



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

**September 27, 2015**

**Slava Isusu Christu!  
Slava Na Viki!**

***DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE***

***EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

Sept. 27 Sun. 8:00 AM +Stefan Matlaga by Theresa Matlaga & Family  
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

***NINETEENTH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST***

Sept. 29 Tues. 10:00 AM +Mr. & Mrs. Joseph J. Butchko by John Butchko

***PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS***

Oct. 01 Thurs. 10:00 AM Intention of Parishioners  
7:30 PM Health & God's Blessings on John & Devan  
by Marlene Soyka McCracken

Oct. 03 Sat. 10:00 AM +John, +Anne, +Joseph Wytko by Richard Wytko

***NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

Oct. 04 Sun. 8:00 AM Intention of Parishioners  
10:30 AM +Jerome Mattingly by Betty Mattingly & Family

***ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – October 4, 2015***

Oct. 04 Sun. 8:00 AM J. Jaimes (L), J. Cooke, James Hughes, Joseph Hughes  
10:30 AM James Soyka (L), Dominic Clark, D. Naccash, M. Noyes

***USHER SCHEDULE – October 4, 2015***

Oct. 04 Sun. 8:00 AM J. Fedorko (L), J. Kotula, T. Ryan  
10:30 AM R. Bass (L), E. Gubanich, R. Parrell

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*September 27, 2015*

**Catechetical Sunday.** Last Sunday Jesus' disciple students and their catechists were blessed and dedicated to their religious studies and education in a classroom setting. We continue to pray for their growth in the grace of God. Our classes are scheduled for Sundays beginning at 9:20 AM to 10:20 AM.

**Protection of the Mother of God.** Mothers care for and protect their children. Mothers will go to great efforts to protect their children. At our baptism, we became a member of Christ, that is, incorporated into Him, and Christ's Mother became our adopted mother ("Then He said to the disciple, 'Behold your mother.'" John 19:26-27). She will protect us when we ask her. This is the foundation of the feast of Protection which commemorates various times when the Mother of God interceded with her divine Son for her adopted sons and daughters.

1. The main celebration of the Protection or Pokrov is the occasion when Constantinople, the capital of the Byzantine Empire, was saved from capture and sacking because the army was away on campaign when the attack on the city was made. The citizens of the city went to the Church of the Mother of God in Blachernae in Constantinople where the relics of her mantle, veil and belt were kept. There they prayed for her to intercede for them. Then during the all night vigil, the Mother of God appeared, coming into the church and down the nave to the Holy Place. She prayed and wept and held her veil over them. The next day the attacking army retreated.
2. This action continued through centuries when icons of the Mother of God would shed real tears. The real tears she has shed continue to be seen in the weeping icons of Byzantine Catholic churches in Mariapoch, Hungary, Klokochovo, Slovakia, and others. She appeared and spoke to teens of the Greek Catholic parish of Saint Michael the Archangel, Litmanova, Slovakia of the Eparchy of Prešov in the decade of the 1990's. Today, that location is the site of a vast pilgrimage shrine. Other members of that parish are presently living in New York and New Jersey.

Since the Mother of God was taken body and soul into heaven she is able to be seen. The bodies of the other saints are buried while only their souls are in heaven and their souls are not visible to us. However, the Mother of God is visible to us and she and her icons shed real tears. On this feast we thank her for protecting us in the past and ask her to protect us and our families in this liturgical year that began last month. There will be two Divine Liturgies for the convenience of our parishioners, a 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy and a 7:30 PM Divine Liturgy Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Vibrant Parish-A Place to Encounter the Living Christ.** This vision of His Beatitude, Sviatoslav, the Father and Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church world-wide, was used by Bishop Kurt to help parishes in the Ruthenian Catholic Eparchy of Passaic assess their parish life. Our parish bulletin has previously presented the six dimensions proposed by His Beatitude along with the questions which the Ukrainian Catholic Synod of Bishops proposed as the means for each parish to diagnose its' condition. Last month (August 25-27), the Sixth Session of the Ukrainian Catholic Patriarchial Sobor (Synod) met in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine, under the leadership of His Beatitude, Sviatoslav, and promulgated the methods which the Ukrainian Catholic Church will implement the vision of Vibrant Parish. Although the Ukrainian Catholic Sobor has no canonical legislative authority for the Ruthenian Catholic Church, our bulletin will share the results from the Sobor as a resource for ideas for us.

**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. The Bookstore is open today in the Parish Center vestibule.

**Epiphany Men's Club.** The next meeting of Epiphany Men's Club will be Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. The guest speaker will be Lector Jack Figel speaking about his recent pilgrimage with several Epiphany parishioners to the Marian shrines. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM with the meeting and guest speaker following at 7:30 PM.

**Epiphany Ladies Guild.** The next meeting of Epiphany Ladies Guild will be Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center. Light refreshments will be served at 7:00 PM with the meeting following at 7:30 PM.

**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.

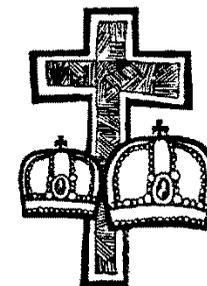
**Nutroll Sales.** There are a few nut and apricot rolls left from the festival bake sale. The remaining rolls will be sold between Divine Liturgies today, Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center. The cost per roll is \$14.00.

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10/06/15 Team C  
10/13/15 Team D  
10/20/15 Team A  
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**Festival Rummage Sale.** I want to thank all who donated to the rummage sale. And a special thanks to those who worked to make the sale a success by pricing, organizing, and selling and cleaning up after the festival.

-Tony Fazio

**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 (5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, etc.) at a Vigil Divine Liturgy, Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> here at Epiphany of our Lord. 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 [epiphanyoffourlord@verizon.net](mailto:epiphanyoffourlord@verizon.net). Invitations will be mailed to each couple celebrating a five year anniversary. A response card will be included in the invitation. Please return the response card whether you are planning to attend or not.



## EPARCHIAL AND OTHER CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mount Macrina Manor Renovation.** The Sisters of Saint Basil the Great, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Province, have operated a nursing home since 1971 when the present facility was built. Through the years, the sisters have expanded the facility to include a dementia care unit. The Sisters are planning a renovation of the aging facility for the safety of the short term rehab residents, the long term care residents and the dementia care residents, as well as to continue to provide top quality care and rehabilitation. Since they are a monastic order under their Generalate in Rome they are not funded by the Archeparchy or Eparchies in the United States or elsewhere. The sisters are directly appealing to the faithful of the archeparchy and three eparchies for help. For more details, see the Eastern Catholic Life. Please note, this fund drive is not the same as the Eparchial Stewardship Program and is not meant to take the place of the annual Eparchial Stewardship Program.

**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. A signup sheet is available in the parish office. Email Fr. Ed Cimbala – [FrEdStMary@aol.com](mailto: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>.