

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church

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Christ is born!
Glorify Him!

December 25, 2016

Christos Raždajetsja!
Slavite Jeho!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Dec. 25 Sun 12:00 AM Christmas Divine Liturgy
10:00 AM Christmas Carols
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

Thirty-third Week after Pentecost

SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS

COMMEMORATION OF DAVID, JAMES & JOSEPH

Dec. 26 Mon 10:00 AM The reception of the body of Julia Starr at Epiphany Church
10:00 AM Reception of mourners in the narthex
10:30 AM Holyday Divine Liturgy with funeral service
7:30 PM +Stefan Matlaga by Theresa Matlaga & Family

STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR

Dec. 27 Tues. 10:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on LaDonna Rodock by Marlene
Dec. 29 Thurs. 10:00 AM +John Basarab by Elizabeth Basarab
Dec. 31 Sat. 10:00 AM Deceased Members of +Butchko Family by John Butchko

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD

BASIL THE GREAT - ARCHBISHOP

Jan. 01 Sun. 8:00 AM +Helen Uhrin by Monica Koshuta & Family
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – January 1, 2017

Jan. 01 Sun. 12:00 AM J. Cooke (L), Joseph Hughes, T. Hughes, J. Jaimes
10:30 AM James Hughes (L), T. Clark, Jacob Naccash, James Naccash

USHER SCHEDULE – January 1, 2017

Jan. 01 Sun. 12:00 AM J. Fedorko (L), H. Katawczik, J. Kotula
10:30 AM D. Semanco (L), T. Fazio, K. Kepick

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

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Epiphany of Our Lord does not conduct pastoral business on the website email.

must be postmarked by or delivered to the Parish Office by December 31, 2016 to count for 2016. Donations of stocks may also be made. If interested, contact the Parish Office for more information.

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. To date, 56 families have contributed \$9,845.00 toward our goal. 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. Thank you for your generosity. It is not too late to make your 2016 pledge.



Epiphany Church Crèche

COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

- Christmas Divine Liturgy
- Christmas Reception
- Christmas Parish Office Hours
- EMC Awards Club Raffle Winner
- Bishop's Appeal
- Directories
- Calendars
- Bible Study
- Fasting Regulations
- Epiphany Holy Supper
- Guest Speaker – January 15, 2017

TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations–December 18, 2016

Adults	\$6,234.00
Children	\$16.65
Building Fund	\$2,614.00
School of Religion	\$121.00
Candles	\$174.00
Flowers	\$20.00
Holy Days	\$660.00
BCY	\$5.00
Retired Priests	\$10.00
Catholic Charities	\$50.00
St. Nicholas	\$105.00
TOTAL	\$10,077.65

“Your generosity produces thanksgiving to God.” (II Corinthians 9:11)

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, Bernadette Strate, and Karen Baine.

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

EMC BINGO

12/27/16 No Bingo Team C
 01/03/17 Bingo Resumes Team D
 01/10/17 Team A
 01/17/17 Team B

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: Mark and Cathy Kost & family, Robert Kost & family, Frank and Mary Sue Kotula, James Kotula, Joseph Kotula, Emil and Annie Koval, Carol Kovalick & family, and from the Mission, Michon Kretschmaier.

Lamp and Light. There will be no Bible Study class December 28th.

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 remains are interred, how are the remains handled liturgically?

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.

Fasting Regulations. The festal period of time from Christmas, December 25th, to January 4th, is a fast-free time, meaning there is no fast (fast is no meat or dairy products) or abstinence (abstinence means not eating meat or meat products). Friday December 30th is a fast and abstinence free day.

Christmas Liturgy. When December 25th occurs on a Sunday, next Sunday is January 1st, the eighth day when our Lord was named and circumcised and the feast of the passing into eternal life of Saint Basil the Great. This means there is no Sunday after Christmas. Therefore, the Typicon of Father Dr. Alexander Mikita, Užhorod, 1901, directs that the Sunday after Christmas and its commemoration of Saint Joseph, King David and the Apostle James, is observed on December 26th along with the Synaxis of the Mother of God which is the feast of December 26th. He further explains that January 1st, when it occurs on a Sunday, is observed as the Sunday before Theophany as well as the Feast of the Circumcision and of Saint Basil the Great.

Condolences. We offer our condolences to Peter Starr, his wife, Elaine, and their family upon the death of Peter’s mother Julia Starr. The funeral will be tomorrow from Epiphany of our Lord and directed by Everly-Wheatly Funeral Home. The family will receive mourners at the narthex of Epiphany Church tomorrow, December 26th from 10:00 AM to

10:30 AM. The holyday Divine Liturgy concluding with the Rite of Christian Burial will begin at 10:30 AM. The interment will be at Mt. Comfort Cemetery, Tuesday, December 27th at 1:30 PM. May God His departed servant, +Julia, peaceful repose. Vičnaja jej pamjat’.

Christmas Reception. You are invited to a Christmas Reception in the Parish Center hosted by the parishioners of Epiphany parish. This is an opportunity for parishioners to exchange Christmas greetings, to meet family and guests and the opportunity to see parish alumni who have moved away but have returned for the holyday. There is a reception after the Midnight Liturgy and the 10:30 AM Liturgy.

Vocations to the Priesthood. Our parish is blessed with many reverent and zealous men. Have you ever had thoughts about priesthood? Possibly it might be that God is calling you to the Holy Priesthood. If you have questions please speak to Father John or contact the Vocations Director of the Eparchy of Passaic, Father Michael Kerestes (570) 822-6028. The first step is to meet with the Vocations Director. Then, if there is a possible vocation, the candidate is reviewed by the Eparchial Vocations Board. If accepted by the board and the Bishop, the process of applying to the seminary begins. The traditional path is to enter the seminary as a single man and during seminary to discern marriage or celibacy with the help of the spiritual director. The deadline for submitting a name to the Eparchial Vocations Board is January 30, 2017.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Office Schedule. The Parish Office will be closed Sunday, January 1, 2017. Office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Bulletin Deadline. The deadline for bulletin announcements this week will be Tuesday, December 27th by 2:00 PM.

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. The ten winners of the 2016 Awards Club are as follows: 1. Joe Fedorko, #067 - \$50; 2. Annie Koval, #138 - \$50; 3. Mike Daigle, #085 - \$50; 4. Emil Koval, #136 - \$50; 5. Don Springer, #257 - \$50; 6. Deacon El Pekarik, #022 - \$50; 7. Marlene McCracken, #270 - \$50; 8. David Sayen, #040 - \$50; 9. Theresa Matlaga Palenski, #119 - \$50; 10. William Cervenak, #238 - \$1000. Congratulations everyone!

ELG. The next meeting of the Epiphany Ladies Guild will be Monday, January 2nd. Light refreshments will be served at 7:00 PM with the meeting following at 7:30 PM. All women of the parish are encouraged to attend.

2017 Calendars. The calendars for 2017 have arrived and are available 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 in 2017. Failure to do so will leave your planned event unscheduled on the church and Parish Office calendar.

End of Year Tax Planning. Now is the time to plan donations you wish to make by the end of the year. Remember donations