



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church

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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!	December 6, 2015	Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NICHOLAS OF MYRA-ARCHBISHOP

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

TWENTY-NINTH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST
VIGIL OF THE MATERNITY OF HOLY ANNA

Dec. 07 Mon.	7:30 PM	Intention of Parishioners
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MATERNITY OF THE HOLY ANNA

Dec. 08 Tues.	10:00 AM	+Rose Murphy by Monica Koshuta
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Dec. 09 Wed.		Aliturgical Day
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Dec. 11 Fri.	10:00 AM	+Betty Pekarik by Deacon Elmer & Sally Pekarik
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Dec. 12 Sat.	10:00 AM	+Herman Petersen by Deacon Elmer & Sally Pekarik
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SUNDAY OF THE FORE-FATHERS

Dec. 13 Sun.	8:00 AM	+Michael Koshuta by Monica Koshuta & family
	10:30 AM	Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – December 13, 2015

Dec. 13 Sun.	8:00 AM	T. Hughes (L), J. Cooke, J. O’Leary, C. Susco
	10:30 AM	T. Clark (L), D. Clark, D. Naccash, M. Noyes

USHER SCHEDULE – December 13, 2015

Dec. 13 Sun.	8:00 AM	J. Nashwinter (L), H. Katawzcik, J. Susco
	10:30 AM	E. Gubanich (L), M. Bell, R. Bass

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
Mary Ann Dmochowski, 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 12:30 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.

EPARCHIAL & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop's Appeal 2015. The Eparchy sent a December 4th update for our pledges. As of December 4th, 61 families have made \$11,410 in pledges towards the Bishop's Appeal, almost 58% 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.

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 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 was sealed yesterday Saturday, December 5th, after the 10:00 AM Liturgy. It will be opened next Sunday, December 13th at 9:30 AM. All are invited to attend.

Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost

COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

- Bishops Appeal – updated pledge
Information from the eparchy
- Ordination – at Epiphany
January 30th
- SOR - St. Nicholas Program
Today after 10:30 Divine Liturgy
- BCY – Wreaths of Honor at
Arlington Cemetery
- Year of Mercy – Holy Door
Opening next Sunday 9:30 AM
- Parish Office Schedule –
Closed December 8th Feast of
The Immaculate Conception
- ELG – Christmas Candy,
Christmas Bread, peroghi,
- ELG Christmas Party – Saturday,
December 12th
- EMC – Awards Club Drawing
Today in Parish Center
- Chapel Roof – work to begin soon
- Holy Day – Maternity of Holy
Anna Liturgies – Monday 7:30
PM and Tuesday 10:00 AM
- Friday – Day of abstinence from
meat during Christmas Fast

December 6, 2015

TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations–November 29, 2015

Adults	\$3,552.00
Children	\$8.00
Building Fund	\$1,536.00
School of Religion	\$31.00
Candles	\$120.80
Flowers	\$35.00
Holy Days	\$20.00
BCY	\$10.00
<u>St. Nicholas</u>	<u>\$45.01</u>
TOTAL	\$5,357.81

*"In generous spirit pay homage to the Lord, be not sparing of freewill gifts.
(Sirach 35:7)*

LITURGY AND LIFE

Prayer Intentions. Please remember in prayer: Barbara Mohay, Michael Mikulak, Patricia Fedorko, Marge Rusnak, David Sayen, and Marsha Puhak. Please pray for these friends and relatives of parishioners: Shirley Anne Markham, Colleen Daniel, Jeffrey Mikulak, Francine O'Leary, Russell Plasha, Darcie Santoro, William Brokaw, Maureen Guth, and Linda Fisher, Eparchial Controller of Finance for the Eparchy of Passaic.

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 all 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: Mary Gaydos, Aaron George, Robert and Kyra Gerardi & family, Eugene and Diana Goldlust & family, Janet and Steven Goldman, William and Ella Gombar, Mary and Frederick Goodspeed, and from the Mission: Jeffrey and Nancy Sesok & family.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honoring Deceased Veterans: The BCY invites all parishioners to join them in honoring deceased veterans this Saturday, December 12. BCY members will be among those placing 227,000 wreaths on graves at Arlington Cemetery this Saturday, as part of “Wreaths Across America.” All parishioners are invited to join the BCY in meeting at the Dunn Loring Metro station at 7:15 am (which will ensure everyone gets to Arlington in time for the arrival of the truck convoy bearing wreaths from Maine. If you need to travel separately, you can meet up at the

McClellan Gate within Arlington at 9:00 am for Opening Ceremonies (they will be carrying a BCY sign). This is an ideal family activity, and opportunity to remind young children of the sacrifices made by previous generations. For more information, contact BCY Advisor Chris Braunlich at 571-212-0058, or by email at c.braunlich@att.net.

St. Nicholas Program. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. The annual Epiphany School of Religion Saint Nicholas Program will be held today Sunday, December 6th following the 10:30 AM Divine Liturgy. It will NOT be a potluck this year. All ECF-SOR families are asked to bring a veggie tray and a dessert to serve 6 people. Seniors are not required to bring anything. For more information, contact Mary Ellen Kepick at 703-455-6510.

Parish Office Schedule. The Parish Office will be closed Tuesday, December 8th, so that Mary Ann and Jamie may observe the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation for Latin Catholics.

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.

Christmas Bread and Peroghi Sale. The Epiphany Ladies Guild will be selling Christmas Bread and peroghi for Christmas Eve Holy Supper between

Divine Liturgies in the parish center today, December 6th and next Sunday, December 13th while supplies last.

ELG Christmas Party. Epiphany Ladies Guild is having its Christmas Party this 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.

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.

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 Daria Parrell, #179.

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 three 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.

Parish Bulletin Format Changes Continue. 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. Some suggestions were made for changes to our bulletin to help improve dissemination of announcements to parishioners. We continue this week to implement the helpful suggestions which were made. The Rebuilt Parish Series has observations about “Rebuilding your Message” which has helped guide the changes.

<p>EMC BINGO 12/08/15 Team D 12/15/15 Team A 12/22/15 Team B 12/29/15 Team C http://EMCBINGO.com</p>
