



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD Byzantine Catholic Church
The Sacraments – Our Life in Christ

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Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory to Jesus Christ!	November 6, 2016	Slava Isusu Christu!
Glory Forever!		Slava Na Viki!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Nov. 06 Sun. 8:00 AM +Stefan Matlaga by Terry Bell and Karen McDade & family
 10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

Twenty-sixth Week after Pentecost
Vigil of Archangel Michael and All Angels

Nov. 07 Mon. 7:30AM Intention of Parishioners
 Nov. 08 Tues. 10:00 AM ***Archangel Michael and All Angels***
 + Paren Abel by Mary McDonnell & Family

Nov. 11 Fri. 10:00 AM Intention of Veterans

Vigil of Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Nov. 12 Sat. 4:00 PM Wedding Anniversary Jubilarians

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Nov. 13 Sun. 8:00 AM Intention of Parishioners
 10:30 AM +James Semanco by Epiphany Men's' Club

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – November 12, 2016

Nov. 13 Sun. 8:00 AM J. O’Leary (L), J. Jaimes, P. O’Leary, C. Susco
 10:30 AM James Hughes (L), T. Clark, J. Naccash

USHER SCHEDULE – November 12, 2016

Nov. 13 Sun. 8:00 AM J. Fedorko (L), J. Kotula, B. Wargo
 10:30 AM K. Kepick (L), M. Bell, R. Parrell

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 catechumanate. 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

9:00 AM to 12:00 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 announcements 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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

New Parish Directory Coming Soon! We are expecting our Parish Directory to be delivered in early December. Watch for a bulletin announcement when they arrive with instructions for pickup.

SOR. Let Us Help Others – Please bring all items to the Parish Center.

1. **Food for Others** - November Thanksgiving Food Donations – Last Day Sunday, November 20th
Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Rice, Canned White Potatoes
2. **“Respect Life Month” Extended** – Last Day Sunday, November 20th
Donations of **baby diapers** to help “A Woman’s Choice For Life” located in Falls Church and Herndon.

EPARCHIAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop’s Appeal 2016. The Bishop’s Appeal 2016 has begun in parishes of the eparchy. You should have received your packets in the mail directly from the eparchy. If you have not received your packet in the mail, please notify the parish office. The parish goal for the church is \$19,800 as last year. Also, as last year if the parish reaches the goal it will receive a reversion of 40% of donations sent to the chancery. Through your generosity the parish reversions from recent Appeals given back to Epiphany parish have provided for necessary repairs and maintenance. The 2014 reversion, along with the Festival Raffle and individual gifts allowed us to replace the over 30 year old roof of the chapel. The reversion from the Bishop’s Appeal 2015 is \$7,932.40

which is dedicated funds for the replacement of the Parish Center boiler. Added to the reversion, \$3,841.00 has been donated by parishioners toward the replacement of the boiler in the Parish Center. The festival raffle report totals are not yet available. The latest estimate for a new boiler is \$45,257.00.

Serving those who Serve. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops approved a special Triennial collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services. The National Collection for the AMS will be taken in most parishes this Sunday, November 6th.

Catholic Singles of Greater Washington. Single Catholics (21 - 65+) are invited to join Catholic Singles of Greater Washington (CSGW) for Mass, dinner, and a dance in College Park on Saturday, November 19. Paid reservations by November 14 needed for dinner/dance (\$45), not required for dance only (\$15). Please find out more about the event or about the club at www.CatholicSinglesOfGreaterWashington.org or call Tricia at 301-460-9195.

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 6, 2016

COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

- Year of Mercy
- Holy Door is open. Special Indulgences possible
- Byzantine Spirituality
- ELG – No November Meeting
- Festival Wrap-up Meeting-Nov. 10th
- EMC Awards Club Raffle Winner
- Wedding Anniversary-November 12th
- Bishop’s Appeal
- Singles of Greater Washington
- New Parish Directory
- Catholic Voter’s Guide
- Apologetics Presentation

EMC BINGO	
11/08/16	Team D
11/15/16	Team A
11/22/16	Team B
11/29/16	Team C

TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations–October 30, 2016

Adults	\$3,829.10
Children	\$10.11
Building Fund	\$1,679.00
School of Religion	\$91.00
Candles	\$91.75
Holy Days	\$20.00
BCY	\$15.00
St. Nicholas	\$55.25
TOTAL	\$5,811.21

“Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth.”
(Dt. 8:18)

LITURGY AND LIFE

Prayer Intentions. Please remember in prayer: Michael Mikulak, Patricia Fedorko, David Sayen, Mary McDonnell, Mary Gaydos, Justine Ferrari, Julia Zdynak, Louis Shanks, Peter Wegman. Please pray for these friends and relatives of parishioners: Shirley Anne Markham, Jeffrey Mikulak, Francine O’Leary, Russell Plasha, William Brokaw, Maureen Guth, Tim O’Leary, Joanne Gaudino, Patricia Delfine, Rev. Joseph Jugan, Wayne Bowman, Steven Goula, Fr. Phillip Scott, Mary Jewette, Luke Kolar, Fr. Conan Timoney, and Eileen Gray, and Bernadette Strate, aunt of Julie Kowalski.

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: Michael Graham & Paula Posken, Gary and Emily Green, Sally Green, Edward and Carol Gubanich, Jon and Kristine Gubanich & family, Scott and Debbie Hald & family, Deborah Halsey & family, and from the Mission, Robert and Margaret Karam.

Synaxis of Saint Michael. The holyday honoring Saint Michael the Archangel and all the angelic hosts of heaven is called the “Synaxis” or Assembly, meaning that the Christifideles or Christ’s Faithful gather in assembly for the Eucharistic Sacrifice, the Divine Liturgy. Each Monday is dedicated to the angels. In a special way on this feast, we honor our guardian angels, the hosts of angels and Saint Michael who and whose name, Michael, means “Who is like God?” in Hebrew. The Bible mentions Saint Michael in the Book of Daniel, the Epistle of Saint Jude, and the Book of Revelation where it foretells that Saint Michael will defeat Satan. The Christmas Fast is coming when we consider the messages of the Archangel Gabriel and the messages through an angel in the dreams of Saint Joseph announce that the promised Messiah is near. This synaxis tells us that the Christmas Fast is a week away and Christmas comes at the conclusion of the forty days of Christmas Fast.

Holy Year-Merciful like the Father. Pope Francis asks us to be God-like and practice the Spiritual Works of Mercy and the Corporal Works of Mercy. The gospel appointed for this Sunday, the 25th Sunday after Pentecost, is from Saint Luke, the healing of the woman with a hemorrhage for twelve years and the raising from death of a

twelve year old girl. Each one of us can bring our soul to the Lord Jesus who can cure us from our venial sins and resurrect us from the spiritual death of mortal sins. God is rich in mercy and the Lover of Mankind.

Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. This Saturday, November 12th Bishop Kurt will honor couples who are celebrating five-year anniversaries with a Vigil Divine Liturgy of Sunday at Epiphany Church at 4:00 PM. This Divine Liturgy is open to all and will fulfill the Sunday obligation. Following the Divine Liturgy the anniversary couples will be feted with a dinner in the parish center.

Close of the Extraordinary Holy Year. The Jubilee Year of Mercy will formally close on Sunday, November 20th, which also happens to be the 5th anniversary of the Consecration of the Holy Table and the church of Epiphany of our Lord, Annandale, VA. During this Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy Pope Francis has granted to all priest confessors the right to absolve from the reserved sin of abortion. The clergy and Christ’s Faithful of the Church also have the opportunity to obtain the Indulgence by fulfilling the conditions for the Holy Year which are as follows.

1. Cross through a Holy Door of Mercy.
2. Once they have crossed through the Holy Door or Door of Mercy, in addition to the usual conditions which require a heart well-disposed for the grace to bring its desired fruits, the faithful should stop in prayer to fulfill the final actions asked for: the profession of faith, and prayer for the Holy Father and his intentions. The latter should be at least an “Our Father” – the prayer in which Jesus himself taught us to turn as children to the Father – but it could possibly be more. In particular, taking into consideration the spirit of

this Holy Year, it is suggested that pilgrims recite the lovely prayer of Pope Francis for the Jubilee, and that they conclude the time of prayer with an invocation to the merciful Lord Jesus (for example, “Merciful Jesus, I trust in You” or the Jesus Prayer: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”).

Epiphany of our Lord Church was designated as one of the churches and shrines in the Eparchy of Passaic to have a Holy Door. There are still two weeks to avail oneself of the grace of God available in the Year of Mercy and a Holy Door is as close as your parish church.

Lamp and Light. Epiphany Bible Study will be this Wednesday, November 9th at 7:00 PM at the Chapel basement. The name of the Holy Scripture is Greek: “Biblia Hagia,” meaning Holy Books. The plural form is necessary because the Bible is a library of seventy-three books. The seventy-three books are grouped into forty-six books comprising the Old Testament and twenty-seven books comprising the New Testament. The Old Testament or Old Covenant is the covenant made by God with Abraham making Abraham’s descendants God’s Chosen People of the Covenant from whom salvation would come and reaffirmed with David—Abraham’s descendant—that the Messiah would be a descendent of David. The New Testament is the New Covenant made by the Messiah, Jesus, at the Last Supper with all those who wish to access the salvation accomplished by Jesus.

Catholic Voter’s Guide. The Virginia Catholic Conference has provided Voter’s Guides for Catholics presenting the positions of the presidential candidates on Catholic moral issues. These are available in the narthex. The election is this Tuesday, November 8th.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Office Schedule. The parish office will be closed this Friday in observance of Veterans Day, a federal holiday. Office hours will resume Monday, November 14th.

5th Anniversary of Consecration. Sunday, November 20th will be the fifth anniversary of the consecration of the Holy Table and the church of Epiphany of our Lord. It will also be the close of the Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy. Our church was favored with the designation of a Holy Door for the Jubilee of Mercy. The Sunday Divine Liturgies will be at the usual times.

2016 EMC Awards Club Drawing. Drawings for the 2016 Awards Club sponsored by Epiphany Men’s Club began Sunday, October 16th. The winner of the third Awards Club Drawing is Mike Daigle, #085.

Epiphany Festival Wrap-up Meeting. The wrap-up meeting for the 2016 Epiphany Slavic American Festival will be held on Thursday evening, November 10, 2016 at 7:30 pm. All festival workers, and in particular the chairpersons, are invited to hear final statistics and event reports. In thanks for everyone’s help and hard work, refreshments will also be available. Please RSVP to the Parish Office so we have a count for the food. Thanks to everyone for a “job well-done” this past year, and PLEASE remember to volunteer again for next year’s festival on September 10, 2017! Jack Figel, Festival Chairman.

ECF – SOR NEWS

Guest Speaker. Sunday, Nov. 13, Steven Hemler, President of the Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America (CAINA) and author of *The Reality of God*, will give a special presentation ***Proclaiming the Reality of God: Part 2 - Human Evidence of God's Existence*** from **9:20-10:20 am** in the **Parish Center**. As a follow-up to Steve's first presentation on the scientific evidence of God's existence, this multimedia presentation covers compelling evidence from human nature demonstrating God's existence. This human evidence will strengthen our faith and is an excellent opportunity to develop persuasive reasons for belief, valuable for sharing with family and friends who may have doubts about the existence of God. All are welcome, even if you missed Steve's first talk.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

CHAPTER ONE

MAN'S CAPACITY FOR GOD

III. The Knowledge of God According to the Church

36 "Our holy mother, the Church, holds and teaches that God, the first principle and last end of all things, can be known with certainty from the created world by the natural light of human reason."¹¹ Without this capacity, man would not be able to welcome God's revelation. Man has this capacity because he is created "in the image of God".¹²

37 In the historical conditions in which he finds himself, however, man experiences many difficulties in coming to know God by the light of reason alone:

Though human reason is, strictly speaking, truly capable by its own natural power

and light of attaining to a true and certain knowledge of the one personal God, who watches over and controls the world by his providence, and of the natural law written in our hearts by the Creator; yet there are many obstacles which prevent reason from the effective and fruitful use of this inborn faculty. For the truths that concern the relations between God and man wholly transcend the visible order of things, and, if they are translated into human action and influence it, they call for self-surrender and abnegation. the human mind, in its turn, is hampered in the attaining of such truths, not only by the impact of the senses and the imagination, but also by disordered appetites which are the consequences of original sin. So it happens that men in such matters easily persuade themselves that what they would not like to be true is false or at least doubtful.¹³

38 This is why man stands in need of being enlightened by God's revelation, not only about those things that exceed his understanding, but also "about those religious and moral truths which of themselves are not beyond the grasp of human reason, so that even in the present condition of the human race, they can be known by all men with ease, with firm certainty and with no admixture of error".¹⁴