



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church

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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.

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!	December 11, 2016	Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS

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

Thirty-first Week after Pentecost

Dec. 13 Tues. 10:00 AM +Betty Pekarik by Deacon El and Sally Pekarik

Dec. 14 Wed. Aliturgical

Dec. 16 Fri. Aliturgical

Dec. 17 Sat. 10:00 AM +Daniel Green by Sally Green

SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Dec. 18 Sun. 8:00 AM +Gary Kodman by BCY
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – December 18, 2016

Dec. 18 Sun. 8:00 AM T. Hughes (L), J. Cooke, Joseph Hughes, J. Jaimes
10:30 AM D. Naccash (L), T. Clark, James Hughes, J. Naccash

USHER SCHEDULE – December 18, 2016

Dec. 18 Sun. 8:00 AM BCY
10:30 AM E. Gubanich (L), J. Kepick, M. Kernich

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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: Kevin Kepick, Michael and Cindy Kernich, Robert Klapouchy, Stuart and Greta Koehl & family, James Koenig, Kay Kopack, Joseph and Jean Kopack, and from the Mission, Vincent and Joni Kovalick.

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 Second Sunday before Christmas which commemorates the human ancestors of Christ from Adam and Eve. This commemoration includes King David to whom God promised that the Messiah would be David's descendent, Saint John the Baptist, the human relative of the Lord Jesus, as well as the patriarchs and the faithful women and the prophets of the Old Testament and all who longed for the coming of the Messiah. On this day commemorating the Holy Ancestors, we also remember Daniel the Prophet who suffered in the lion's den and the three holy youths, who suffered in the fiery furnace. Because the commemoration includes all the descendents of Adam and Eve we are reminded that God the Son truly became a member of our human family. 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. This week there are two aliturgical days, Wednesday and Friday. Friday is the commemoration of the prophet Haggai.

Saturday is the feast of Daniel the prophet and the Three Young Men in the Fiery Furnace. 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. 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 books that are accepted in the Bible are called the canonical books. Canon is a Greek word that means *rule* or *measure*. The first Christians accepted the books contained in the Old Testament Bible because the Lord Jesus accepted them as canonical. The early Christian communities tended to use the translation of the Old Testament into Greek called the "Septuagint" (meaning "seventy" because it was the work of seventy scholars). Today the Byzantine churches, Catholic and Orthodox, use translations from the Septuagint. The canon of the twenty-seven books of the New Testament was recognized very early. The criteria of the early compilers of the canon were 1. originated from an apostle, 2. universally accepted by the early churches in the Mediterranean world, 3. used in the liturgy along with the Old Testament Bible already accepted as canonical, and 4. a final proof was that the message was consistent with the other already accepted canonical books. The canonical books were recognized very early. Papias of Hierapolis (lived 70-169. He heard Saint John the Apostle teach. Papias was a friend of Polycarp, the disciple of Saint John the Apostle) and Irenaeus of Lyons (disciple of Polycarp. AD 130-202.) already identify the books of the New Testament. When declaring a book to be canonical the Church was recognizing that a particular book was inspired by God and had two authors, God and a human author.

The next meeting of the bible study class is this Wednesday evening at the regularly scheduled time. The topic will be Age of the Patriarchs, Abraham and the Three Fold Promise.

End of Life Plans. There will be presentations on three Sundays in the New Year to help us with end-of-life planning. The topics will be

1. Fairfax Memorial Park representative will speak about opening a new section for our parishioners because the present Epiphany section is full. Prices for parishioners will be discussed. This presentation will be Sunday, January 15th.
2. How to plan for Power of Attorney and Catholic Church moral theology approved Medical Power of Attorney as well as Will preparation will be the topics of this presentation on another Sunday.
3. Liturgical Preparations on a third Sunday. What are the options for church funerals? This preparation can help you make decisions for your family so that they can know and respect your wishes. Also, since cremation is now allowed in the Catholic Church as long as the cremains are interred, how are the cremains handled liturgically?

Sacraments of Initiation. We welcome into the Mystical body of Christ Fenya Magdalena Kost, daughter of Robert and Gina Kost, baptized, chrismated and communicated on November 26th. May God grant Fenya Magdalena a pure Profession of Faith all the days of her life. Mnohaja l'ita!

Epiphany Holy Supper. We are looking for a person to chair the Epiphany Holy Supper on Sunday, January 8th. We are also looking for helpers for preparing the Epiphany Holy Supper

(food preparation) on Saturday, January 7th and to help serve the food and cleanup on Sunday, January 8th. If you can help either day or organize this event, please call (703-573-3986) or email (epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net) the Parish Office.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

2017 Calendars. The calendars for 2017 have arrived and are available in the narthex of the church today.

New 2006-2015 Parish Directory. If you have not yet picked up the new Parish Directory, copies are available in the Parish Office. A copy will be provided at no charge to each family that participated by having a picture taken or purchasing an ad. Additional copies are 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 eighth Awards Club Drawing is David Sayen, #040.

EMC Breakfast. The Epiphany Men's Club will host a complimentary breakfast next Sunday, December 18th.

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

St. Nicholas Program. Thank you to all of the ECF-SOR children, Parents and volunteers who worked so diligently to present the St. Nicholas program to the parish and friends on the feast of St. Nicholas.

Holy Supper Booklets. The Holy Supper booklets used on Christmas Eve at the evening meal called Holy Supper will be available next Sunday in the narthex of the church.

Parish Activity Calendar. Organization and activity chairpersons please contact Marsha Puhak with the event dates you are planning for each month in 2017. Failure to do so will leave your planned event unscheduled on the church and Parish Office calendar.

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 proceeds from this year’s festival raffle was \$2,066. The latest estimate for a new boiler is \$45,257.00.

Concert Tour Encore Recordings. Three new recordings of the choir from the Blessed Theodore Romzha Seminary that performed at the Festival and then had a concert at Epiphany Church in September/October are now available in the Epiphany Bookstore in the Parish Center lobby. They include CDs entitled: *CT50 - Encore Hymns:* 16 additional religious songs not previously available plus “God Bless America” in English *CT51 - Folk Songs and “Many Years”:* 16 folk songs from the Carpathian Mountains along with a dozen melodies for “Many Years” (Mnohaja L’ita) *CT56 - Epiphany Concert:* recording of the closing concert held at Epiphany Church on October 1st. Priced at \$10.00 each, these never-before-available CDs would make great Christmas gifts.

COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

- Byzantine Spirituality
- EMC Awards Club Raffle Winner
- Bishop’s Appeal
- New Parish Directory
- ELG Christmas Candy
- Christmas Bread
- EMC Breakfast
- Directories
- Nativity Candles
- Bible Study
- Guest Speaker – January 15, 2017

<u>EMC BINGO</u>	
12/13/16	Team A
12/20/16	No Bingo Team B
12/27/16	No Bingo Team C
01/03/17	Bingo Resumes Team D

TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations–December 4, 2016

Adults	\$5,302.00
Children	\$2.70
Building Fund	\$1309.00
School of Religion	\$26.00
Candles	\$83.50
Flowers	\$90.00
Holy Days	\$290.00
<u>St. Nicholas</u>	<u>\$16.00</u>
TOTAL	\$7,119.20

“Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth.”
(Dt. 8:18)

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

