



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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**Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory Forever!**

November 22, 2015

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

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Nov. 22 Sun. 8:00 AM Intention of Parishioners
10:30 AM Marshall Sayen, Jr. by Epiphany Men's Club

TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST

Nov. 24 Tues. 10:00 AM +Rosemary Dolan by Regina Dolan

VIGIL OF THURSDAY

Nov. 25 Wed. 7:30 PM Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving
Nov. 26 Thurs. Aliturgical Day

Nov. 28 Sat. 10:00 AM Health and God's Blessings on Edward Gubanich
by Joseph Stone

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Nov. 29 Sun. 8:00 AM Intention of Parishioners
10:30 AM Health and God's Blessings on Justine, Craig, Jonas, Cassia,
& Nicholas by Marlene & Victoria

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – November 29, 2015

Nov. 29 Sun. 8:00 AM J. Jaimes (L), James Hughes, Joseph Hughes, P. O'Leary
10:30 AM James Soyka (L), Dominic Clark, D. Naccash, M. Noyes

USHER SCHEDULE – November 29, 2015

Nov. 29 Sun. 8:00 AM J. Fedorko (L), J. Kotula, T. Ryan
10:30 AM R. Parrell (L), T. Fazio, J. Kepick

LITURGY AND LIFE

Christmas Fast. The Christmas Fast began last Sunday, the day after the feast of Saint Philip. It is sometimes called Filipovka, or Philip's Fast. The Church appoints this forty day fast so that we can be prepared to worthily celebrate the feast of Christmas. This fast is more joyous in its anticipation of Emmanuel, God-Is-With-Us, than the austerity of the Great Fast. In the discipline of the Byzantine Ruthenian Church in the United States, Fridays during the Christmas Fast are days of abstinence from meat. There is one aliturgical day this week. An aliturgical day is a day the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated to allow us to experience the anticipation and expectant waiting the Old Testament faithful and prophets had who were waiting for the coming of the Promised Christ as we wait for the next day the Divine Liturgy can be celebrated and we can experience the presence of the Lord Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

EMC Breakfast. The EMC breakfast will be served in the Parish Center today, November 22nd, between Divine Liturgies.

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

11/24/15 Team B
12/01/15 Team C
12/08/15 Team D
12/15/15 Team A

<http://EMCBINGO.com>

2015 Awards Club Drawing. Drawings for the 2015 Awards Club sponsored by Epiphany Men's Club have begun. The winner of the fifth Awards Club drawing is Mike Hancher, #119.

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.

Chapel Roof. St. Joseph's Roofing delivered the materials for replacement of the chapel roof this past week. They will begin work as soon as their schedule permits taking into account the weather. The contract for the new roof is \$17,000 and is being funded in part by the 40% rebate from the parish's fulfillment of the 2014 Stewardship Appeal (\$8,778.80) and designated donations by parishioners (\$2,615.00). The rebate from the 2015 Bishop's Appeal will be put toward replacement of the boiler in the Parish Center. Thank you for your generosity.

EPARCHIAL AND OTHER CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Thank You! To everyone who contributed by purchases and donations to the very successful display and sale of Eastern & Central European crafts and items on Sunday November 8th. \$1,250.00 was sent to the Generalate of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great in Rome for distribution to the Sisters in Eastern and Central Europe, wherever the need is greatest. And, our continued thanks to Barbara Koltos for managing this charitable project!

Eparchial Honors. Bishop Kurt Burnette, having obtained the permission of Father Lee Gross’ bishop, will bestow the dignity of the silver pectoral cross upon Father Lee Gross in gratitude for his years of service to the Ruthenian Church in the Eparchy of Passaic. Father Gross offers the Divine Liturgy each Sunday at Epiphany Mission, Gaithersburg, MD, and when Father John goes to the mission Father Lee offers the 10:30 AM Liturgy at Epiphany Church. This is a great honor for Father Lee, Epiphany Mission and Church. Over seventeen years ago, Bishop Andrew Pataki obtained permission from Msgr. George Dobes’ bishop, Francis Cardinal George, when he bestowed the dignity of the silver cross upon Msgr. Dobes. In 1995, the Vatican issued an *Instruction* for the Eastern Catholic Churches which directed Eastern catholic bishops to no longer seek Latin Catholic honors for their priests. Instead, the *Instruction* required Eastern Catholic bishops to restore the traditional honors for their priests. These are: 1. the Silver Cross; 2. The Gold Cross; 3. The Gold Jeweled Cross; 4. the Epigonation; 5. the Epigonation and Crown. The latter 3 and 4 are for archpriest or archimandrite while 5 is for mitred archpriest.

Parish Bulletin Format Changes begin. 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 are beginning this week 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 this 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.

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. 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. The rebate will be used to replace the boiler in the Parish Center. **There is one more week to get your pledge in for the November.** 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 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.

St. Andrew Day Liturgy. The Byzantine Divine Liturgy is celebrated each year at Mt. St. Mary Seminary on the feast of Saint Andrew the First-called brother of Saint Peter and apostle to Byzantium. Father Lee Gross, Dean of Students and professor of liturgy at the seminary who assists at Epiphany mission, with the area Byzantine Catholic priests concelebrate with the rector and priests of the seminary. The seminarians are servers for the liturgy and the seminary schola sings the responses. Each year it is inspiring to see over 150 Roman Catholic seminarians participate in the Byzantine Divine Liturgy. Father Lee Gross warmly invites parishioners from Epiphany church and mission to the Divine Liturgy Monday, November 30th at 4:00 PM.

Holy Year of Mercy. Pope Francis has issued the papal bull of indiction, *Misericordiae Vultus*, and declared an extraordinary Holy Year, beginning December 8, 2015, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, with the title The Year of Mercy. 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” when he declares that the “motto” for the Holy Year is “Merciful like the Father.”

1. Pope Francis stated that during the Holy Year the Holy Year Doors at the four major-basilicas of Rome will be Doors of Mercy. 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. These doors will open Sunday, December 13th when the Holy Father opens the door at Saint John Lateran.
2. In addition to the Cathedral in Passaic, Bishop Kurt Burnette has appointed, Saint John Church, Bayonne, NJ, Saint Nicholas, 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.
3. The Bishop, following the directions of the Holy Father, asks that priest-confessors be available each month to hear confessions to share the great grace of God’s merciful forgiveness.
4. 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.

Sealing of the Holy Door at Epiphany. The left front door of the church has been designated as the Holy Door at Epiphany of Our Lord. It will be sealed on Saturday, December 5th, after the 10:00 AM Liturgy. All are invited to attend. It will be opened on Sunday, December 13th at 9:30 AM.