



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church

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Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory Forever!

November 13, 2016

Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava Na Viki!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Twenty-seventh Week after Pentecost St. Phillip - Apostle

Nov. 14 Mon. 7:30 PM Christmas Moleben for the Beginning of the Christmas Fast

Nov. 15 Tues. Aliturgical Day

Nov. 18 Fri. 10:00 AM +Margaret Baranowski by Deacon Peter Turko

Nov. 19 Sat. 10:00 AM +Jenice Yuhas McCoy by Husband Charles McCoy, Daughter Jill McCoy and Javier

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Nov. 20 Sun. 8:00 AM Intention of Parishioners
10:30 AM +Peter Patchen by Epiphany Men's Club

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – November 20, 2016

Nov. 20 Sun. 8:00 AM C. Susco (L), J. Jaimes, J. O'Leary, P. O'Leary
10:30 AM T. Clark (L), D. Naccash, J. Naccash

USHER SCHEDULE – November 20, 2016

Nov. 20 Sun. 8:00 AM BCY
10:30 AM D. Semanco (L), R. Bass, E. Gubanich

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD Byzantine Catholic Church 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 catechumenate. 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.

Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Annandale, VA

<http://www.eolbcc.org>

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

“**Respect Life Month**” is extended. The last day is next 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.

Blessed Christmas Wafers. The Blessed Christmas Wafers, a centuries’ old Christmas Vigil tradition enjoyed by some East Europeans, are available from the Saint Vincent DePaul Society at the Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree trailer located at the Saint Leo the Great Catholic Church, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Times are week-

days, 3:30 –8:00 PM, Sunday 9:00 AM– 5:00 PM beginning November 27th. Please call for availability after December 17th. Donationis \$4.00 per wafer package. For information call 703-764-0243.

New Academic Status. The Institute for the Psychological Sciences in Arlington is a Catholic graduate school of psychology to form men and women to be mental health professionals. Now the College has been reorganized to the status of a university with the addition of the School of Counseling and renamed Divine Mercy University in honor of St. John Paul II who declared the Sunday after Easter Divine Mercy Sunday. The School of Counseling offers online master’s program in counseling taught by new faculty. The Institute for the Psychological science continues to offer an online non-clinical master’s degree in psychology, and onsite master’s in clinical psychology and a doctoral degree in clinical psychology. The University also is open to see clients who want a professional counselor within the Catholic faith tradition.

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 13, 2016

COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

- Year of Mercy
- Holy Door is open. Special Indulgences possible
- Byzantine Spirituality
- BCY Flea Market – Nov. 19th
- EMC Awards Club Raffle Winner
- Bishop’s Appeal
- New Parish Directory
- Bible Study

EMC BINGO

11/15/16 Team A
11/22/16 Team B
11/29/16 Team C
12/06/16 Team D

TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations–November 6, 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 Hancher, Paul and Christine Hancher, Edward and Elizabeth Hara, Nancy Hencken, Robert Hencken & family, Natalie and Daniel Hill & family, Kevin and Holly Hogan & family and from the Mission, Elizabeth and Kevin Keyes & family.

Condolences. We offer condolences to Tanya Siemucha, a member of the Montgomery County Mission community, upon the death of her father, James Siemucha, a former member of the Mission community who died November 9th. Arrangements had not been finalized at the time of the bulletin printing.

Christmas Fast. The forty day Christmas Fast begins November 15th to December 24th. Another name for the Christmas Fast is Philip’s Fast because tomorrow is the feast of saint Philip and the fast begins according to liturgical time after Vespers tomorrow evening. The Emmanuel Moleben will be prayed tomorrow at 7:30 PM asking for a good and beneficial fast for us, especially in the hyper-busy and commercialized winter secular holiday time. The Christmas Fast offers several feasts: the Entrance of the Mother of God in the Temple, November 21, Saint Nicholas, December 6, Conception of Saint Ann (Immaculate Conception) December 8, two special commemoration Sundays before Christmas and several aliturgical days which are days when the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated, usually on the day of an Old Testament prophet to recall that the prophets and people of the Old Testament time waited for the coming of the Messiah. Fridays remain as days of penance and in the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan

Church in the United States the other fasting prescriptions of the Christmas Fast are left to the ability of the individual.

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 is still one week 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 16th 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 forty-six books are group into: the Pentateuch which is the first five books of the Old Testament. These five books are what is referred to as the Law or the Law of Moses. The other groupings are: the historical books, the prophets, and finally the Wisdom Literature which is composed of books such as the Psalms and Proverbs.

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 26th Sunday after Pentecost, the next to last Sunday of the Holy Year of Mercy, is from Saint Luke, the parable of the foolish Rich Man. This parable is a cautionary parable reminding us that the Year of Mercy is about to come to a close and that we should seek mercy while it may be found.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 fourth Awards Club Drawing is Emil Koval, #136.

Epiphany Ladies Guild Christmas Party. The ELG Christmas Party is Saturday, December 10th in the Parish Center. Appetizers at 6:15 PM and Dinner at 7:00 PM. Entertainment will include a raffle drawing; ornament exchange and a string quartet. Please get your raffle tickets between liturgies. Proceeds go to the St. Nicholas Fund. Raffle prizes include two music boxes and a Snowman Family. RSVP to Daria Parrell at dtparrell@gmail.com or text to 703-909-6133.

BCY Flea Market. Epiphany BCY will sponsor a Flea Market Saturday, November 19th, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Come be intrigued by the number of vendors and the many types of things being offered for sale. Refreshments are available at the snack bar while you shop!

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. Please bring all donation items to the Parish Center for **Food for Others to help their** November Thanksgiving Food Donations . The last day is Sunday, November 20th . Suggestions include: Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Rice, Canned White Potatoes.

ECF-SOR

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.

Catechism of the Catholic Church CHAPTER ONE MAN'S CAPACITY FOR GOD

IV. How Can We Speak about God?

39 In defending the ability of human reason to know God, the Church is expressing her confidence in the possibility of speaking about him to all men and with all men, and therefore of dialogue with other religions, with philosophy and science, as well as with unbelievers and atheists.

40 Since our knowledge of God is limited, our language about him is equally so. We can name God only by taking creatures as our starting point, and in accordance with our limited human ways of knowing and thinking.

41 All creatures bear a certain resemblance to God, most especially man, created in the image and likeness of God. the manifold perfections of creatures - their truth, their goodness, their beauty all reflect the infinite perfection of God. Consequently we can name

God by taking his creatures' perfections as our starting point, "for from the greatness and beauty of created things comes a corresponding perception of their Creator".¹⁵

42 God transcends all creatures. We must therefore continually purify our language of everything in it that is limited, imagebound or imperfect, if we are not to confuse our image of God - "the inexpressible, the incomprehensible, the invisible, the ungraspable"-- with our human representations.¹⁶ Our human words always fall short of the mystery of God.

43 Admittedly, in speaking about God like this, our language is using human modes of expression; nevertheless it really does attain to God himself, though unable to express him in his infinite simplicity. Likewise, we must recall that "between Creator and creature no similitude can be expressed without implying an even greater dissimilitude";¹⁷ and that "concerning God, we cannot grasp what he is, but only what he is not, and how other beings stand in relation to him."¹⁸

TODAY - Sunday, Nov. 13 – 9:20-10:20am Steven Hemler, President of the Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America (CAINA) and author of *The Reality of God*, will give a special presentation on ***Proclaiming the Reality of God: Part 2 - Human*** 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.