy Spirit by the prophets, in the long line of patriarchs, kings, priests and Old Testament faithful, and the Blessed Virgin Mary, daughter of Joachim and Ann, is the culmination of this careful loving plan of God. It is not simply a favor bestowed upon a devout married couple. God bestows favor upon Joachim and Anna and also on each one of us. The Son of God is to come into the world really: born from a person who really lived in a time and place. Share the joy of Joachim and Anna, Adam and Eve. It is for us and for our salvation that God has made plans from eternity.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Office Schedule. The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 7th, in observance of Labor Day, a federal holiday.

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. See the insert in today's bulletin.

<u>EMC BINGO</u>
09/08/15 Team C
09/15/15 Team D
09/22/15 Team A
09/29/15 Team B
http://EMCBINGO.com

Epiphany Ladies Guild. The next meeting of the ELG will be tomorrow, September 7th, in the Parish Center. Light refreshments will be served at 7:00 PM followed at 7:30 PM with the meeting. All women of the parish are encouraged to attend.

The Bookstore Is Open for You. The Epiphany Bookstore is open each Sunday between liturgies in the Parish Center. Please check out the icons, books, religious goods and gift items available. All proceeds benefit the Epiphany Building Fund.

Order Your Personal Copy of our Marian Shrine Icon. Epiphany Bookstore is accepting orders for a Marian Shrine Icon, using an image of our own Church's beautiful Marian Shrine Icon. Come by the Bookstore to see a sample and place your order. Orders will be accepted through Sunday 10/11/2015. Full payment will be required with your order. Icons will be available for pickup in 4 to 6 weeks of your order. Order forms are in today's bulletin.

Save the Date. The 8th Annual Susco 8K will be held on Saturday, September 19th at South Lakes High School. The event starts at 8:30 AM and will also include a 2K fun walk. Proceeds from the event are to benefit the Brain Aneurysm Foundation and the Washington Regional Transplant Community. For more information, to register, donate, or volunteer, visit our website www.Susco8K or call Tom or Nancy Susco at 703-742-0582.

Bingo Temporary Volunteer. Bingo is in need of a temporary food server on the second Tuesday of the month. If you are able to help out for a limited time please contact Eddie Gubanich 703-978-3824; Jack Kepick 703-455-6510; or Dolores Opachko 703-938-2373.

EPARCHIAL AND OTHER CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Meeting of Families. The World Meeting of Families 2015 will be held at the Philadelphia Convention Center and other locations in Philadelphia, PA September 22-25.

1. The 17,000 participants will include families from around the world as well as Pope Francis who will offer Mass open to the public Sunday, September 27, 2015 at 4:00 PM on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia.
2. The World Meeting of Families Preparatory Catechesis is available in today's bulletin. *Love is our Mission: The Family Fully Alive* is available free at the WMOG website www.worldmeeting2015.org.
3. There is much excitement and anticipation for the visit of Pope Francis this September. A vital part of the preparation for the papal visit is catechetical preparation. The Archdiocese of Washington in collaboration with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) [Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis](http://www.usccb.org), is making available several resource guides to support the work of teachers, catechists and teen advisors. These materials offer resources for the development of grade and parish/school appropriate lessons focused on the papacy and the papal visit. They also include material suitable for adults. We encourage teachers, catechists and youth ministers to utilize these resource guides to create lesson plans designed to address the learning needs of each individual class or group, with attention to age, ability, culture, religion, current religion curriculum and prior knowledge regarding the papacy. Teachers and catechists will establish the goals and learning outcomes for each lesson with the approval of their principal or catechetical leader. See www.usccb.org. Go to "U.S. Papal Visit" and then click on Catechetical Resources.

81st Annual Pilgrimage in Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Several of our parishioners have traveled to Uniontown for this pilgrimage. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel to the pilgrimage and back home again.

Eparchial Family Days of Recollection are coming! The Eparchy invites **all parishioners** – singles, families, married and engaged couples, young adults and seniors – to participate in this continuing celebration of the World Meeting of Families. *Our Church, Our Family, Our Mission: Called to Love* will be held at 5 locations throughout the Eparchy. **All are welcome to attend at any of the host parish sites** for a day of talks for adults, age-appropriate activities for children and Byzanteens, and faith-sharing for all. The *Days* are FREE and include continental breakfast and lunch, but **registration is required**. Check with your parish and the Eastern Catholic Life for a brochure and registration form. You may also register using the parish sign-up sheet. Email Fr. Ed Cimbala – FrEdStMary@aol.com – for more information. We all come from a family, and participate in family life in different ways. The Days of Recollection are an opportunity for each of us, as God's Family, to move closer to Christ, and each other! Don't forget to "Like" us on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/EparchyPassaicWMOF>

Eternal Memory-Book of Remembrance. The Byzantine Catholic Seminary created a Book of Remembrance in 2000 to commemorate its 50th anniversary to remember those people who have fallen asleep in the Lord. It is enshrined in the Lobby of the Seminary before the large mosaic of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Each day in its liturgical prayer the Seminary community remembers all those people whose names are calligraphically inscribed in the Book of Memory as well as the generous benefactors of the seminary whose donations in memory of their loved ones are recorded there. Now you can have names of your departed loved ones added to the Book of Remembrance for a donation of \$1,000 for each name. The seminary is a worthy cause for your donation. Since 1950 it has prepared almost 400 men for the priesthood in the United States. Its' Masters of Theology degree program provides graduate studies for lay men and women. Contact the Development Office at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary 412-231-8383 or go to www.bcs.edu. Go to Giving and then click on Eternal Memory.

Come and See: Retreat of Discernment. WHAT: "Come and See" is a retreat weekend hosted by the Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The retreat includes sharing liturgical services and meals with the Seminary community, an introduction to the Seminary formation program, a tour of the Seminary, gatherings with the seminarians, witness talks, and guided reflections on discernment - on how to listen to God's plans for your future and your happiness. **WHO:** Invited are men, ages 18 to 35, single or married, who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood in the Byzantine Catholic Church. It is important to note that the retreat is conducted in a "no pressure, no hard-sell" environment. The atmosphere is prayerful, positive, and fraternal. **WHEN:** Friday evening (5:00 PM), 16 October 2015 through Sunday afternoon (3:30 PM), 18 October 2015. Where: Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius, 3605 Perrysville Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15214 Phone 412-321-8383. **TUITION:** Free! There is no charge for the retreat, meals, and lodging. **TRANSPORT:** Retreat participants are responsible for the arrangements of and expenses for their transportation to Pittsburgh. Eparchial Vocations Offices may have scholarships or grants available for travel to this event, so please inform your Vocations Director of your plans to attend. Vehicle transportation from the Pittsburgh airport or train and bus stations and back will be arranged as indicated on the registration form. *Airport or station arrivals should be by 3:30 PM on Friday, 16 October if possible. Departures are to be scheduled after 5:30 PM on Sunday, 18 October.* **REGISTRATION:** Please submit a completed registration form, available at your parish office, by mail or fax to: *Come and See Retreat*, c/o Byzantine Catholic Seminary, 3605 Perrysville Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15214 office@bcs.edu. Fax Number: 412-321-9936. You can also complete and submit an on-line form. All registration forms must be sent in by 30 September 2015.

FESTIVAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Note Listed Deadlines)

Festival Rummage Sale. The rummage sale area will be open to parishioners this morning between Divine Liturgies for the convenience of early birds.

Fresh from the Garden. There is a new edition to the festival this year -- a "Farm Market" booth. The farm market will have fresh fruits and vegetables for sale. If you will have fresh home grown produce available the weekend of the festival and you would like to donate the produce to the farm market, please contact Terry Matlaga Bell, tmatlaga@yahoo.com or (703) 606-2937. Please note the "Farm Market" booth will also sell pickled beans and other pickled vegetables, jam, fruit butters, hot sauces, honey-spiced peaches, sweet relish, chutneys, conserves, preserves, and canned products.

Slavic American Festival Tickets. Raffle tickets for the Epiphany Festival Raffle have been mailed to all parishioners. If you have not received your order form, please contact the Parish Office Monday through Friday, 10:00 AM -2:00 PM. Because Virginia Bingo rules only allow us to send the tickets after we receive your order, you are encouraged to mail in (or bring on Sunday) your order form so we can send the tickets to you as soon as possible.

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

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 7, 2015. 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. Currently, our catalogue of offerings includes, but is not limited to: 2 round-trip tickets to anywhere America Airlines flies in the continental United States, Mexico, Canada or the Caribbean; a 3 day 2-night stay in Williamsburg; gift certificates to fabulous restaurants; gift certificate to the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.; a night-stay at a Shenandoah Valley Bed and Breakfast; Polish pottery; musical instruments; Slavic embroidery and tablecloths; Ukrainian embroidery; Ukrainian porcelain lamp; numerous theme filled baskets; cooking and construction services; sports collectibles; hand crafted jewelry; paintings; and, religious icons.

Pre-Festival Sale for Parishioners at the Epiphany Bookstore – Sunday, September 6th between liturgies. Get the opportunity to see and purchase Festival merchandise before the rush.