



**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
Byzantine Catholic Church
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Christ is Born! Glorify Him!	December 28, 2014	Christos Raždajetsja! Slavite Jeho!
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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

***SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
DAVID, JOSEPH & JAMES***

Dec. 28 Sun. 8:00 AM +David Haynes by Epiphany Men's Club
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

Thirtieth Week after Pentecost

Dec. 29 Mon. 10:00 AM +John Basarab by Elizabeth Basarab

Dec. 30 Tues. 10:00 AM +Helen Uhrin by Monica Koshuta

***CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD
ST. BASIL THE GREAT***

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

SATURDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

Jan. 03 Sat. 10:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on Edward Dintsch by
Deacon Elmer & Sally Pekarik

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

Jan. 04 Sun. 8:00 AM +Peter Gaydos by Mary Gaydos
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – January 4, 2015

Jan. 04 Sun. 8:00 AM P. O'Leary (L), J. Jaimes, J. O'Leary
10:30 AM T. Hogan (L), G. Noyes, M. Noyes, James Soyka

USHER SCHEDULE – January 4, 2015

Jan. 04 Sun. 8:00 AM T. Ryan (L), K. Koshute, B. Wargo
10:30 AM T. Fazio (L), E. Gubanich, G. Semonick

Sunday after Christmas

December 28, 2014

Sunday after Christmas. Today is the commemoration of Saint Joseph the Betrothed, the husband of the Mother of God and foster father and guardian of the Son of God who became man who became the Son of Mary. We honor him with his ancestor King David, who God promised that the Messiah would be a descendant, and with James, the “brother”, that is, relative, of the Lord. Saint Joseph the craftsman (sometimes called carpenter) was chosen to be a reflection of God the Father who is the Creator (craftsman) of the universe. What kind of man must St. Joseph be that God the Father selects him above all other men as the image of the Father Himself. As Saint Joseph is honored by God the Father, we, the children of the Father by adoption in baptism, honor him also.

Saint Basil the Great. On January 1st each year we observe the memory of Saint Basil the Great on the anniversary of his death, January 1, 379 at the age of 50, one of the only several saints who were given the title “the Great” along with the popes Saint Gregory the Great and Saint Leo the Great.

1. Saint Basil was born about 329 in Caesaria in Cappadocia, a city of about 400,000 to Basil the Elder, a wealthy lawyer, and Emmelia. He was the second of ten children in a most remarkable family. His grandmother was Saint Macrina the Elder. Of his siblings three are saints of the Church: Saint Macrina the Younger, Saint Peter of Sabaste, and Saint Gregory of Nyssa.

2. After graduating from the University of Athens, he came under the influence of his sister, Saint Macrina the Younger, who inspired him to answer the call to the priesthood.

3. Basil composed the rule for monastic life that would fill more than two hundred pages in English translation, defended the principle of faith that the Holy Spirit is God with the Father and the Son, was a giant in defending the Church from the interference of the Roman Emperor Valens and as metropolitan archbishop reordered church life and the behavior of the clergy.

4. His lasting monument was the establishment of the New City, the Basiliad, a place where all in need received medical attention and proper food as well as spiritual sustenance.

Fasting Regulations. There is no fast or abstinence this week from Christmas until January 5th.

Slava Men's Chorus. Slava Men's Chorus will lead responses today, the Sunday after Christmas (Dec. 28th) at 10:30 liturgy. Christmas Carols will begin at 10:10 AM.

Epiphany Holy Supper. We are looking for some helpers for preparing the Epiphany Holy Supper on Saturday, January 3 (food preparation) and on Sunday, January 4 to help serve the food and clean up. Please call Madonna Jaimes, 703-522-0019. If you can help just an hour or two, all help is appreciated.

Adult Classes for Reception into the Catholic Church or Baptism. Classes will start soon for adults wishing to come into full Communion with the Catholic Church, and for those adults preparing for baptism in the Catholic Church. Please contact Deacon El as soon as possible to register and begin preparations for this process.

Inquirer's Classes. Informational classes for those interested in learning about the Byzantine Catholic tradition will begin in January. If you are a Latin Catholic interested in finding out more about the Byzantine Catholic Church or just curious about us, please join the conversation. The classes will be held January 11th, January 25th, February 1st and February 8th between Divine Liturgies in the Chapel basement.

Christmas Candle Correction. In memory of +Susan Dorich remembered by Dina Dorich.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations. We offer our prayerful best wishes to our parish seminarian, Subdeacon Lewis Rabayda, who has graduated from Ss. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA, with a Master of Divinity degree. Subdeacon Lewis is visiting our parish today and a small reception in honor of his graduation will take place after both Divine Liturgies today in the parish center. May Jesus Christ, our High Priest, be his model and his inspiration as he continues his preparation for ordination to the Holy Priesthood. May God grant the Subdeacon Lewis many years. Mnohaja l'ita!

Parish Office Schedule. In observance of the New Years holiday, the Parish Office will be closed Thursday, January 1. Office hours will resume on Friday, January 2nd.

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

Epiphany Bookstore. The Epiphany Bookstore is now located in the entry area of the Parish Center. It is open between liturgies on Sunday. Please stop by and check out our selection of icons, cards, crosses, books and gift items. 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 or delivered to the Parish Office by December 31, 2014 to count for 2014.

Eparchial Stewardship Appeal 2014. Our parish goal this year is \$19,800; when we reach our goal, we will receive a 40% rebate on the goal in addition to pledges over the goal! Many thanks to the sixty-one families who have pledged \$9,520 towards our goal. If you make your pledge online at www.eparchyofpassaic.com - by scrolling down to the bottom of the home page and clicking the "Donate" button - please contact the Parish Office with that fact and the amount to ensure that Epiphany will be credited with your pledge. Thank you for your generosity!

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12/30/14 No Bingo Team C
01/06/15 Team D
01/13/15 Team A
01/20/15 Team B
<http://EMCBINGO.com>

Charitable IRA Distribution for 2014. Congress has extended the 2012 tax legislation opportunity throughout 2014 for individuals age 70½ or older to make a direct distribution from an IRA by December 31, 2014 to a qualified charity, such as Epiphany of our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church. These qualified distributions (up to \$100,000) to charity from your IRA are not subject to federal income tax. Arrangements must be made with the IRA plan administrator. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Annandale, VA
<http://www.eolbcc.org>

Epiphany of Our Lord Mission
<http://www.montgomeryvz.org>

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EPARCHIAL AND OTHER CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Epiphany Church, Roswell, GA Fire. Deepest appreciation and thanks to all who signed the letter to Father Philip Scott, Epiphany's first vocation to the Holy Priesthood, and the parishioners of Epiphany of our Lord, Roswell, Georgia, extending prayers and support following the fire on December 14th which was as a result of arson. Father Philip Scott and the parishioners will be using the chapel of a nearby Catholic academy for Divine Liturgy and services.