



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church

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Christ is born! December 27, 2015 Christos Raždajetsja! Glorify Him! Slavite Jeho!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS and DAVID, JOSEPH AND JAMES STEPHEN-PROTOMARTYR

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

Thirty-second Week after Pentecost

Dec. 28 Mon. 10:00 AM Funeral +Peter Patchan (at Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home)
Dec. 29 Tues. 10:00 AM +John Basarab by Elizabeth Basarab

CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD BASIL THE GREAT-ARCHBISHOP

Jan. 01 Fri. 10:00 AM God's Blessings for the Parishioners for the New Year

Saturday before Theophany

Jan. 02 Sat. 10:00 AM +Rumi Hussain by Joseph Stone

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

Jan. 03 Sun. 8:00 AM +Stefan Matlaga by Theresa Matlaga & Family
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – January 3, 2016

Jan. 03 Sun. 8:00 AM P. O'Leary (L), T. Hughes, J. Jaimes, J. O'Leary
10:30 AM J. Naccash (L), G. Noyes, M. Noyes, James Soyka

USHER SCHEDULE – January 3, 2016

Jan. 03 Sun. 8:00 AM T. Susco (L), K. Koshute, J. Nashwinter
10:30 AM D. Semanco (L), K. Kepick, R. Parrell

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. The first Corporal Work of Mercy is “to feed the hungry”. The US Bishops suggest these as ways to accomplish this Corporal Work of Mercy. “There are many people in this world who go without food. When so much of our food goes to waste, consider how good stewardship practices of your own food habits can benefit others who do not have those same resources. 1 Having delicious food at Christmas dinner? Donate to a Christmas food drive so everyone can have something to eat. 2 Research, identify and contribute financially to organizations that serve the hungry. 3 The next time you make a recipe that can be easily frozen, make a double batch and donate one to your local food pantry or soup kitchen. 4 Try not to purchase more food than you are able to eat. If you notice that you end up throwing groceries away each week, purchasing less groceries would eliminate waste and allow you to donate the savings to those in need.”

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.

Continued Prayers. Linda Fisher, of the eparchial financial office, thanks all of you for your prayers and requests that they continue as she recovers from recent surgery and looks to the future with further treatments.

Sunday after Christmas

December 27, 2015

COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

- Year of Mercy
- Holy Door is open. Special indulgences possible
- Liturgy Schedule
- Bishops Appeal – updated pledge information from the eparchy
- Ordination – at Epiphany January 30th
- EMC Bingo on New Year’s recess
- 2016 calendars available in narthex today
- End of Year Tax Planning – deadline is December 31st for donating stock to the church
- Charitable IRS distribution for 2015 – 2012 tax law made permanent
- Parish Office Schedule for the week before New Year’s. Bulletin deadline tomorrow, December 28th, this week only.
- Fasting regulations for this week.
- EMC meeting next week.
- ELG meeting next week
- Condolences – +Peter Patchan funeral arrangements

TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations–December 20, 2015

Adults	\$4,299.00
Children	\$12.00
Building Fund	\$1,136.00
School of Religion	\$21.00
Candles	\$73.93
Holy Days	\$4,255.00
BCY	\$5.00
ECL	\$12.00
New Church Gifts	\$60.00
<u>St. Nicholas</u>	<u>\$57.00</u>
TOTAL	\$9,930.93

“I, the Lord, who am rich have willingly become poor, so that I may enrich with incorruption and deliverance all the poor.”
(Vesper Sticheron of January 7th)

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, Tim O’Leary, and Joanne Gaudino.

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: Scott and Debbie Hald, Deborah Halsey & family, Michael Hancher, Paul and Christine Hancher & family, Edward and Elizabeth Hara, Nancy Hencken, Robert Hencken, and from the Mission: Tonja Siemucha.

Condolences. We offer condolences to the family of +Peter Patchan, upon his death Sunday, December 20th. The Funeral will be Monday, December 28th from Epiphany of our Lord, at the chapel of Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home, Fairfax, Virginia at 10:00 AM with no Divine Liturgy. Visitation will be Sunday, December 27th from 2:00 -6:00 PM with Parastas at 5:00 PM. Interment at Fairfax Memorial Park. May God grant His departed servant, +Peter, peaceful repose. Vicnaja jemu pamjat'.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Office Schedule. In observance of the New Year's holyday, the Parish Office will be closed on Friday, January 1st. Office hours will resume on Monday, January 4th.

Bulletin Deadline. The deadline for this coming week's bulletin is tomorrow, Monday, December 28th by 12:00 Noon.

ECF-SOR. Thank you to all that participated in our annual Toys for Tots donations. Two marines from Quantico picked up 25 trash bags full of new toys for their toy drive. We are still collecting donations of can goods and pasta for "Food for Others" and baby diapers all sizes.

Ordination Preparations, continued. 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. The last bulletin requested that parishioners do the "Mary" things of offering our fasting, our prayers, and our deeds of charity 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. There are many "Martha" things we have to do also. Please note that the Ordination Announcements and invitations are included in the bulletin today. Please complete the entire form (the Ordination and the Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving) and respond to the parish office. The Eparchy has informed us that it is the responsibility of our parish to host and pay for the festive luncheon after the ordination and to host and pay for the luncheon after the Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving. The Eparchial Finance Office informed us of the budget for the meals.

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.

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.

Charitable IRA Distribution for 2015. Congress has made permanent the 2012 tax legislation for individuals age 70½ or older to make a direct distribution from an IRA to a qualified charity, such as Epiphany of our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church. For the tax year 2015, the legislation is retroactive to January 1, 2015 and the donor must make the gift by December 31, 2015. These qualified distributions (up to \$100,000) to charity from your IRA are not subject to federal income tax. Arrangements must be made directly with the IRA plan administrator. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

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 2016. Failure to do so will leave your planned event unscheduled on the church and Parish Office calendar.

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

12/29/15	Team C	No Bingo
01/05/16	Team D	
01/12/16	Team A	
01/19/15	Team B	

<http://EMCBINGO.com>