



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church

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Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory Forever!

September 10, 2017

Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava Na Viki!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ***PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD***

Oct. 01 Sun. 8:00 AM +Florence Mikulak by Michael Mikulak
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

EIGHTTEENTH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST

Oct. 03 Tues. 10:00 AM +John Grecco, Sr. by Theodore Barthel Conrath II
Oct. 06 Fri. 10:00 AM +Gerald Jaska by Leosje M. Troglia
Oct. 07 Sat. 10:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on Stephen & Kimberly Shinock
by Joseph Stone

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Oct. 08 Sun. 8:00 AM Intention of Parishioners
10:30 AM +Daniel Green by Sally Green

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – October 8, 2017

Oct. 08 Sun. 8:00 AM P. O'Leary (L), J. Cooke, Joseph Hughes, J. O'Leary
10:30 AM J. Naccash (L), T. Clark, D. Naccash, G. Naccash,

USHER SCHEDULE – October 8, 2017

Oct. 08 Sun. 8:00 AM T. Ryan (L), J. Fedorko, T. Susco
10:30 AM T. Fazio (L), M. Kernich, D. Semanco

COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

- Byzantine Spirituality
- Protection of the Mother of God
- Epiphany Men's Club Meeting
- Epiphany Ladies Guild Meeting
- Wedding Anniversary - October 14th
- Bishop's Appeal
- Hurricane Relief
- Camp St. Charles - Open House

<u>EMC BINGO</u>	
10/03/17	Team C
10/10/17	Team D
10/17/17	Team A
10/24/17	Team B
http://EMCBINGO.com	

TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations—September 24, 2017

Adults	\$2,522.00
Children	\$1.27
Building Fund	\$805.00
School of Religion	\$11.00
Candles	\$109.25
Holy Days	\$85.00
Boiler Fund	\$20.00
Eastern Catholic Life	\$12.00
<u>St. Nicholas Fund</u>	<u>\$215.00</u>
TOTAL	\$3,780.52

"For the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold."
(Sirach 35:10)

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; Scott and Debbie Hald & Family, Deborah Halsey & Family, Michael Hancher, Paul and Christine Hancher & Family, Nancy Hencken, Robert Hencken, Natalie and Daniel Hill & Family, and from the Mission : Christina Sesok.

Protection of the Mother of God. October 1st is commemorated annually as the feast of the Protection of the Mother of God. This feast has gathered several instances of the protection of the City of Constantinople by the Mother of God. The earliest instance was in 626 the Emperor Heraclius was on campaign against the Persian Empire that would result in the Byzantine defeat of the Persian army and the recovery of the True Cross. While he was away the empire was infiltrated by Avars who began a siege of Constantinople. The icon of the Theotokos was carried by the son of the absent emperor and the ecumenical patriarch on the city walls each day. When the people kept all-night vigil at the Church of the Mother of God in Blachernae where her veil, her robe and part of her belt were kept, Saint Andrew The-Fool-for-Christ saw the Mother of God process down the aisle accompanied by Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Apostle and a host of saints. She prayed for her children with tears running down her cheeks: "Heavenly King, accept all those who pray to You and call on my name for help. Do not let them go away from my icon unheard." Then she turned and taking her veil from her head she extended her veil of protection over the people. The Avars lifted the siege and left. The original shrine of Blachernae consisted of three buildings: the basilica church, the chapel or paraklession of the three relics, and the chapel of the spring of water. In 1434 the shrine burned to

the ground. After the destructive fire the city of Constantinople was captured by the Ottoman Army in 1439. In 1867 a small church was built over part of the ruined foundations. A work authored by Isidore of Kiev, *Lament* commemorates the loss of this sacred place.

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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.

Epiphany Men's Club. The next meeting of the EMC will be this Thursday, October 5, 2017. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM with the meeting immediately following. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend.

Epiphany Ladies Guild. Epiphany Ladies Guild will meet tomorrow night, October 2nd in the Parish Center. Light refreshments will be served at 7:00 PM with the meeting immediately following. All women of the parish are encouraged to attend.

EPARCHIAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop's Appeal. The Bishop's Appeal begins today in the parishes of the Eparchy of Passaic. Each year the bishop appeals to the priests, deacons and Christ's Faithful of the Eparchy and sets out some of the needs of the eparchy in the coming year which he asks them to fund. The information was mailed from the chancery in Woodland Park, N on Thursday. Please give prayerful consideration to the needs of the eparchy and bishop and give as the Lord has given you.

Hurricane Relief. Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria have caused devastation to parts of the coastal United States, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands. Hurricane Harvey flooded the property of Saint John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church in Houston but flood waters did not enter any buildings. The seven parishes of the eparchy of Passaic in Florida were to a greater or lesser extent affected by Hurricane Irma. It appears at present that our churches and other structures escaped major damage although the grounds and trees of some of the parishes were affected. Soon the condition of the parishes and parishioners will be reported.

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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 v411isitation.

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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<http://www.eolbcc.org>

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