



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church

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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!	December 13, 2015	Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS -- SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS

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

THIRTIETH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST

Dec. 14 Mon.		Aliturgical
Dec. 15 Tues.	10:00 AM	+Jerome Mattingly by Linda Mocharko
Dec. 16 Wed.		Aliturgical
Dec. 17 Thurs.	10:00 AM	+Daniel Green by Sally Green
Dec. 18 Fri.		Aliturgical

SATURDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Dec. 19 Sat.	10:00 AM	Health & God's Blessings on Vincent Apostollico by Joseph Stone
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SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS -- SUNDAY OF THE ANCESTORS PRE-FESTIVE OF CHRISTMAS

Dec. 20 Sun.	8:00 AM	Intention of Parishioners
	10:30 AM	Health & God's Blessings on LaDonna Rodock

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE -- December 20, 2015

Dec. 20 Sun.	8:00 AM	BCY
	10:30 AM	T. Clark (L), J. Hogan, James Soyka, M. Tanner

USHER SCHEDULE -- December 20, 2015

Dec. 20 Sun.	8:00 AM	BCY
	10:30 AM	E. Koval (L), M. Kernich, T. Soyka

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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 catechumenate. 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 (at least \$7,920) if we make or exceed our 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 pledge page. Follow the screen prompts to enter your gift amount and donation frequency. On the next page, select "199-Epiphaney 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.

A Woman's Choice. Make your Advent Special - Adopt a family this Christmas. There is joy in giving.... A Woman's Choice pro-life crisis pregnancy center in Falls Church has identified 7 families who have gone through some rough times this year. Some families have special-needs children. Many have minimal-wage jobs and others have been completely jobless for several months. You can help by sending generic gift cards directly to our office at: **A Woman's Choice, 6201 Leesburg Pike, suite 220, Falls Church., VA 22044** Or, if you want a real Christmas experience,

please send an email message to AWCLife@VACoxMail.com marked "Adopt A Family" in the message line. I will provide you with contact information so you can personally deliver your Christmas gifts. As always, thank you for allowing us at A Woman's Choice to be trusted stewards of your generosity.

Saint Nicholas on TV. Father Joseph Marquis, pastor of Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church, Livonia, MI, sent word that his one-minute spots about Saint Nicholas will appear on EWTN this month. See this address for a preview: www.st.nicholasinstitute.org and search for "A St. Nick Holy Minute."

125 Years Video. Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church, Philadelphia, PA is observing their 125th anniversary. A video celebrating the joy of the parishioners reminiscing about church life, video and audio clips of the famed Holy Ghost Choir with Professor Sir Knight Daniel Kavka, parish archived clips and stills, and commentary by Father Jack Custer and Father Joseph Loya, OSA and married couples, singles, and children speaking about life in the past and most importantly why they are so very happy to be parishioners today is available at You Tube produced by Michael Licisyn and Mixed Nuts Productions. Go to www.mlicisyn.com. (If the video has the Philly Phanatic and Darth Vader it is not the right Michael Licisyn program) and click on Holy Ghost 125th Anniversary.

Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost

COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

- Year of Mercy – Holy Door
Opening today Sunday 9:30 AM
- Bishops Appeal – updated pledge
Information from the eparchy
- Ordination – at Epiphany
January 30th
- EMC – Awards Club Drawing
Today in Parish Center
- Chapel Roof – work completed
- 2016 calendars available in narthex
today
- A Woman's Choice – You can adopt
a family for Christmas
- Renew Marriage Encounter –
Encounter weekends coming up
in 2016
- End of Year Tax Planning – deadline
is December 31st for donating stock
to the church
- Holy Supper – booklets for the
Christmas Eve Holy Supper are
available in the narthex today
- Saturday before Christmas – Liturgy
10:00 AM
- Friday – Day of abstinence from
meat during Christmas Fast

December 13, 2015

TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations–December 6, 2015

Adults	\$4,399.00
Children	\$8.90
Building Fund	\$1,561.00
School of Religion	\$96.00
Candles	\$182.80
Flowers	\$80.00
Holy Days	\$816.00
BCY	\$10.00
Christmas	\$80.00
<u>St. Nicholas</u>	<u>\$105.00</u>
TOTAL	\$7,338.70

"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.

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: Claire Goula, Michael Graham and Paula Poskon, Gary and Emily Green, Sally Green, Edward and Carol Gubanich, Jon and Kristine Gubanich, Troy William and Paula Guenther, and from the Mission: Louis and Marie Shanks.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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 today Sunday, December 13th, while supplies last.

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 Sunday, December 13th while supplies last.

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 take place each Sunday for ten Sundays in the Parish Center between Divine Liturgies. The winner of the ninth Awards Club drawing is Jennifer Puhak, #060.

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 began replacing the Chapel roof Monday, December 7th. The work was completed this past week. 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.

End of Year Tax Planning. Now is the time to plan donations you wish to make by the end of the year. Remember donations must be postmarked by or delivered to the Parish Office by December 31, 2015 to count for 2015. Donations of stocks may also be made. If interested, contact the Parish Office for more information.

Parish Bulletin Format Changes. Parish staff hopes that you found the changes to the bulletin helpful for accessing all the information the parish disseminates. 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. Epiphany of our Lord parish was one of the participants. Our bulletin was judged favorable under their criteria, and some suggestions were made for changes to our bulletin to help improve dissemination of announcements to parishioners. The four book Rebuilt Parish Series from Nativity of our Lord Roman Catholic Church, Timonium, MD has observations about “Rebuilding your Message” which has helped guide the changes.

Holy Supper Booklets. The Holy Supper booklets used on Christmas Eve at the evening meal called Holy Supper are available today in the nathex of the church.

2016 Calendars. The calendars for 2016 have arrived and are in the narthex of the church. Please take only one per family.

Parish Activity Calendar. Organization and activity chairpersons please contact Marsha Puhak with the event dates you are planning for each month 2015. Failure to do so will leave your planned event unscheduled on the church and Parish Office calendar.

Epiphany Men’s Club. Epiphany Men’s Club will host breakfast next Sunday, December 20th between Divine Liturgies in the Parish Center.

EMC BINGO

12/15/15	Team A	
12/22/15	Team B	No Bingo
12/29/15	Team C	No Bingo
01/05/15	Team D	

<http://EMCBINGO.com>