



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church

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Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory Forever!

December 4, 2016

Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava Na Viki!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Dec. 04 Sun. 8:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on Members of Kodman & Yevchak Families by Helen & Peter Wegman
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

Thirtieth Week after Pentecost

VIGIL OF FEAST OF NICHOLAS OF MYRA- ARCHBISHOP

Dec. 05 Mon. 7:30 PM Intention of Parishioners

NICHOLAS OF MYRA - ARCHBISHOP

Dec. 06 Tues. 10:00 AM +Gary and +Joseph Kodman by Helen & Peter Wegman

MATERNITY OF ANNA

Dec. 08 Thurs. 10:00 AM +Rose Murphy by Monica Koshuta
7:30 PM Intention of Parishioners

Dec. 09 Fri. Aliturgical Day

Dec. 10 Sat. 10:00 AM +Mr. & +Mrs. Joseph Butchko by John Butchko

THIRTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Dec. 11 Sun. 8:00 AM +Michael George Koshuta by Monica Koshuta & Family
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – December 11, 2016

Dec. 11 Sun. 8:00 AM P. O'Leary (L), Joseph Hughes, J. Jaimes, J. O'Leary
10:30 AM J. Naccash (L), T. Clark, James Hughes, D. Naccash

USHER SCHEDULE – December 11, 2016

Dec. 11 Sun. 8:00 AM T. Ryan (L), H. Katawczik, T. Susco
10:30 AM R. Parrell (L), R. Bass, D. Semanco

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: Gregory and Jennifer Kalinyak & family, Jayme and Emile Karam & family, Kathy Karonis & family, Harry and Carol Katawczik, Sharon and Glenn Kaup & family, Allan and Christine Kellmell, Jack and Mary Ellen Kepick, and from the Mission, Marion Kniska.

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 Nicholas, December 6th, and the Conception of Saint Anne or the Immaculate Conception on December 8th. 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.

Saint Nicholas. Saint Nicholas is the patron saint of the Byzantine Ruthenian Church. The bishops of Mukachevo, our mother church in Transcarpathia, Ukraine, resided originally at Saint Nicholas Monastery in Mukachevo. Many of our churches in Europe and here in the United States were placed under the title of Saint Nicholas. As is known, Saint Nicholas was born in Patara, which today is in Turkey. His parents, Theophanes (Theophany

or Epiphany) and Nonna (or Johanna), were wealthy Christians. When they passed away Nicholas was raised by his uncle, Nicholas, who was the bishop of Patara. Young Nicholas used his inherited wealth to assist people in need but he tried to do it secretly. He was imprisoned for being a Christian during the persecution of Diocletian and was saved from being martyred by the abdication of Diocletian. An expert in the field of hagiographic writing believes that among the legends about Saint Nicholas two are certainly true, Saint Nicholas assisting the three women with dowries, and saving the sailors. As archbishop of Myra his careful stewardship amassed enough grain to feed his people during a famine. His lasting fame came from the miracles worked through his intercession and through the miraculous substance secreted from his bones called the "Manna of Saint Nicholas."

Feast of Saint Nicholas. There will be two Divine Liturgies for the feast of the patron of the Byzantine Ruthenian Church, Monday, December 5th at 7:30 PM and Tuesday, December 6th at 10:00 AM. At each Divine Liturgy the relics of Saint Nicholas will be offered for veneration and anointing with the miraculous "Manna of Saint Nicholas."

Lamp and Light. 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 twenty-seven books of the New Testament are made up of four gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, one historical work-the Acts of the Apostles written by Saint Luke as the sequel to his gospel, thirteen epistles attributed to Saint Paul, some written to churches, namely Romans, 1st Corinthians, 2nd Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1st Thessalonians, 2nd Thessalonians, and several to individuals, namely 1st Timothy, 2nd Timothy, Philemon,

and Titus and finally an epistle that is a sermon, the epistle to the Hebrews. The other epistles are attributed to James, 1st Peter, 2nd Peter, 1st John, 2nd John, 3rd John, and Jude. These are called catholic epistles because they were written not for one church but to be circulated from one church to another. The last book of the New Testament is the Book of Revelation or the Apocalypse. It is the only New Testament book that is not used in the Byzantine daily, Sunday or holyday lectionary. The next meeting of the bible study class is this Wednesday evening at the regularly scheduled time.

Immaculate Conception. The feast of the Immaculate Conception is a holy day of obligation for Latin Catholics and a solemn feast day for Eastern Catholics. Two Divine Liturgies will be celebrated at Epiphany of Our Lord Thursday, December 8th, 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Nicholas Program. ALL PRISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. The announcement regarding time last week was incorrect. The annual Epiphany School of Religion St. Nicholas Program will be held today Sunday, December 4th following the 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy. It will not be a potluck. For further details, contact Mary Ellen Kepick at 703-455-6510.

Parish Office Schedule. The parish Office will be closed this Thursday, December 8th, so Diane and Jamie may observe the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation for Latin Catholics.

Our 2006-2015 Parish Directory is Here. Please come to the Bookstore in the Parish Center after each Liturgy today to pick up

your copy of the 2006-2015 Parish Directory. A copy will be provided at no charge to each family that participated by having a picture taken or purchasing an ad. Additional copies will be available to those who did not participate for a donation of \$30.00.

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 seventh Awards Club Drawing is Marlene McCracken, #270.

Epiphany Ladies Guild. The ELG Christmas Party is scheduled for this 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.

Epiphany Festival Wrap-up Meeting. The wrap-up meeting for the 2016 Epiphany Slavic American Festival will be held this **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 next Sunday, Dec 11 and Dec 18.

Christmas Bread. The Ladies Guild is selling Christmas breads for Holy Supper and nut rolls until December 18 or until they are gone. They are being sold between liturgies.

Christmas 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 13th 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.

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.

New Bishop of Arlington. Bishop Michael Burbage, formerly the Bishop of Raleigh, North Carolina, will be installed as the fourth bishop of the Diocese of Arlington, this Tuesday, December 6th, the feast of Saint Nicholas. Vespers will be prayed Monday, December 5th at 5:00 PM and the Installation Mass will be Tuesday, December 6th at 2:00 PM both at St. Thomas More Cathedral. The Mass will be televised on EWTN and will be streamed on the Diocese of Arlington web site www.arlingtondiocese.org. Our bishop, Bishop Kurt Burnette, will be attending. To Bishop Michael Burbage, the Fourth Bishop of Arlington, Axios!

COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

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

EMC BINGO

12/06/16 Team D
12/13/16 Team A
12/20/16 Team B
12/27/16 Team C

TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations–November 27, 2016

Adults	\$3,089.00
Children	\$1.97
Building Fund	\$964.00
School of Religion	\$11.00
Candles	\$90.00
Flowers	\$335.00
Holy Days	\$170.00
BCY	\$5.00
St. Nicholas	\$40.00
TOTAL	\$4,705.97

“In generous spirit pay homage to the Lord...and He will give back sevenfold”
(Sirach 35:10)

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