



**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!	October 26, 2014	Slava Isusu Christu Slava Na Viki!
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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Oct. 26 Sun. 8:00 AM Intention of Parishioners
10:30 AM +Deceased members of Epiphany Men's Club
by Epiphany Men's Club

Twenty-first Week after Pentecost

Oct. 28 Tues. 10:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on Hamish Dodds
by Theodore Conrath

Blessed Theodore Romzha

Oct. 31 Fri. 10:00 AM +Sr. Mary Borromeo, R.S.M. by John Butchko
Nov. 01 Sat. 10:00 AM +Harriet and +Gerard Wegman by Peter and Helen Wegman

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Nov. 02 Sun. 8:00 AM +Peter Yurcisin by Evelyn Houston
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – November 2, 2014

Nov. 02 Sun. 8:00 AM K. Ceragioli (L), S. Ceragioli, J. O'Leary, P. O'Leary
10:30 AM T. Hogan (L), G. Noyes, M. Noyes, James Soyka

USHER SCHEDULE – November 2, 2014

Nov. 02 Sun. 8:00 AM B. Wargo (L), J. Nashwinter, T. Susco
10:30 AM T. Fazio (L), M. Bell, J. Mattingly

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 2014

Soldier becomes a Saint. Today, October 26th, is the feast of the Great Martyr Demetrius. Demetrius was born in A.D. 270 of aristocratic parents of senatorial rank in the Roman province of Macedonia.

1. He was well-educated and entered military service where he achieved a high rank, being appointed proconsul of Hellas.
2. Despite the active persecution of Christians by Emperor Diocletian during this period, Demetrius encouraged other Christians to persevere in the faith and he even brought pagans to believe and become Christians because the righteousness, virtue and brotherly love he manifested was validation of the Gospel he preached.
3. When Caesar Galerius Maximian, who served as Caesar for the Eastern half of the Roman Empire under the Emperor Diocletian, won a series of brilliant military victories against the Sythians A.D. 305, he held a military victory celebration in Thessalonika. Some pagans used the celebration as the opportunity to inform the Caesar that Demetrius was a Christian. The Caesar was enraged at this, ordering the imprisonment of Demetrius and subsequently his execution in his cell.
4. The Basilica Church of Saint Demetrius in Thessalonika, Greece is built over the place of his martyrdom. The brothers Constantine and Michael, now Saints Cyril and Methodius, grew up in Thessalonika where Saint Demetrius cathedral is located, and they brought his veneration to Central Europe when their Great Mission, the evangelization of the Slavs, took place 1,150 years ago. This is a second-class feast in Europe and a number of churches in Transcarpathia and Slovakia are dedicated to the saint.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration. The Wedding Anniversary Celebration for the Middle States Syncellate on October 18th was a memorable day for the husbands and wives of the syncellate who were observing wedding anniversaries. This was due thanks to the parish office staff who prepared the invitations, scrolls, and responses, the presence of Bishop Kurt Burnette, those who assisted in church—servers, cantors and BCY ushers and their advisors and those who prepared the Social Hall—the parishioners of Epiphany caterers, and not least the example of the couples themselves. A new feature was the slide show of their wedding photographs prepared by Eastern Christian Publications. May God bless all of you.

Catechist Day of Prayer. A Day of Prayer for the catechists of the Eparchy of Passaic will take place Saturday, November 22 at four different locations in the eparchy, The Franciscan Friary, Sybertsville, PA, Saint Mary Church, Hillsborough, NJ, Saint Nicholas Church, Orlando, FL and Epiphany of our Lord Church, Annandale, VA. Father John Zeyack, S.T.L. will be the facilitator for the Middle States Syncellate. The day will center on the vocation of the catechist and the spiritual closeness of the catechists of the eparchy. The hope is as many of the Eparchial catechists will be united in prayer on the same day. The proposed schedule is 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM concluding with a Saturday vigil Divine Liturgy of Sunday. Catechists are asked to register at the Office of Eastern Catholic Formation gnoga@dioceseofpassaic.org.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Epiphany Bookstore. The Epiphany Bookstore is located in the Chapel and open for about 15 minutes after each morning Liturgy 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.

Epiphany Holy Supper (Svjatyj Vecer) Chair Needed. We are looking for someone to chair the Epiphany Holy Supper. The Holy Supper is usually held on the Sunday closest to January 6th, the Feast of the Epiphany after the second liturgy. If you are interested please call the Parish Office for more information.

EMC BINGO

10/28/14 Team B
11/04/14 Team C
11/11/14 Team D
11/18/14 Team A

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2014 Awards Club Drawing. The winner of the second Epiphany Men's Club Awards Club drawing is Michael O'Leary, #170. The third drawing will be today.

Halloween Party. The BCY is sponsoring the annual Halloween Party for the children of Epiphany parish today Sunday, October 26th, from 11:45 AM to 1:15 PM in the Chapel basement. Children and parents are invited to dress up in your favorite costume and join the fun!

Respect Life. October is Respect Life Month. Each Sunday of October we include in the bulletin a brochure related to this topic. See today's inserts for the fourth brochure.

Stewardship Appeal 2014. The pledge cards for the new Stewardship Appeal 2014 are in the mail! If you have not yet received one, one should arrive in your mail boxes this coming week. See the bulletin insert for exciting news about our parish goal. Remember your Stewardship pledge can now be paid online at www.eparchyofpassaic.com by credit card or deducted from your checking account. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click the "Donate" button. Or you give today by scanning the QR code on the insert! Or you can send a check into the Parish Office with your pledge card. Questions? Call the Parish Office at 703-573-3986, Monday to Friday from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Post-construction Update. The third bell has arrived and was consecrated with the name Miriam Teresa. The bell from a school in Florida has been beautifully reconditioned. Presently, the bell is in the base of our bell tower. Next week the crane will be on site to lift the bell in the tower. After installation, Mr. Parker of McShane Bell Foundry will supervise the electric connections and check the tone of the bell.

EPARCHIAL AND OTHER CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop Kurt to celebrate the Divine Liturgy in Convent Station, NJ: Bishop Kurt will be the main celebrant of the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at Holy Family Chapel of the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, Convent Station NJ (Madison Avenue and Convent Lane) on Saturday, November 15 at 3:00 PM. The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth have invited all faithful to attend and worship with them. There will be an opportunity for the faithful to venerate Blessed Miriam Teresa's relics. Light refreshments will be provided after the Divine Liturgy. As a postulant and a novice, the recently beatified Blessed Miriam Teresa taught at the Academy of Saint Elizabeth in Convent Station. The Blessed Miriam Teresa League of Prayer is based in Convent Station where Motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity is located. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Diane Rabiej at the Chancery (973-890-7777 or secretary@dioceseofpassaic.org) no later than Monday, November 10.

St. Gregory of Nyssa Slavic Food Festival and Bake Sale. St. Gregory of Nyssa Byzantine Catholic Church will hold their Slavic Food and Bake Sale Festival Saturday, November 1st, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The festival will feature Eastern European ethnic foods: holupki, pirohi, halushki, kielbasa and sauerkraut, kolachi (nut, poppy seed, lekvar/prune, apricot and raspberry and other "sweet treats". Also featuring a raffle for which first prize is \$500, second prize is \$250 and door prizes every hour. St. Gregory of Nyssa Church is located at 12420 Old Gunpowder Road Spur, Beltsville, MD 20705. For further information call 301-953-9323 or 301-776-7929.

Contra & Swing Night. The Young Adults Group of St. Veronica Catholic Church, located at 3460 Centreville Road, Chantilly, VA 20151, will host a Contra & Swing Night in their church hall Saturday, November 8th from 7:30 PM to 11:30 PM. The admission cost is \$5.00. Contra dance is a partnered group dance with two facing lines (Think Jane Austen movies). Both Contra and Swing dances will be taught in group-style, so no skill or formal dates necessary. We will serve our famous spread of goodies, Fall Harvest style: Pumpkin baked goods, hot apple cider, homemade Kettle Corn, and more! All young adults in their 20's and 30's are welcome! Email stveronicaya@gmail.com for more info.

Epiphany Parishioners' Private Audience with Pope Francis Reported by the Vatican.

To the Oriental Lumen Foundation: there is no true ecumenical dialogue without the will for inner renewal. Vatican City, 2014 (VIS) – "Every Christian pilgrimage is not only a geographical journey, but also and above all an opportunity to take a path of inner renewal taking us ever closer to Christ our Lord", said Pope Francis to the members of the Oriental Lumen Foundation in America, who are meeting in Rome in these days as part of an ecumenical pilgrimage.

"These dimensions are absolutely essential to proceed along the road that leads us to reconciliation and full communion among all believers in Christ. There is no true ecumenical dialogue without openness to inner renewal and the search for greater fidelity to Christ and to His will".

The Holy Father expressed his satisfaction at learning that the pilgrims had decided to honour the memory of Popes St. John XXIII and St. John Paul II, remarking that "this decision underlines their great contribution to the development of ever closer relations between the Catholic Church and the Orthodox Churches. The example of these two saints is without doubt enriching for all of us, since they always bore witness to an ardent passion for Christian unity".

The Pope asked those present to pray for him during their pilgrimage to Rome, "so that, with the intercession of these two Saints, my predecessors, I may carry out my ministry as bishop of Rome in the service of the communion and unity of the Church, always following the will of the Lord". With regard to the pilgrims' upcoming meeting with the Ecumenical Patriarch, His Holiness Bartholomaios I, in Fanar, he remarked that he too will meet with the Patriarch during his apostolic trip to Turkey in November. "I beg you to convey to him my cordial and fraternal greetings, as testimony of my affection and esteem".

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