



**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**  
**Byzantine Catholic Church**  
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**Glory to Jesus Christ!**  
**Glory Forever!**

**October 11, 2015**

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

***DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE***

***SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL***

Oct. 11 Sun. 8:00 AM Intention of Parishioners  
 10:30 AM +Marshall Sayen, Jr. by Epiphany Ladies Guild

***TWENTY-FIRST WEEK AFTER PENTECOST***

Oct. 13 Tues. 10:00 AM +Louise and +Jimmy Cason by Monica Koshuta & Family  
 Oct. 16 Fri. 10:00 AM +Helen Michnya by Kevin and Holly Hogan & Family  
 Oct. 17 Sat. 10:00 AM +Shawn William Seaton by Jennifer Linko

***TWENTY – FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

Oct. 18 Sun. 8:00 AM Intention of Parishioners  
 10:30 AM +Brian Polink by Frank Polink, Sr.

***ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – October 18, 2015***

Oct. 18 Sun. 8:00 AM BCY  
 10:30 AM T. Clark (L), Demetrius Clark, D. Naccash, M. Noyes

***USHER SCHEDULE – October 18, 2015***

Oct. 18 Sun. 8:00 AM BCY  
 10:30 AM T. Fazio (L), M. Bell, M. Kernich

*Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council*

*October 11, 2015*

**Retreat.** Deacon Peter Turko will be making his yearly retreat in the next few weeks. The details for this retreat have not been finalized as yet, however, Deacon Peter would like to ask any adult parishioner who would like to join him to contact him at 703-627-8649 or [pturko@verizon.net](mailto:pturko@verizon.net). The retreat will be a day retreat or possibly overnight. Most retreat houses request a donation of \$30 to \$100. For more information, contact Deacon Peter.

**Seventh Ecumenical Council.** The Seventh Ecumenical Council was held in Nicea, where the First Ecumenical Council was also held, September 24-October 23, 787. The council is always remembered on the Sunday following October 11<sup>th</sup>. Present were 367 bishops presided by Saint Tarasios, ecumenical patriarch and archbishop of Constantinople. Pope Hadrian was unable to attend but he sent a letter stating the Catholic position on the veneration of images. The Seventh Ecumenical Council is the only Ecumenical Council ever summoned by a woman, the Byzantine Emperor, Irene.

1. The council was called to address the issue whether icons could be placed in churches or venerated in homes. The real, or deeper, issue was a proper understanding of the incarnation of the Son of God, in other words, understanding that the Son of God really became a man. The issue began with a meditation on the Ten Commandments God gave to Moses. Since God commanded that no graven image of God be made (Exodus 20: 4), was the Church violating the Bible when it had icons and statues?
2. The council fathers taught that after the Son of God became man, we can now make an image of Him, and His reflection in the saints, since God had made the first icon of Himself when He became man. Humans can use matter, wood, paint, stone, to replicate the icon God made of Himself by using the flesh of the Theotokos. The council fathers added that because God became man not only **can** we make icons, we **must** make icons as a way to affirm this dogma.
3. Next, the council fathers taught that the faithful do not *worship* icons. Worship is reserved to God alone. Humans *venerate* icons when they incense or kiss or pray before them and the veneration passes to the prototype, that is, whoever is depicted on the icon.

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Parish Office Schedule.** The parish office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Columbus Day, a federal holiday. Office hours will resume Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

**2015 Awards Club Drawing.** Drawings for the 2015 Awards Club sponsored by Epiphany Men’s Club will begin today, Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. The next drawing will take place October 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be nine drawings for \$50. The tenth and final drawing will take place Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, for \$1000. For tickets, please see Ed Gubanich, Jack Kepick, or any Men’s Club member.

**EMC BINGO**  
 10/13/15 Team D  
 10/20/15 Team A  
 10/27/15 Team B  
 11/03/15 Team C  
<http://EMCBINGO.com>

## EPARCHIAL AND OTHER CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 today, Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Vibrant Parish—A Place to Encounter the Living Christ.** Bishop Kurt has borrowed the vision and program adopted by the Ukrainian Catholic Church titled, “The Vibrant Parish—The Place to Encounter the Living Christ.” This vision was first articulated by His Beatitude, Sviatoslav, the Father and Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church world-wide. He expressed his vision in terms of six dimensions. In August 25-27, the Sixth Session of the Ukrainian Catholic Patriarchal Sobor (Synod) met in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine, under the leadership of His Beatitude, Sviatoslav, and with the results from three years of praying and examining, promulgated the methods which the Ukrainian Catholic Church around the world will implement the vision of Vibrant Parish. 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. Although the Ukrainian Catholic Sobor has no canonical legislative authority for the Ruthenian Catholic Church, our bulletin is sharing the results from the Sobor as a resource for ideas for us.

**Slavic American Festival Wrap Up Meeting.** The 2015 Slavic American Festival wrap up meeting will be held Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup> in the Parish Center. A light supper will be served at 7:00 PM followed by the meeting at 7:30 PM.

**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 [epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net](mailto:epiphanyofourlord@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.



**Bishop’s Appeal 2015.** The pledge cards for the Bishop’s Appeal 2015 have been mailed. If you have not yet received one, contact the Parish Office. Our parish goal is the same as last year, \$19,800. The parish will again receive a 40% rebate (\$7,920) if we make or exceed goal. The pledge cards and checks are to be made out to “Eparchy of Passaic” are to be sent directly to the Chancery in the envelope that was provided. ***If you wish to make your pledge online:*** Go to [www.eparchyofpassaic.com](http://www.eparchyofpassaic.com) and under “Giving” click “Bishop’s Appeal 2015” to go to the pledge page. Follow the screen to enter your gift amount, donation frequency. On the next page, select “199-Epiphany of Our Lord Annandale VA”. The Eparchy will be sending donation totals monthly. Questions? Call the Parish Office at 703-573-3986, Monday to Friday from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Synod of Bishops.** The month-long Synod of Bishops meeting on The Family has completed a week of prayer, study and discussion. The Synod under the direction of Pope Francis is exciting and unpredictable. The African bishops have vigorously complained that western secular countries promise of aid only on condition of Africa accepting western secular values is “ideological colonization.” Meanwhile, other bishops have complained about the Synod working document as flawed and inadequate. For more news from the synod see [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com). Put the cursor on the News tab and on the pull down menu click on News Headlines. Bishop Kurt Burnette is representing Metropolitan William Skurla (Archbishop Skurla is head of the Ruthenian church so he is a member of the Synod). Please remember in your prayers Bishop Kurt and the bishops of the world participating in the Synod in October.

**Respect Life Month.** October is Respect Life Month for the Catholic Churches in the United States. Please see the insert in today’s bulletin from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The chair of the USCCB Committee for Pro-Life Activities, Séan Cardinal O’Malley, OFM, Cap., wrote: “One of the deepest desires of the human heart is to discover our identity. So often, as a society and as individuals, we identify ourselves by what we do. We base our worth on how productive we are at work or at home, and we determine our lives to be more or less good depending on the degree of independence or pleasure....Our worth is based not on our skills or levels of productivity. Rather, we discover our worth when we discover our true identity found in the unchangeable, permanent fact that we are created in God’s image and likeness and called to an eternal destiny with him. Let us learn to let go of our own standards of perfection and instead learn more deeply how to live according to God’s standards. ***He does not call us to perfect efficiency or material success; he calls us to self-sacrificial love.*** He invites us to embrace each life for as long as it is given—our own lives and the lives of those he has placed in our paths. Every life is worth living.”

**Hurricane Damage Report.** Father Conan Timoney told Father John this past week that Blessed Basil Hopko Mission in Conway, SC was unharmed in the flooding that has afflicted Conway specifically and other communities in South Carolina. Father Conan was speaking from Myrtle Beach where, he said, he was warned by security to be mindful of the alligators left behind on land as the flood waters recede.

**Family Day of Recollection.** The Eparchy of Passaic sponsored Family Day of Recollection to be held at Epiphany of Our Lord on October 25<sup>th</sup> will begin with Divine Liturgy at 10:30 AM. This Day of Recollection will focus on individual and family spirituality and the meaning of our vocation to love. Through three presentations, we will explore *Jesus Christ's personal invitation to each of us* to live as children of God, called to love and be fruitful as part of a family (single persons, spouses, parents, children, grandparents), and in support of families as friends, neighbors and parishioners. The presenters will be Ann M. Koshute, MTS, who will deliver the Adult track and Marie C. Nester, M.Ed., who will coordinate and present the pre-K to Teen track. There will be three sessions followed by a family activity and closing prayer. A light luncheon and snacks will be provided. This event is free. Signup sheets are in the Parish Office or register by contacting Fr. Ed Cimbala at 1-908-725-0615 or [FREDSTMARY@aol.com](mailto:FREDSTMARY@aol.com).