



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church

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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!	December 20, 2015	Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

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

Thirty-first Week after Pentecost

Dec. 22 Tues.	10:00 AM	+Wesley Capar by Helen Capar
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VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

Dec. 24 Thurs.	10:00 AM	Royal Hours
	7:00 PM	Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
	11:30 PM	Christmas Caroling

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Dec. 25 Fri.	12:00 AM	Christmas Divine Liturgy
	10:00 AM	Christmas Carols
	10:30 AM	Christmas Divine Liturgy

SYNAXIS OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

Dec. 26 Sat.	10:00 AM	+Helen Uhrin by Monica Koshuta
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SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DAVID, JOSEPH AND JAMES and STEPHEN-PROTOMARTYR

Dec. 27 Sun.	8:00 AM	+Deacon Gerald McDonnell by Mary McDonnell
	10:30 AM	Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – December 27, 2015

Dec. 27 Sun.	8:00 AM	J. O'Leary (L), J. Cooke, P. O'Leary, C. Susco
	10:30 AM	D. Naccash (L), D. Clark, G. Noyes, James Soyka

USHER SCHEDULE – December 27, 2015

Dec. 27 Sun.	8:00 AM	T. Ryan (L), J. Fedorko, J. Kotula
	10:00 AM	J. Kepick (L), T. Fazio, K. Hogan

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 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

Year of Mercy. Pope Francis asks us to be Christ-like and do the Spiritual Works of Mercy and the Corporal Works of Mercy. What are the Spiritual Works of Mercy? They are: 1. To counsel the doubtful; 2. To instruct the ignorant; 3. To admonish the sinner; 4. To comfort the sorrowful; 5. To forgive injuries; 6. To bear wrongs patiently; 7. To pray for the living and the dead. What are the Corporal Works of Mercy? They are: 1. To feed the hungry; 2. To give drink to the thirsty; 3. To clothe the naked; 4. To shelter the homeless; 5. To visit the sick; 6. To visit the imprisoned; 7. To bury the dead (ref. Matthew 25:31-46).

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-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.

"Light of the East" Pilgrimage – 2. The Orientale Lumen Foundation, led by Metropolitan Kallistos, Father Thomas Loya, and Lector Jack Figel, will be sponsoring a second ecumenical pilgrimage to Rome and Constantinople on October 18-28, 2016. There will be an optional excursion to Cappadocia on October 28-31. Besides visiting religious and cultural sites, the trip will also include talks by Church officials on the theme: "Creation: Our Shared Environment" with reflections on the papal encyclical *Laudato Si'* and the environmental symposia hosted by the Ecumenical Patriarchate. It is expected to include private audiences with Pope Francis and Patriarch Bartholomew the same as in 2014. Viking Travel is arranging all events and offering a \$100 discount for registration and deposits by December 31, 2015. More details are on fliers in the church vestibule, or talk to Lector Jack, 703-691-8585.

Sunday before Christmas

December 20, 2015

COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

- Year of Mercy
- Holy Door is open. Special indulgences possible
- Christmas Liturgy Schedule
- Bishops Appeal – updated pledge Information from the eparchy
- Ordination – at Epiphany January 30th
- EMC – Awards Club Drawing List of 2015 winners
- EMC Bingo on Christmas recess
- 2016 calendars available in narthex today
- EMC breakfast this morning between Divine Liturgies
- 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
- Parish Office Schedule for the week before Christmas. Bulletin deadline tomorrow, December 21st, this week only.

TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations–December 13, 2015

Adults	\$5,208.00
Children	\$5.00
Building Fund	\$918.00
School of Religion	\$46.00
Candles	\$142.80
Flowers	\$5.00
Holy Days	\$307.00
BCY	\$15.00
Christmas	\$400.00
<u>St. Nicholas</u>	<u>\$215.00</u>
TOTAL	\$7,261.80

"Oh, Christ, what shall we offer You for coming on earth in our humanity for our sake?" (Vesper Sticheron of Christmas)

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, Linda Fisher, and Tim O'Leary.

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 in tention 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, Micheal Graham and Paula Pokon, Gary and Emily Green, Sally Green, Edward and Carol Gubanich, Jon and Kristine Gubanich, Troy William and Paul Guenther, and from the Mission: Louis and Marie Shanks.

Condolences. We offer condolences to Helen Wegman and her family upon the death of her brother, +Gary Kodman, who died on Sunday, December 6th. The funeral was yesterday, Saturday, December 19th from First Presbyterian Church, Lenoir City, Tennessee. May God grant His departed servant, +Gary, peaceful repose. Vicnaja jemu pamjat'.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Office Schedule. In observance of the Christmas holydays, the Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th. Office hours will resume on Monday, December 28th.

Bulletin Deadline. The deadline for this coming week's bulletin is tomorrow, Monday, December 21st by 12:00 Noon.

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 20th, 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 20th 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.

Ordination Preparations. It is a great honor for Epiphany parish to have the first ordination to the Holy Priesthood at our parish. Deacon Lewis is the third vocation to priesthood from our parish after Father Philip Scott, PhD, and Father Richard Kanar. There is much preparation to do for the ordination. As we do the many "Martha" things we have to remember to do "Mary" things, also. On January 30, 2016, God the Holy Spirit will visit Epiphany. Bishop Kurt will call down the Holy Spirit and impose hands on Deacon Lewis and God the Holy Spirit through this visitation of the Divine Grace will ordain the deacon a priest. When the Lord Jesus came to visit Martha and Mary He really wanted to see them and talk with them. It will be the same when the Holy Spirit comes here. The Acts of the Apostles teaches us, "While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' Then completing their fasting and prayer, they laid hands on them and sent them off" (Acts 13:2-3). Let us offer

the sacrifices of our prayers, fasting, and good works for the intention of Deacon Lewis so that he might be docile to the Holy Spirit and allow the Spirit to make him into a priest after Jesus' own heart. Also, let us let God clean the house of our soul because God the Spirit is coming to configure our deacon into Christ the Priest.

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 narthex 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 is hosting breakfast today Sunday, December 20th between Divine Liturgies in the Parish Center. Breakfast for all parishioners is complimentary.

EMC Awards Club. The ten winners of the 2015 Awards Club are as follow: 1. Deacon Elmer Pekarik, #272-\$50; 2. Marlene McCracken, #133 - \$50; 3. Mike Opachko, #238 - \$50; 4. Anthony Fazio, #197; 5. Jack Kepick, #008 - \$50; 6. Mike Hancher, #119; 7. Sherri Lee, #031-\$50; 8. Daria Parrell, #79 - \$50; 9. Jennifer Puhak, #060 - \$50; 10. Jack Kepick, #003 - \$1,000. Congratulations to all the winners!

EMC BINGO

12/22/15	Team B	No Bingo
12/29/15	Team C	No Bingo
01/05/16	Team D	
01/12/16	Team A	
http://EMCBINGO.com		