



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church

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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 catechumenate. 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 visitation.

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

9:00 AM to 12:00 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 announcements 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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| Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! | September 25, 2016 | Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki! |
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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sept. 25 Sun. 8:00 AM +Gary Kodman by Helen & Peter Wegman
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

Twentieth Week after Pentecost

Vigil Divine Liturgy for the Protection of the Mother of God

Sept. 30 Fri. 4:00 PM At Basilica of the National Shrine

PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

Oct. 01 Sat. 10:00 AM +Anna and +Andrew Hudak by Marlene McCracken

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Oct. 02 Sun. 8:00 AM Intention of Parishioners
10:30 AM +Julia Smerko by Epiphany Ladies Guild

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – October 2, 2016

Oct. 02 Sun. 8:00 AM J. O’Leary (L), J. Cooke, J. Jaimes, P. O’Leary
10:30 AM James Hughes (L), D. Naccash, J. Naccash

USHER SCHEDULE – October 2, 2016

Oct. 02 Sun. 8:00 AM B. Wargo (L), H. Katawczik, T. Susco
10:30 AM R. Parrell (L), R. Bass, T. Soyka

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Nutroll Sale. Nut and poppy seed rolls will be available for purchase today, September 18th, and every Sunday between Divine Liturgies until all are sold.

EPARCHIAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come and See. Men 18-35 are invited to a weekend retreat at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Ss. Cyril and Methodius to discover God's game plan October 14th -16th. For registration, direction and details go to www.bcs.edu or call 412-321-8383.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration. Most Reverend Kurt Burnette, Bishop of Passaic, will celebrate a Divine Liturgy for married couples of the Middle States Syncellate celebrating their five year anniversaries (5th, 10th, 15th, etc.) at a vigil Divine Liturgy on November 12th at 4:00 PM. If you and your spouse are celebrating a five year anniversary of a valid marriage this year please call the Parish Office Monday through Friday between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM or send an email to epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net. Invitations will be mailed to each couple celebrating a five year anniversary. A response card will included in each invitation. Please return the response card whether you plan to attend or not.

Forty Days of Prayer. From September 28 through November 6, you're invited to put your faith into action and join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Falls Church Healthcare Center at 900 S. Washington Street, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like

to volunteer to help, please contact: [Ruby Niedao, 703-795-2216](mailto:RubyNiedao,703-795-2216), ruby40daysforlife@gmail.com, www.40daysforlife.com/fallschurch or fellow parishioner Vin Cassella, 202-306-1791, v_cassella@yahoo.com

Seminary Concert Tour. The choir from Blessed Theodore Romzha Theological Academy visiting from Užhorod, Transcarpathia, Ukraine, will return to the Washington, DC area and to our parish next weekend. Bishop Nil Lusachak will celebrate a Vigil Divine Liturgy of the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God on Friday, September 30, 4:00 PM at the Byzantine Ruthenian chapel at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. The seminary choir will render the responses. Saturday morning, October 1, the feast of the Protection (Patronage) of the Mother of God, they will render the responses for the parish feast day of Patronage of the Mother of God church, Baltimore, MD. Saturday evening the seminary choir will have a concert of sacred music here at Epiphany church at 7:00 PM. Desserts will follow the concert. The seminary choir will lead the responses at the 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy next Sunday, October 2nd.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2016

COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

- Year of Mercy
- Holy Door is open. Special Indulgences possible
- Byzantine Spirituality
- Nut roll Sale – Today
- SOR October Food Drive
- EMC Awards Club Raffle
- Wedding Anniversary-November 12th

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| <u>EMC BINGO</u> | |
| 09/27/16 | Team B |
| 10/04/16 | Team C |
| 10/11/16 | Team D |
| 10/18/16 | Team A |
| http://EMCBINGO.com | |

TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations–September 18, 2016

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| Adults | \$4,261.00 |
| Children | \$12.65 |
| Building Fund | \$768.00 |
| School of Religion | \$67.00 |
| Candles | \$110.25 |
| Holy Days | \$485.00 |
| BCY | \$23.05 |
| Holy Water Bottles | \$15.00 |
| <u>St. Nicholas</u> | <u>\$19.00</u> |
| TOTAL | \$5,760.95 |

“Do not neglect good deeds and generosity. God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.”
(Hebrews 13:16)

LITURGY AND LIFE

Prayer Intentions. Please remember in prayer: Michael Mikulak, Patricia Fedorko, David Sayen, Mary McDonnell, Mary Gaydos, Justine Ferrari, Julia Zdynak, Louis Shanks, Peter Wegman. Please pray for these friends and relatives of parishioners: Shirley Anne Markham, Jeffrey Mikulak, Francine O'Leary, Russell Plasha, William Brokaw, Maureen Guth, Tim O'Leary, Joanne Gaudino, Patricia Delfine, Rev. Joseph Jugan, Wayne Bowman, Steven Goula, Fr. Phillip Scott, Mary Jewette and Luke Kolar.

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: Kathryn Czernowski, Peter and Mary Czernowski & family, Michael and Irene Dalton, Gerard Dana, Glenn John and Sharon Dana & family, Marlene Plasha Dana, Gregory Davidowich, and from the Mission, Richard and Doris Fejka.

Jubilee Year Indulgences. Bishop Kurt has asked that in churches with a Holy Door, an appropriate prayer-service followed by the Sacrament of Penance should be offered once each month on the first or second Saturday. Our parish will be praying the Moleben to Jesus, the Lover of Mankind.

Holy Year-Merciful like the Father. Pope Francis asks us to be God-like and practice the Spiritual Works of Mercy and the Corporal Works of Mercy. The gospel appointed for this Sunday, the 19th Sunday after Pentecost, is the account from Luke of the call of the first disciples by Jesus. Jesus enlists the help of Simon Peter by getting into Peter's boat and asking Peter to put out a short distance from the shore in order to preach the word of God. When Jesus has completed his preaching for the present moment He directs Simon Peter to put out into the deep and lower the nets for a catch. The miraculous bounty of fish Peter catches, exceeding all reasonable measure provokes an astonishing reaction. When they reach land, Simon Peter falls on his knees and begs Jesus to leave him, saying as Luke reports it, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Jesus steadies Peter by saying, "Do not be afraid, from now on you will be catching men." Peter cannot drive Jesus away because of the sins Peter committed for it was, in fact, to forgive sins of those who repent that God the Son became man "and to grant great mercy to the world." Admonishing the Sinner is a spiritual work of mercy. We can do ourselves a great favor by imitating the second half of Saint Peter's plea: "I am a sinner" by meeting Jesus in

the Sacrament of Penance and He will forgive our sins so that we can be restored to our baptismal state of grace. Let's not be afraid to meet Jesus.

Deacon's Retreat. Deacon Elmer Pekarik and Deacon Peter Turko are on retreat this weekend with Bishop Kurt and the deacons of the Eparchy of Passaic at Mount Pocono Villa. Please remember them in your prayers.

Lamp and Light. Epiphany Bible Study will begin in October. The Bible Study will study the Sacred Scripture according to the four "senses" of traditional Bible interpretation, that is, the literal or historical sense, and the three spiritual senses: allegorical, moral, and future senses, and its application to our lives. The Bible study opens up the meaning of the word of God by applying the oral part of Tradition. The Bible is one half of the Tradition (with a capital "T" to distinguish it from traditions of theology, law, spirituality, liturgical practices), which is the living transmission of the message of God given to the Church and entrusted to the apostles and their successors, the bishops. Both the oral preaching and the written message of salvation are preserved as a living deposit of Faith and handed on to each generation. The written part of Tradition, the Bible, can only be understood and interpreted by the oral part of Tradition. Lamp and Light is a result of the Vibrant Parish Assessment (a Diagnostic Assessment of the Major Archiepiscopal Ukrainian Catholic Church) Bishop Burnette presented to pastors of the Eparchy of Passaic. The assessment stated: "Teach people how to live Sacred Scripture." The Holy Spirit inspired King David to write in Psalm 119: "Your Word, O Lord, is a Lamp to my feet, a Light to my eyes" (Psalm 119:105).

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Priests' Retreat. Fr. John will be with Bishop Kurt and the priests of the Eparchy of Passaic this week on retreat. In case of an

emergency, please call the nearest Roman Catholic priest.

2016 Slavic American Festival Pictures and Video. Pictures and some video from the 2016 Slavic-American Festival can be viewed on the Epiphany photos website. You can access the photos directly through the photo website at <https://epiphanyffxva.smugmug.com/SlavicAmerican-Festival>. The church website (www.eolbcc.org) is still down. The Parish Office has done their part toward getting it up and running. Now it is up to the Web Master, Jack Figel.

Festival Rummage Sale. I want to express my appreciation to all those who worked on the rummage sale by organizing, pricing and selling the items and to those who generously donated.

ECF-SOR Classes.

1. Looking for PreK and K Students

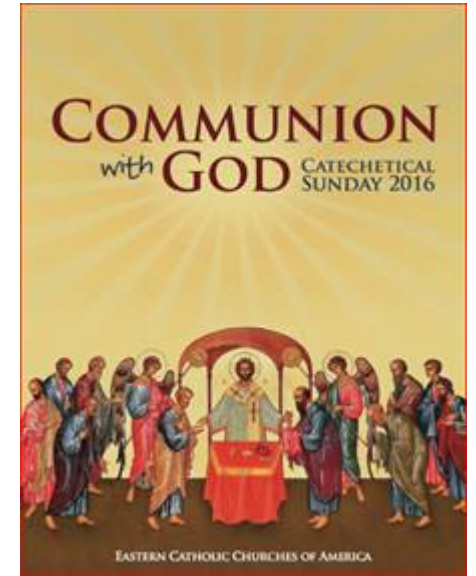
To sign up as a New Students Registration please see Mrs. Kepick between liturgies

2. Communion With God

Every Christian receives in Holy Baptism the gift of God's Life, which is lived out most fully in the mystical-liturgical life of the Church. *When he was at the table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?"* (Luke 24:30 – 32)

In the Eastern Christian tradition, the traditional form or method of religious education is liturgical in nature because its main purpose and aim is to incorporate the individual person ever deeper into the mystical life of the Church, the Body of Christ. Catechesis, then, is intimately tied to, founded upon, and directed toward the Liturgy, because it is in the Liturgy

that the fullness of Divine Life is revealed and communicated.



The Catechetical 2016 poster above and the one the students have in their binders is to communicate the theme for this year. The icon of the Mystical Supper is depicted to reveal the truth that Divine Liturgy is the foundation of our Communion with God. The rays which burst forth from the name of God and shine upon the image of the Mystical Supper tell us that in the Divine Liturgy we encounter God Himself and become partakers of the Divine Nature.

2016 EMC Awards Club Drawing. Drawings for the 2016 Awards Club sponsored by Epiphany Men's Club will begin Sunday, October 18th. There will be nine drawings for \$50. The tenth and final drawing will take place on Sunday, December 18th, for \$1000. For tickets, please see the insert in today's bulletin.