



**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!	January 25, 2015	Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE

Jan. 25 Sun. 8:00 AM +Joseph and +Michael Koshuta by Monica Koshuta & Family
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

Thirty-fourth Week after Pentecost

Jan. 27 Tues. 10:00 AM +Helen Ostrosky by Irene Markovich

THREE HOLY HIERARCHS

Jan. 30 Fri. 10:00 AM +John Lichvarcik by Elizabeth Basarab

Jan. 31 Sat. 10:00 AM +Nancy Skapiak by Noyes Family

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Feb. 01 Sun. 8:00 AM +Patricia and +Michael Romanchok by the Kotula Family
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – February 1, 2015

Feb. 01 Sun. 8:00 AM Patrick O’Leary (L), James Hughes, Joseph Hughes
10:30 AM James Soyka (L), T. Hogan, D. Naccash, J. Naccash

USHER SCHEDULE – February 1, 2015

Feb. 01 Sun. 8:00 AM J. Kotula (L), J. Nashwinter, B. Wargo
10:30 AM J. Kepick (L), M. Bell, M. Kernich

Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee. The Lord Jesus taught the parable about two persons who went to the temple to pray, one a tax collector, the other, a deeply pious person. This parable is appointed for the first of the four pre-Lenten Sundays to prepare us to undertake the Great Fast.

1. The religious Pharisee and the sinful publican both pray in the temple. The first lesson Jesus teaches is that prayer to God is necessary.
2. The religious Pharisee has really done good deeds, but this person is proud of the good works listed without the awareness of the sin of pride committed by comparing with the unfortunate publican. Only when we compare ourselves to God and not to others can we really see how we fall short of perfection.
3. The publican compares himself to God and sees that he betrays God (tax collectors serving for the Romans had to take an oath of office which included sacrifice to pagan gods and to Caesar as a god), a traitor to his kinsmen, and betrayer of himself. However, he possesses the great gift of humility and this gift leads him to be able to repent. Repentance allows God to forgive him and make him just or justified.

The holy fathers are holy because they realized that they did not have the great religious piety of the Pharisee or the gift of repentance that leads to forgiveness and change of life of the publican. For the Great Fast to be efficacious, we must first have the gift to see ourselves as we really are. The gift of self knowledge leads to sorrow-repentance- for our sins and to ask God to forgive us. It all begins with prayer in the temple.

Fast Free Week. The week of the Publican and the Pharisee is a fast-free week. There is no fast even this Friday. This is because the character of the Pharisee in Jesus’ parable boasts, “I fast twice a week.” Jesus concludes the lesson of the parable by saying that the Pharisee went home justified. The holy fathers ordered that no one fasts this week so that no one can boast of one’s spiritual disciple and thereby lose his or her reward. In addition, because of the rigors of the Great Fast which are to come we are given a respite in fasting.

Three Holy Hierarchs. Friday is the feast of the Holy Hierarchs, Saint Basil the Great, Saint John Chrysostom and Saint Gregory the Theologian. Saints Basil and John Chrysostom are responsible for the two Anaphoras or Eucharistic Prayers used in the Byzantine rite while Saint Gregory the Theologian was archbishop of Constantinople when the second ecumenical council meeting in Constantinople in 381 promulgated the Symbol of Faith or Creed used at baptisms and Divine Liturgies. Ss. Gregory and John Chrysostom were archbishops of Constantinople while Saint Basil was a composer of the Rule for monastic life for monasteries and the organizer of the Basiliad, the New City, where medical care and charity were offered to all.

All Souls Saturdays. There are five All Souls Saturdays during the liturgical year when we pray the Divine Liturgy and remember our faithful departed by name. The first one this year is February 7th. If you wish to add any names to the list of persons remembered in your family, known as “diptychs” or “Hramoty,” please use the appropriate envelope in the offertory envelope packet. Please place it in the Sunday collection with the list of names you wish to add along with your offering for their remembrance. New parishioners should list the members of their faithful departed whom they wish to remember in prayer on the reverse side of the envelope. It is also permissible to simply list “all the departed of the (your family name) family” rather than each person by name. If you wish to update, delete or add new names to our Hramoty Listing, please contact the Parish Office during office hours. Hramoty envelopes must be received today, January 25th, to be remembered at all five All Souls Saturday.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Classes for Reception into the Catholic Church or Baptism. Classes will start soon for adults wishing to come into full Communion with the Catholic Church, and for those adults preparing for baptism in the Catholic Church. Please contact Deacon El, as soon as possible, to register and begin preparations for this process.

Inquirer’s Classes. Informational classes for those interested in learning about the Byzantine Catholic tradition began last Sunday. If you are a Latin Catholic interested in finding out more about the Byzantine Catholic Church or just curious about us, please join the conversation. The classes will continue today, January 25th, February 1st and February 8th between Divine Liturgies in the Chapel basement.

Lenten Dinners. Volunteers are needed to help with the Lenten dinners. A sign-up sheet is in the parish center on the brown doors. We need volunteers to fill every position including making soup.

Candy available for Valentine’s Day – Don’t forget your Favorite Sweetie! ELG will have chocolate candy available for purchase on Sundays, February 1st and 8th between liturgies. We’ll sell until we run out! Share the love!

Nut Roll Baking. On Saturday, February 7, 2015, the Epiphany Ladies Guild will be baking nut, apricot, poppy seed, and lekvar rolls for the upcoming Lenten Dinners. Help with dough preparation will be needed as early as 6:45 AM. Rolling will begin at approximately 7:30 AM. Volunteers to bag the rolls and clean-up will be needed at 1:00 PM. Please come and participate in this important parish event. Your help is greatly appreciated. For more information, call Theresa Matlaga 703-802-1496 or Dolores Opachko at 703-938-2373.

EMC. All men of the parish are invited to attend the next meeting of the Epiphany Men’s Club on Thursday, February 5th. Guest speaker will be Phil Rotondi, political director for the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare. Mr. Rotondi is a twenty-two year veteran of the United States House of Representatives where his experience includes work as a legislative director, chief of staff, and subcommittee staff director. His federal government service also includes four years in the Executive Branch with the Department of the Navy. He speaks frequently about Congress and the legislative process. The meeting begins with cocktails at 6:30 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM, and business meeting at 7:30 PM, followed by the guest speaker.

Super Bowl Bash. Epiphany Men’s Club will sponsor Super Bowl Bash 2015 February 1st beginning at 4:30 PM in the Parish Center. All parishioners are invited. For more information, please see the insert in today’s bulletin.

Epiphany Bookstore. The Epiphany Bookstore is now located in the entry area of the Parish Center. It is open between liturgies on Sunday. Please stop by and check out our selection of icons, cards, crosses, books and gift items. All proceeds benefit the Epiphany Building Fund.

Phone Line Disruption. As a result of construction at the corner of Gallows Road and Woodburn Road, a cable was cut, which has resulted in the loss of five lines coming into our buildings. The lines affected are the School of Religion, the fire line for the daycare, the two fire lines and the elevator line in the new church. Verizon has been working on the problem but could not give a completion time or date.

Eparchial Stewardship Appeal 2014. All donations should be into the Parish Office by Sunday, February 1st. Seventy-two families have pledged \$12,410 towards our goal of \$19,800. When we reach our goal, we will receive a 40% rebate of the goal (\$7,920) in addition to pledges over it. If you have made your pledge online at www.eparchyofpassiac.com – by scrolling down to the bottom of the home page and clicking the “Donate” button – please provide a copy of your receipt to the Parish Office to ensure that Epiphany will be credited with your pledge. Thank you for your generosity!

Ordination Announcement II. Subdeacon Lewis Rabayda, a parish vocation of Epiphany of our Lord, will be ordained deacon Sunday, February 8, 2015 at 11:00 AM at Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church, Jessup, PA, the parish where he is presently assigned. This is the second announcement.

Ordination Announcement. Peter Turko, a parishioner of Epiphany parish who had completed the diaconal formation for the Eparchy of Passaic, will be tonsured and made a cleric and then ordained to the minor orders of Lector and Subdeacon Monday, February 9, 2015, at Epiphany of our Lord Church, Annandale, VA, at 7:30 PM.

EMC BINGO

01/27/15 Team C

02/03/15 Team D

02/10/15 Team A

02/17/15 Team B

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<http://www.eolbcc.org>

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<http://www.montgomerybvz.org>

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EPARCHIAL AND OTHER CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Ambrose Catholic School Open House. Saint Ambrose Catholic School located at 3827 Woodburn Road, Annandale, VA 22003, will hold an Open House today Sunday, January 25th from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Saint Ambrose School is enrolling children in grades PreK through 8th grade.

Valentine Event. Enjoy Valentine's Day with a romantic evening with Dinner and Music at the Waterford in Springfield sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Avoid reservations & wait times, space is limited, tickets are on sale now through 1 Feb. Price includes a romantic evening with a professionally prepared meal, tax, and gratuities. Visit www.vdaygala.com for more information or contact the planning committee at vdaygala@gmail.com or 703.371.7430.