



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church

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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!	November 29, 2015	Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

TWENTY-EIGHTH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST

St. Andrew - Apostle

Nov. 30 Mon.	4:00 PM	Divine Liturgy at Mount St. Mary Seminary
Dec. 01 Tues.	10:00 AM	+John Basarab by Elizabeth Basarab
Dec. 02 Wed.		Aliturgical Day
Dec. 03 Thurs.		Aliturgical Day
Dec. 04 Fri.	10:00 AM	+Joseph Checkon by Mae Checkon & Family
Dec. 05 Sat.	10:00 AM	Health & God's Blessings on Robert Montelione by Joseph Stone

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SAINT NICHOLAS - WONDERWORKER

Dec. 06 Sun.	8:00 AM	+Joseph Kodman by Helen and Peter Wegman
	10:30 AM	Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – December 6, 2015

Dec. 06 Sun.	8:00 AM	T. Hughes (L), James Hughes, Joseph Hughes, J. Jaimes
	10:30 AM	J. Hogan (L), T. Clark, G. Noyes, M. Tanner

USHER SCHEDULE – December 6, 2015

Dec. 06 Sun.	8:00 AM	K. Koshute (L), T. Susco, B. Wargo
	10:30 AM	K. Kepick (L), J. Lichman, D. Semanco

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Fast and Aliturgical days. During the Christmas Fast the typicon directs that certain days are aliturgical days. An aliturgical day is a day when the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated. The Old Testament people waited for the coming of the Messiah, so an aliturgical day helps us wait with longing for a day when the Divine Liturgy can be celebrated and Christ can be in our midst. This week there are three aliturgical days, December 1st, December 2nd, and December 3rd.

Nativity Candles. Anyone wishing to donate a candle for their family or loved ones may do so by signing up in the Parish Office beginning next Sunday, December 6th after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Divine Liturgies or by coming to the Parish Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. We have converted the Manualia oil candles to traditional wax candles. We have heard the complaint that these candles were not always lit during the Christmas (and Easter) liturgies. Everyone concerned with the lighting of the candles for liturgies has been informed that the Manualia candles must be lit.

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 6th after the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy** in the Parish Center. Seniors are not required to bring anything. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Kepick at 703-455-6510.

Christmas Candy Sale. Just in time for stocking stuffers. Epiphany Ladies Guild is selling some of its fabulous candy for your holiday enjoyment. Candy sales will take place between liturgies on Sunday, December 6th and December 13th. Supply is limited, so shop early.

BCY Flea Market Thank You. Many thanks to the parishioners and parish organizations that helped support the BCY Flea Market held on November 21. The Net Profit was \$1,488, which will be used to help underwrite the teens' trip to the ByzanTEEN Rally in Cleveland, OH, in July 2016. Thank you for your support!

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 Meeting. The next Epiphany Men's Club meeting will take place Thursday, December 3rd in the Parish Center. Dinner is served at 7:00 PM with the meeting beginning at 7:30 PM.

EMC BINGO

12/01/15	Team C
12/08/15	Team D
12/15/15	Team A
12/22/15	Team B

<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 seventh Awards Club drawing is Sherri Lee, #031.

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 two weeks ago. 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), designated donations by parishioners (\$2,615.00), and proceeds from the 2015 Festival Raffle (\$2,351.95). 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.

Bishop's Appeal 2015. The Eparchy sent a November 10th update for our pledges. As of November 10th, 46 families have made \$6,870.00 in pledges towards the Bishop's Appeal, almost 35% of our goal of \$19,800. The parish will receive a 40% rebate (\$7,920) if we make or exceed goal. Acknowledgements will come from the Eparchy and will begin to be mailed this week. 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.

EPARCHIAL AND OTHER CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 this 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.

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 tomorrow, Monday, November 30th at 4:00 PM.