



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church

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Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory Forever!

November 27, 2016

Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava Na Viki!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Nov. 27 Sun.	8:00 AM	Intention of Parishioners
	10:30 AM	+George Mocharko by Linda and George Lee Mocharko

Twenty-ninth Week after Pentecost

Nov. 29 Tues.		Aliturgical Day <i>St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle</i>
Nov. 30 Wed.	4:00 PM	Divine Liturgy at Mount St. Mary Seminary
Dec. 01 Thurs.	10:00 AM	+John Basarab by Elizabeth Basarab
Dec. 02 Fri.		Aliturgical Day
Dec. 03 Sat.	10:00 AM	+Barbara Ann Gibson by Gerardi Family

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Dec. 04 Sun.	8:00 AM	Living Members of Kodman and Yevchak Families by Helen and Peter Wegman
	10:30 AM	Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – December 4, 2016

Dec. 04 Sun.	8:00 AM	C. Susco (L), J. Cooke, J. Jaimes, P. O’Leary
	10:30 AM	James Hughes (L), T. Clark, D. Naccash, J. Naccash

USHER SCHEDULE – December 4, 2016

Dec. 04 Sun.	8:00 AM	J. Kotula (L), J. Fedorko, K. Koshute
	10:30 AM	T. Fazio (L), K. Kepick, E. Koval

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 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 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.

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: Sonia Jennings & family, Cheryl Jones, Mary-Ann Jozwiak-Kovch & family, Russell and Julia Jumbelic, Brian Jurkowski, Gene and Melissa Kakalec & family, Dave and Nicole Kalinock & family and from the Mission, Thomas Klimkosky.

Christmas Fast. The forty day Christmas Fast is from November 15th to December 24th. Another name for the Christmas Fast is Philip's Fast because the fast begins after Vespers the evening of November 14th the feast of Saint Philip. This week the Christmas Fast offers the feast of Saint Andrew the First-called Apostle, November 30. During the Christmas Fast there are 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.

Lamp and Light. Epiphany Bible Study will not be held this Wednesday, November 30th because the Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving will be celebrated. 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. Originally, each of the seventy-three books of the Bible was not divided into chapters or verses. The Byzantine Church uses the division of the Bible done by Eusebius the Bishop of Caesarea (Eusebius was a theological advisor of Constantine the

Great and he is famous for his *Ecclesiastical History*—a written record of the history of the Church from the time of the apostles to the fourth century) into divisions called pericopes or sections. Each pericope (pair-RIH-co-pee) was a distinct unit. For example, the gospel appointed for this Sunday, the cure by Jesus of the stooped woman in the synagogue is Luke, pericope 71. Stephen Langton, a professor at the University of Paris who became the Archbishop of Canterbury, the primate of the Catholic Church in England, divided the books of the Bible into chapters in the year 1227. Later, Robert Stephens, a French printer, divided the chapters of New Testament books into verses in 1551 for his printing of the New Testament in Greek. Next, he divided the chapters of all the Old Testament and New Testament books into verses for his edition of the Latin Vulgate Bible. It must always be remembered that the chapter and verse divisions by Archbishop Langton and Robert Stephens are not part of the divinely inspired text of the Bible. These divisions are man-made and are only to help as a way to quickly look up a passage in the Bible. Sometimes, the divisions are arbitrary and can make the reader assume a meaning that the Bible does not infer. Each book of the Bible begins with a chapter one and each chapter has verses one and so forth. The way the chapter and verses are written is this for today's gospel: (since almost every book has a chapter the book is written) Luke, (then, the chapter is the next number) 13, then a colon ":", then the verses 10-18. So, put together, the citation for today's gospel is Luke 10:13-18.

Saint Andrew Day Liturgy. The Divine Liturgy for the feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle, founder of the Church of Byzantium, will be offered at Mt. St. Mary Seminary Wednesday, November 30th at 4:00 PM in the University chapel. The seminarian schola will render the responses. Father Lee Gross and

the rector and seminary priests invite our parishioners to attend. Father Gross is a priest of the Diocese of Arlington who serves at the Seminary as the Dean of Students and a professor of Liturgy. He has the favor of a bi-ritual indult and serves Epiphany Mission in Gaithersburg, MD.

St. Nicholas Program. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. The annual Epiphany School of Religion Saint Nicholas Program and potluck dinner will be held next Sunday, December 4th at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center. Seniors are not required to bring anything. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Kepick at 703-455-6510.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 sixth Awards Club Drawing is Deacon El Pekarik, #022.

Epiphany Ladies Guild. The ELG Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 10th in the Parish Center. Appetizers will be available at 6:15 PM with dinner following at 7:00 PM. Entertainment will include a raffle drawing; ornament exchange, music supplied by a string quartet, and Christmas Carol singing. Bring an ornament if you wish to participate in the ornament exchange. There will be a short meeting to vote for next year's ELG officers after dinner. Please purchase your raffle tickets between liturgies at the Parish Center. Raffle proceeds go to the St. Nicholas Fund. Raffle prizes include two music boxes and a Snowman Family.

Forward any additional questions or RSVP to Daria Parrell at dtparrell@gmail.com or call the following number (land line) 703-255-2221.

Parish Directories are HERE! Please pick up your copy of the 2006-2015 Parish Directory after Liturgy TODAY at the back of the Church. A copy will be provided at no charge to each family that participated by having a picture taken or purchasing an ad. A limited number of additional copies will be available to those who did not participate for a donation of \$30.00.

Epiphany Festival Wrap-up Meeting. The wrap-up meeting for the 2016 Epiphany Slavic American Festival will be held on **Wednesday evening, December 7, 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 by December 5th 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.

ELG Christmas Candy for Sale. ELG will be selling delicious homemade chocolate this season! Sales of the popular treats will take place between Liturgies on Sunday, Dec 11 and Dec 18.

EPARCHIAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop's Appeal 2016. 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.

Early Planners Uniontown Pilgrimage. The Sisters of Saint Basil the Great wish early planning pilgrims to the annual Labor Day weekend pilgrimage at Mt. St. Macrina, Uniontown, PA to be aware that they have secured special rates at the newly opened Hilton Garden Inn. HHonors Reward members can earn extra points by staying there, also. The special group rate for the sisters is from 8/31/17 to 9/5/17. The special rate is \$129 per person which includes a voucher for the full cooked-to-order breakfast usually priced at \$10.95 per person. Each additional registered guest can receive a breakfast voucher with an increased rate of \$5 per person. Please make your 2017 reservations by using the Hilton Gardens Inn webste: <http://hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com>. When booking please select the option "Add Special Rates Code" and enter group code APB. You may contact the hotel directly at 724-434-7200 and select option 5. Inform the hotel that

you want the group rate for the 2017 Uniontown Pilgrimage, Group Code APB.

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

Epiphany College students. Father Dr. Vasyl Chepelskyy is administrator of Saint John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, Lansford, PA and Saint Mary Church, Nesquehoning, PA. Father Vasyl holds a doctorate in moral theology and is professor of Theology at DeSalles University, Allentown, PA. If you have a question on theology: spirituality, the Sacraments, morality, church history, or the lives of the saints, you may contact Father Vasyl and he will answer it or direct it to one of the priests of our eparchy who is expert in that topic. You can submit your question by e-mail stjohnpastor@ptd.net or on the wall or by private message through Facebook: SaintJohntheBaptistByzantineCatholicChurch.

Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost

November 27, 2016

COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

- Byzantine Spirituality
- EMC Awards Club Raffle Winner
- Bishop's Appeal
- New Parish Directory
- ELG Christmas Candy
- Bible Study
- St. Nicholas Program
- Festival Wrap-up Meeting
- ELG Christmas Party

EMC BINGO

11/29/16 Team C
12/06/16 Team D
12/13/16 Team A
12/20/16 Team B

TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations–November 20, 2016

Adults	\$3,233.47
Children	\$9.80
Building Fund	\$1,109.00
School of Religion	\$36.00
Candles	\$96.00
Holy Days	\$280.00
BCY	\$5.00
Water Bottles	\$1.00
Catholic Charities	\$15.00
St. Nicholas	\$21.00
TOTAL	4,806.27

"Your generosity produces thanksgiving to God." (II Corinthians 9:11)

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, Eileen Gray, and Bernadette Strate.

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