



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory Forever!

September 10, 2017

Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava Na Viki!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sept. 24 Sun. 8:00 AM +Stefan Matlaga by Terry Bell and Karen Dade & Families
 10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

SEVENTEENTH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST

Sept. 29 Fri. 10:00 AM +Elizabeth Lichvarcik by Elizabeth Basarab

Sept. 30 Sat. 10:00 AM +Christina Woods by Joseph Stone

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

Oct. 01 Sun. 8:00 AM +Kathleen Gerardi by Epiphany Men's Club
 10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – October 1, 2017

Oct. 01 Sun. 8:00 AM Joseph Hughes (L), T. Hughes, J. Jaimes, J. Lampl
 10:30 AM T. Clark (L), D. Naccash, G. Naccash, J. Naccash

USHER SCHEDULE – October 1, 2017

Oct. 01 Sun. 8:00 AM B. Wargo (L), H. Katawczik, K. Koshute
 10:30 AM R. Parrell (L), M. Bell, R. Bass

COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

- Priest's Retreat
- Wedding Anniversary - October 14th
- Festival Pictures
- Festival Thank You's
- Hurricane Relief
- Byzantine Spirituality
- Deacon Retreat

EMC BINGO

09/26/17 Team B
 10/03/17 Team C
 10/10/17 Team D
 10/17/17 Team A

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TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations—September 17, 2017

Adults	\$3723.06
Children	\$.50
Building Fund	\$1045.00
School of Religion	\$52.00
Candles	\$99.00
Holy Water Bottles	\$19.00
Holy Days	\$230.00
Boiler Fund	\$300.00
Peter's Pence	\$20.00
Seminary	\$50.00
Hurricane Relief	\$120.00
St. Nicholas Fund	\$47.00
TOTAL	\$5705.56

"Of everything you give me, I will faithfully return a tenth part to you." (Genesis 28:22)

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, Ben Zurun, George Semonick, and Mary Gaydos. 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, Fr. Conan Timoney, Eileen Gray, Karen Baine, James Seman, Jim Sinclair, Fr. Lee Gross, Mike Shuster, Eddie Schmidt, James Williamson, father of Laurie Forsythe.

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 William and Ella Gombar, Mary and Frederick Goodspeed, Michael Graham and Paula Poskon, Gary and Emily Green, Sally Green, Edward and Carol Gubanich, Jon and Kristine Gubanich and from the Mission Richard and Anita Rhinehart.

Liturgical Books. In the bulletins this summer, the liturgical books of the Church have been enumerated and defined. There is one more form of prayer but in this case, the needed prayer book is used infrequently. Instead, the Church proposes another aid, the prayer rope or prayer cord, the *Vervytsija* (*verv* means cord) or *Chotkyj*. This prayer rope is to assist in the praying of the "Jesus Prayer" or "Prayer of the Heart." The Jesus Prayer has its foundation in the attempt to observe the command of the Lord to "Pray without Ceasing." It is often attributed to Saint Pachomius the Great, a desert father (St. Jerome translated the Rule of Life of Saint Pachomius into Latin and this translation influenced Saint Benedict when he composed Benedict's Rule for the Benedictines). Those who practice Hesychastic spirituality are able to pray the Jesus Prayer day and night with the beat of the heart and with the rhythm of breathing. More commonly in our Church, the Prayer is prayed according to the form set out in the Ruthenian Book of Hours, the Časoslov, p. 982. The full prayer rope consists of one hundred knots or beads called a century grouped in twenty-five with larger knots or beads dividing each twenty-five. Some prayer ropes have thirty-three beads for the earthly years of our Lord's

life or some have fifty or a half Century. The prayer rope is a loop with a cross where the ends are joined. One begins with the Sign of the Cross and the prayers called the "Usual Beginning" (Heavenly King, Holy God, Lord have mercy, three times, Our Father, Lord have mercy-12 times, Come, let us worship, and the Creed). The Časoslov invites the practitioner to pray the petitions from the middle of the Prayer before Communion (O God, be merciful to me a sinner), and then several petitions for preparation: "O Virgin Queen, Mother of God, save me. My holy Guardian Angel, protect me from all evil. Holy apostles, martyrs, father Basil, God-like [i.e., venerable] fathers and mothers, pray to God for me." Then one begins to pray the Jesus Prayer, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner" once on each knot or bead. At the spacer larger knot or bead, one prays, "O most holy Mother of God, save us." After the Century is recited one prays, "It is truly proper". If one is continuing and is beginning another Century, one introduces it with "Come, let us worship" and then begins the next Century. The number of Centuries is not as important as allowing the repeated invocation of the Lord's name to manifest the presence of the Lord. The Jesus Prayer formed the lyrics of the musical hit of the Peter Milenky Band in Slovakia. The musical videos are archived on YouTube. You can search for "Peter Milenky Bartimej – Zmiluj sa in Church Slavonic and Peter Milenky Band Bartimej – Zmiluj sa (English Version). (PARENT ALERT-There is a very brief image of a disrobed infant being baptized by immersion).

Catechetical Sunday. Last Sunday, the Catholic Church in the United States observed Catechetical Sunday, the annual start of parish and parochial school catechetical program. The 2017 theme is "Living as Missionary Disciples." On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of **Liturgical Books.** The liturgical books of the Ruthenian Church can be arranged in three

groups. The first are the books which contain the texts of the Divine Liturgies (the Liturgicon or Služebnik), or the Divine Praises such as Vespers, Matins, Compline and the Little Hours (the Book of Hours or Časoslov), or the sacraments (Euchologion or Trebnyk). The second are the liturgical books containing the propers for each day, and they are the Octoechos, the Lenten Triodion, the Flowering Triodion, and the Menaion. In addition to these liturgical books the Ruthenian Church uses texts of the Holy Scripture (The Gospel or Jevanhelije, the Apostle or Apostol, and the Psalter or Psaltir). The Faithful have two compendiums of prayers and services that have been developed for their use and a psalter. First there is a book termed a Molitvennik or Prayerbook. Father Alexander Duchnovich-known as the “Great Enlightener”-edited a literary journal, wrote poetry and plays, elected to Parliament, and a Canon of the Eparchy of Prešov also edited a prayerbook titled “Chl’ib Duši or *Spiritual Bread*. It contained excerpts of the liturgical books most used: Morning and Evening Prayers, several Akathist Hymns, prayers for various needs, Vespers, Matins, the Divine Liturgy, other services and funeral services, the propers for the Divine Liturgy for Sundays and feastsdays, and spiritual hymns and poetry. *Spiritual Bread* served as the inspiration text of the prayerbooks which were published in the United States for Byzantine Ruthenian Catholics by Father Julius Griggassy, “Moj Molitvennik” or *My Prayerbook*, the Prayerbook of the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great, and *The Byzantine Book of Prayer*. The Ruthenian Church also uses an anthology containing greater excerpts of the liturgical books especially the propers of Vespers and Matins entitled the “Great Anthologion” or *Velikij Sbornik*. This type of prayerbook was developed by Father Andrew Popovich of the Eparchy of Mukachevo and it has been reprinted many times and is still in use in the Eparchy of Mukachevo. The *Velikij Sbornik* was transliterated from Cyrillic letters into Latin letters for the use of the Eparchy of Prešov and titled “Chvalite Hospoda” or *Praise the Lord* in 1937 by Bishop Paul Gojdich. This volume made

its way to the United States and was used in Ruthenian parishes into the 1970’s. Finally, the third is the Psalter (Church Slavonic: Psaltir). The Psalter contains the 150 psalms of the Old Testament and another psalm not of the 150 which is titled “A psalm of David when he engaged in single combat with Goliath” that is appended after the 150th psalm. The 150 psalms are arranged in twenty groups which are known as kathismata. Between the kathismata there are troparia and prayers between each kathisma from the tradition of the Desert Fathers which are read only when the psalter is recited privately or as part of a funeral vigil keeping watch over the body of the departed. Also, the Psalter contains the nine odes of the Bible which are to be prayed at Matins. The first book published for the Ruthenians in the United States by the Greek Catholic Union was the Psalter-Psaltir’ in parallel Church Slavonic (Cyrillic, not Latin letters) and English including the troparia and prayers between each kathisma.making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation. Husbands and wives are the missionaries of their families. The Church should be receptive as parents suggest what resources they feel they need from the Church in order to be fully equipped missionaries in their “domestic church.” Suggestions or requests can be made to the catechists or to the parish office. The theme this year for this year provides much to reflect upon of the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith first to themselves and then to others and being a witness to the Gospel.

Deacons Retreat. Our parish deacons are attending the annual deacon retreat with the deacons of the Eparchy of Passaic. Please pray for them for a spiritually fulfilling retreat and a safe journey home.

Priests Retreat. Father John will be attending the annual priests’ retreat this week with Bishop Kurt and the priests of the Eparchy of Passaic. For parish business, please call the parish office during office hours (10:00 AM to 2:00PM). In

case of sacramental emergency, please contact the closest Catholic church.

Ukrainian Liturgy TV Broadcast. Today at 3:00 PM, EWTN will telecast a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy celebrated by Bishop Andriy Rabi, the newly-ordained auxiliary bishop of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia for the Ukrainian Catholics, from the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, PA. Responses will be sung by the choir of the Ukrainian National Shrine of the Holy Family, Harewood Road, NE, Washington, DC. Watch your EWTN TV channel or livestreaming on the web site of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia <http://ukarcheparchy.us> or at the website of EWTN <http://www.ewtn.com>.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 October 14th 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 be included in each invitation. Please return the response card whether you plan to attend or not.

2017 Slavic-American Festival

Pictures/Videos. Pictures and some video from the 2017 Slavic-American Festival can be viewed on the Epiphany photos website. You can access the photos through the church website (www.eolbcc.org) by clicking on the link "PHOTOS/VIDEO" or directly to the photo website at

<https://epiphanyffxva.smugmug.com/SlavicAmerican-Festival>. Videos are designated with a small camera icon at the bottom left corner of the photo. There is a separate folder for each year festival. There is no charge for downloading photos or videos from the website to your personal devices to use as you choose. While viewing the website, you may notice a green "BUY" button. Accessing this button will take you to an on-line site that provides the opportunity to create and purchase novelty items such as calendars and mugs using the photos from the website. Epiphany or its parishioners do not receive any proceeds from these sales. If you have pictures to add to the website from the festival or other church events, contact Frank Kotula.

Festival Bake Sale: The request was sent out for donations, and you surely answered the call this year! This was one of the best years with respect to variety, volume and quality of donated baked goods! Because of this, we had plenty to offer our customers who really enjoyed and appreciated all of our treats. Thank you so much for all of the time and effort put into thoughtfully preparing your donations.

Maryanne Berezny Smith, Bake Sale Chair

Thank You. Thank you to all the Festival Workers who made the Slavic American Festival a great success! Without your hard work and dedicated effort, we could not have pulled it off. The crowd was large and steady, and many, many people pitched in where and when they could. Thanks to the setup crews, all the food preparation crews, the chair persons who kept everything running smoothly, and everyone who did their little or big part. It was a great parish effort and we should all be proud of the compliments we received from our many guests. I don't have tallies from everyone yet, but so far it looks like we had a 5-10% increase over last year. I'll be announcing a wrap-up meeting in the near future once all the ticket counts are done and expenses paid. Congratulations!

- Jack Figel, Chair

Festival Rummage Sale. I would like to extend my appreciation to everyone who donated to this year's rummage sale and especially to all who made the sale possible by organizing, pricing and selling the items. All items that were not sold will be donated to a charity (TBD).

- Tony Fazio

EPARCHIAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hurricane Relief. Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria have caused devastation to parts of the coastal United States, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is requesting each diocesan/eparchial bishop to have a collection in their dioceses/eparchies this weekend, September 23, 24 for Hurricane Irma. Last Sunday, the USCCB collection was for relief efforts for Hurricane Harvey. As the bulletin is being prepared we do not have authorization from the chancery to take up the collection today for Irma, but if you wish to make a donation please place it in the Sunday collection and we will forward it to the USCCB, Catholic Relief Services. If you are making the donation today for Hurricane Harvey, please mark that on the check or envelope and when we make one parish check to the Eparchy your donation will be part of that check's total. Because our eparchy parishes in Florida were in the path of Hurricane Irma, it may take some time to assess the condition of the parishes and give you a report on their needs.

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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 catechuminate. 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
9:30 AM - 12:30 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 announcement 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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