



## COMING EVENTS

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EMC BINGO

01/15/19	Team B
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01/29/19	Team D
02/05/19	Team A

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## TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations – January 6, 2019

Adults	\$3,108.00
Initial Offering	\$120.00
Building Fund	\$1,060.00
School of Religion	\$21.00
Candles	\$135.41
Holy Days	\$915.00
BCY	\$5.00
Holy Water bottles	\$22.00
ECL	\$24.00
St. Nicholas Fund	\$31.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,441.41</b>

*"Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth." (Dt. 8:18)*

## LITURGY AND LIFE

**Prayer Intentions.** Please remember in prayer: Michael Mikulak, David Sayen, Mary McDonnell, Justine Ferrari, Louis Shanks, Caroline Zurun, Mary Beth Vieira, Irene Markovich, George Semonick, Mary Gaydos, Betty Markovchick, Jeffrey Sesok, John Vernoski, and Marge Rusnak. Please pray for these friends and relatives of parishioners: Shirley Anne Markham, Jeffrey Mikulak, Francine O'Leary, Russell Plasha, Tim O'Leary, Joanne Gaudino, Patricia Delfine, Rev. Joseph Jugan, Steven Goula, Fr. Conan Timoney, Eileen Gray, James Seman, Fr. Lee Gross, Mike Shuster, James Williamson, Greg Starr, Florence Kunder, Ed Livingston, Richard Doering, Julia

Zdynak, Mary Catharine Bishop, Tim Berty, Joyce Rose, Ethan Augliera, Krista Brazzill, and Jean Figel.

**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 parishioners is "For the Intention of Parishioners." The faithful who attend the Divine Liturgy for the parishioners who 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: Lois Sarachman, Michael Saupp & family, David and Rhonda Sayen & family, James Sayen, Sr. & family, Joseph and Ashley Sayen, Marshall III and Catherine Sayen & family, Mary Sayen and from the Mission, Richard and Doris Fejka & family.

**Postfestive of the Theophany.** The postfestive of the Theophany or Epiphany of our Lord is a period of observing the feast of Theophany for eight days after the feast of Theophany on January 6<sup>th</sup>. This period includes the Synaxis of St. John the Baptist on January 7<sup>th</sup> and the Saturday after Theophany and the Sunday after Theophany. The postfestive periods that the Church provides for feasts are an indication of how significant the event is for our salvation, indicated by the number of days in the postfestive. In the case of Theophany the eight days is the greatest number of days for a postfestive. Eight days gives us time to observe the feast by liturgical celebrations and by reflection on the meaning of the event for

the life of each of us. Postfestives begin with a special observance the day after the fast called a synaxis or gathering of the Church to honor the human or angelic being who is a principle cooperater in the event of salvation being celebrated. On January 7<sup>th</sup> it is the Synaxis of St. John the Baptist.

**Holy Water.** Holy Water, blessed on the feast of Theophany, is available in the narthex.

**Fast Days resume.** Fridays resume as days of penance. As every Sunday is the weekly observance of the Pascha so every Friday is the weekly commemoration of Great Friday. For the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church in the United States the fast on a day of penance is simple abstinence from meat, or the substitution of an equivalent penitential work or charitable work.

**Day of Prayer and Penance.** Annually, January 22 is appointed as a day of prayer and penance on the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade*, January 22, 1973, which legalized abortion. As individuals, Catholics are called to pray, fast, and give alms on this day or on January 23 when January 22 occurs on a Sunday.

**Calendars for 2019.** Church Calendars for 2019 are available in the narthex. The church calendars provide the Scripture readings for every day, the holydays and their rankings, and the fasting times.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Eikona Studios.** Christine Uveyges Loya, the principle of Eikona Studios, will arrive at

Epiphany on Tuesday and begin the work of installing the icon of the Crucifixion. She will be bringing workers with her and will complete the installation on Wednesday. The icons of the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, and the Dormition on the nave cornice will be blessed by Bishop Kurt Burnette and Bishop Milan Lach at the Divine Liturgy for Life on Friday, January 18.

**Church Consecration.** The plaque commemorating the consecration of the Holy Table and the church of Epiphany of our Lord, November 20, 2011 and the names of the members of the Parish Planning Committee is in fabrication by W & E Baum, Freehold, NJ but will not be completed for the parish feast of Epiphany of our Lord. The estimated date is the beginning of February 2019.

**Bingo.** The profit from Epiphany Men's Club Bingo must go to Epiphany Building Fund according to the provisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia with Epiphany Men's Club. Volunteers will be needed on Tuesdays of 2019 for next year's EMC Bingo. Consider volunteering to work on one of four teams that cover Bingo. It means you would work one Tuesday per month. Twelve Bingos a year too much to commit to right now? Consider instead adding your name as a substitute worker, a very valuable help when a worker from one of the four teams cannot work or when there is a larger than usual number of patrons expected for a special occasion or a high jackpot.

**Parish Activity Calendar.** Organization and activity chairpersons please contact Marsha Puhak with the event dates you are planning

for each month in 2019. Failure to do so will leave your planned event unscheduled on the church and Parish Office calendar.

**Church Narthex Doors.** Concern has been expressed regarding the cold air coming through the space between the front doors of the church. As you may recall, Precision Doors has repaired the closers on all the doors and replaced the side door of the church. Part of the plan is to replace the weather stripping on the front doors because it was too thick and wide causing the doors to be difficult to open or close properly. Precision Doors removed the existing weather stripping with the plan to order the correct size and replace it. We are waiting for the correct size to become available.

## EPARCHIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bishop's Appeal 2018.** The Bishop's Appeal 2018 began October 1, 2018 and runs to December 31, 2018. Parishioners should have received their Pledge Cards and letter from the bishop in the mail. The goal for Epiphany church Annandale is \$19,800, the same goal as last year. Parishioners have pledged \$12,775 toward our goal. Pledges can be made directly to the chancery finance office using the pledge card by sending a check. Parishioners can also make a pledge online at [www.eparchyofpassaic.com](http://www.eparchyofpassaic.com). Pledges or donations received in the Chancery post marked December 31st will be applied to the 2018 Appeal. A letter of acknowledgement will be sent and should be received by January

31, 2019 for the 2018 tax year. Pledges and donations toward the 2018 Appeal made through the first quarter will be applied to the 2018 Appeal but cannot be claimed by the donor until the end of the 2019 tax year. The Appeal is used to help our churches in Eastern Europe. It also helps pay for the education of our seminarians at the seminary in Pittsburgh. The Appeal is used to bring priests from Europe and to support their families in the transition. It also helps to begin new parishes and to support existing struggling parishes. Please prayerfully consider the cases for the appeal and pledge as you are able. As in previous years when our parish meets its goal it will receive a 40% reversion. The reversion will be used to fund the list of repairs: the parking lot, foundation waterproofing, and planning for the chapel a/c obsolescence.

**March for Life.** The March for Life will be held this Friday, January 18, 2019. The Vigil for Life held annually at the Basilica of the National Shrine will be Thursday, January 17. Byzantine Compline will be from 9:30 PM to 10:30 PM. Celebrant will be Bishop Kurt Burnette. Responses will be rendered by the Slava Men's Chorus and Epiphany cantors. Following Compline the seminarians from seminaries around the country will each take an hour to keep vigil through the night and make it possible for the Basilica to stay open for people to pray and keep vigil until the Morning Mass. Bishop Kurt Burnette and Bishop Milan Lach, the Bishop of Parma, will celebrate the morning Divine Liturgy at Epiphany of our Lord, Friday, January 18, at 10:00AM. Epiphany will provide a brunch at the parish center immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Many of the food items are

easily packable for those who plan to depart for the Rally and March at the National Mall. **Transportation to Compline.** Epiphany is renting a van for those who are interested in praying Compline with Bishop Kurt Burnette, the visiting priests, deacons, monastic sisters, and Christ's Faithful at the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine January 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 PM. Please see Chris Braunlich if you are interested.

**Nine Days for Life.** The Catholic Church in the United States prays a novena of nine days of prayer for life from tomorrow, January 14<sup>th</sup> to January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. Over 100,000 people are signed up at the USCCB web site to receive the daily prayers and reflections. While novenas are a Latin Church form of prayer, Byzantine Catholics who desire to join their brother and sisters Catholics in the United States may do so by praying the Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God daily for the nine days. The Akathist Hymn is a poetic composition about the incarnation of God the Son in the womb of the Blessed Virgin at the moment of conception in her womb at the Annunciation. If you do not have a copy of the Akathist Hymn handy, please go the publications page of [www.metropolitancantorinstitute.org](http://www.metropolitancantorinstitute.org).

**Seminary Applications.** Father Michael Kerestes, the vocations director of the Eparchy of Passaic, announced that applications for acceptance as a seminarian of the Eparchy of Passaic for the Fall 2019-Spring 2020 academic year must be completed by January 31, 2019. Any men in the parish who feel called by God to a vocation must contact the Vocations Director as soon as possible to

ensure completing the multi-step application process, procure the necessary references, and complete the required pre-admissions testing procedures. Father Kerestes further asks all parishioners to pray for the seminarians of the Eparchy of Passaic at our seminary and also to pray for vocations to the priesthood to respond generously and sacrificially to God's call

### **Film Screening of "Intelligent**

**Lives"** - Bishop O'Connell High School is happy to host a FREE viewing of Dan Habib's new film, INTELLIGENT LIVES on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. This film is a catalyst to transform the label of intellectual disability from a life sentence of isolation into a life of possibility for the most systematically segregated people in America. INTELLIGENT LIVES challenges what it means to be intelligent, and points to a future in which people of all abilities can fully participate in higher education, meaningful employment, and intimate relationships. The 70-minute film will be shown in the Bishop O'Connell auditorium, located at 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington, and will be followed by a panel discussion. The event is open to the public. For questions, please contact Susan Rinaldi, Director of Expanded Services at Bishop O'Connell High School at [Srinaldi@bishopoconnell.org](mailto:Srinaldi@bishopoconnell.org).

## 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 Council of Administration

Emil Koval, Greg Puhak, Sally Green

**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

Announcements may be dropped off in the Parish Office, faxed to the office (703-573-1088) or email to [epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net](mailto:epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net).

**Registration** - Individuals who wish to register in the Parish should stop by the Parish Office and complete a census form.

#### Parish Office Staff

Jamie Bacigalupi, Administrative Assistant  
Diane Dougherty, Financial Assistant

**Parish Office Hours:** 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday- Friday  
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Sunday

**Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Annandale, VA**

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