



**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
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**Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory Forever!**

November 8, 2015

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

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

***TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS***

Nov. 08 Sun. 8:00 AM +Parren Abel by Mary McDonnell
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST

Nov. 11 Wed. 10:00 AM Intention of our Veterans
Nov. 13 Fri. 10:00 AM +Helen Kodman by Helen & Peter Wegman

VIGIL LITURGY OF SUNDAY

Nov. 14 Sat. 4:00 PM Wedding Anniversary Celebration

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Nov. 15 Sun. 8:00 AM Intention of Parishioners
10:30 AM Health & God's Blessings on Joseph Stone by LaDonna Rodock

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – November 15, 2015

Nov. 15 Sun. 8:00 AM BCY
10:30 AM Demetrius Clark (L), T. Clark, J. Naccash, G. Noyes

USHER SCHEDULE – November 15, 2015

Nov. 15 Sun. 8:00 AM BCY
10:30 AM R. Bass (L), M. Bell, E. Koval

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2015

Condolences. We offer condolences to David Semanco and his family upon the death of his brother, +James Semanco, who died Monday, November 2nd. The funeral was Friday, November 6th from Ware Smith Woolever Funeral Chapel in Midland, Michigan. Burial was from New Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Midland, Michigan. May God grant His departed servant, +James, peaceful repose. Vicnaja jemu pamjat'.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Epiphany Bookstore. The Epiphany Bookstore is open each Sunday between liturgies in the Parish Center. Please check out the icons, books, religious goods and gift items available. All proceeds benefit the Epiphany Building Fund.

EMC BINGO
11/10/15 Team D
11/17/15 Team A
11/24/15 Team B
12/01/15 Team C
<http://EMCBINGO.com>

2015 Awards Club Drawing. Drawings for the 2015 Awards Club sponsored by Epiphany Men's Club has begun. The winner of the third Awards Club drawing is Anthony Fazio, #197.

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, this Saturday, November 14th, here at Epiphany of our Lord. Invitations were mailed to each couple celebrating a five year anniversary.. A response card was included in the invitation. For planning purposes, please return the response card whether you are planning to attend or not. In addition to the invitation, anniversary couples received a second mailing asking them to send by email, epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net, or snail mail a copy of their wedding picture for a special presentation. If you have not returned your response card, please call the Parish Office as time is too short for the mail.



Today! Display and sale of arts and crafts from the "Old Country." No, not Pennsylvania! The real "Old Country," Eastern Europe! Pysanky, Glass Bead Jewelry, Wood Items, Carpathian Embroideries, and much more! Where? The Epiphany Parish Center, between Divine Liturgies and after the 10:30. Stop by for a peek! ALL sale proceeds benefit the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great in Eastern Europe.

ELG Christmas Party. Epiphany Ladies Guild is having its Christmas Party on Saturday, December 12th; 6:30 PM – Appetizers 7:15 PM – Dinner. Bring an ornament to exchange and enjoy an evening of music and community. Make reservations between liturgies on Sundays or call Daria Parrell at 703-255-2221 or DTParrell@gmail.com. Guests pay \$10.00.

Ordination to Holy Priesthood. Bishop Kurt Burnette has announced that he will ordain Deacon Lewis Rabayda, a parish vocation of Epiphany of our Lord parish, to the holy presbyterate Saturday, January 30, 2016 at Epiphany of our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church, Annandale, VA.

Vibrant Parish-A Place to Encounter the Living Christ. Bishop Kurt has borrowed the vision and program developed 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. 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 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. Presently, the bulletin is sharing the results of the Sobor as a resource for ideas for us. The Ukrainian Catholic Sobor has no canonical legislative authority for the Ruthenian Catholic Church.

Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Annandale, VA
<http://www.eolbcc.org>

Epiphany of Our Lord Mission
<http://www.montgomerybyz.org>

Epiphany of Our Lord does not conduct pastoral business on the website email.

EPARCHIAL AND OTHER CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop’s Appeal 2015. The Eparchy notified us that they have posted \$6,295 in pledges from 44 families during the month of October towards the Bishop’s Appeal. Acknowledgements will come from the Eparchy and will begin to be mailed this week. We have reached almost 32% of our goal of \$19,800. The parish will receive a 40% rebate (\$7,920) if we make or exceed goal. If you have not sent in your check yet, remember to make it payable to *Eparchy of Passaic* and send it in the envelope provided with your pledge card. ***If you wish to make your pledge online:*** Go to www.eparchyofpassaic.com and under “Giving” click “Bishop’s Appeal 2015” to go to the pledge page. Follow the screen prompts to enter your gift amount and donation frequency. On the next page, select “199-Epiphany of Our Lord Annandale VA”. If you wish to confirm posting of your pledge, or have any questions, call the Parish Office at 703-573-3986, Monday to Friday from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Blessed Christmas Wafers. The Blessed Christmas Wafers, a centuries old Christmas vigil tradition enjoyed by some East Europeans, are available from the Saint Vincent de Paul Society at the Knights of Columbus Christmas tree trailer located at Saint Leo the Great Roman Catholic Church, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Times are week days, 3:30 – 8:00 PM and Saturday, 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM, Sunday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM beginning November 29th. Please call for availability after December 17th. Donation is \$4.00 per wafer package. For information, call 703-764-0243. All wafer proceeds benefit the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

National Bible Week. From November 15-21, 2015, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops invites families, parishes, schools, and other Catholic groups to participate in National Bible Week in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, *Dei Verbum*. The theme, “**The Bible: A Book for the Family,**” builds on this year’s Synod of Bishops on the Family and Pope Francis’s visit to Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families. Resources for the family are available at the web site of the Bishops, www.usccb.org.

Holy Year of Mercy. Pope Francis has issued the papal bulla of indiction, *Misericordiae Vultus*, in which he has declared an extraordinary Holy Year, beginning December 8, 2015, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, with the title The Year of Mercy. The Year of Mercy will close November 20, 2016. The Holy Father takes as the guiding principle of the Holy Year the command of the Lord Jesus, “Be merciful, as your heavenly Father is merciful” and writes that the “motto” for the Holy Year is “Merciful like the Father.” Pope Francis stated that during the Holy Year the Holy Year Doors at the four major-basilicas of Rome will be Doors of Mercy. Pope Francis will open the Holy Door at Saint Peter’s Basilica on December 8th and then open the Holy Door at the Cathedral of the Diocese of Rome, the major basilica Saint John Lateran, on Sunday, December 13th. The Holy Father directs all cathedrals in the world and designated shrines to have holy doors which the faithful can enter and, fulfilling the usual conditions, receive a plenary indulgence, to open December 13th as well. In addition to the Cathedral in Passaic, Bishop Kurt Burnette has appointed: Saint John Church, Bayonne, NJ, Saint Nicholas Church, Danbury, PA, Saint Mary Church, Jessup, PA, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Levittown, PA, Epiphany of our Lord, Annandale, VA, and Saint Nicholas Church, Orlando, FL. The Bishop, following the directions of the Holy Father, that priest-confessors be available each month to hear confessions to share the great grace of God’s merciful forgiveness directs special times for confession, with several confessors be scheduled each month. The Holy Father will send special priest-confessors with the faculties to absolve even sins reserved to the Holy See, throughout the world so that in the Jubilee Year God’s mercy will be abundantly poured out in absolution from sins. More details from the chancery will follow in subsequent weeks.

Parish Bulletin Format. J. S. Paluch, a nation-wide Catholic communications and parish-services and electronic services company, recently sponsored a workshop for Catholic parishes in Northern Virginia to have their current bulletin reviewed and assessed by graphic artists and communications specialists. Epiphany of our Lord parish was one of the participants. Our bulletin was judged favorable under their criteria, and some suggestions were made for changes to our bulletin to help improve dissemination of announcements to parishioners. We will try to implement some of the helpful suggestions which were made. Please note that J. S. Paluch personnel did not address the bulletin shell (the cover) which, in the case of Byzantine Catholic parishes, is produced by Lector Jack Figel of our parish from the time that Bishop Pataki entrusted this work to Jack and his company Eastern Christian Publications after the retirement of Bishop Dudick who had personally prepared the bulletin shells for years.