

Liturgy for the people of the parish entrusted to him on Sundays and days of precept [holy days 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: Edward and Miriam Strickland, Joseph and Heather Strickland, Michael and Emily Strickland, Robert and Jennifer Strickland & family, Joel and Michelle Susco & family, Thomas and Nancy Susco & family, David and Rebecca Sweda, and from the Mission, Elizabeth and Kevin Keyes & family.

Great Fast Preparation. It is difficult to begin any task with a cold start. The holy fathers knew this and established a series of several Sundays to gradually prepare us for the beginning of the Great Fast. The Lenten Triodion is in two parts, the preparation Sundays and weeks and then the Great Fast itself. We can think of it as our "spring training" before the regular season of the forty day fast begins. This Sunday is the second of these, the Sunday of the Prodigal Son, on which the gospel according to Luke which records the parable the Lord told about those two sons and their father. The Lord Jesus told this parable during the forty days between His transfiguration and crucifixion. The younger son asks for his inheritance, his essence or being actually, and leaves his Father's house. The life he then leads is senseless and meaningless. There is a moment of insight as he starves while feeding pigs—unclean animals not allowed as food in the Old Testament—to repent and ask to be received back as a servant by his Father. His imperfect repentance motivated only by avoiding starving develops into perfect repentance as he rehearses his act of contrition. His Father has been waiting for his son and runs to embrace him and restore the emblems of sonship to him and then orders a great banquet. His older brother is angered by his brother's

return and his Father's welcome explaining that there is a cost to his younger brother's waste. Someone must make up for that loss not only to the Father but to the household. The point of the sacrifice of the Son of God is in the background of Jesus' words. The Father explains what repentance and confession effect, that his son, the older son's brother, has come back to life and so repentance and confession and forgiveness must be celebrated in joy. The music, banquet and food that satisfies of the celebration demonstrates that the excitement and good time that the young son was seeking outside the Father's house in meaningless diversions is really found in meaningful joy in the Father's house. The Father's words about being joyful and celebrating indicate that the Great Fast and the fasting, repentance and forgiveness of sins that takes place during this sacred period is a joyful time and that reception of the Sacrament of Penance brings joy. When God's baptized sons and daughters who have departed from God's household return, the brothers and sisters who stayed with the Father must have the family behavior and act like their Father and receive them with forgiveness and celebration.

All Souls Saturday. This Saturday is the first of five All Souls Saturdays. The Divine Liturgy and a Panachida will be offered for the eternal memory of those souls whose names parishioners have submitted to the parish office in the diptychs-hramoty on this Saturday. If you have not submitted your envelope with your departed family names please do so tomorrow.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Schedule. The Parish Office will be closed Monday, February 18th, in observance of Presidents' Day, a federal holiday. Office hours will resume on Tuesday, February 19th.

EMC Coffee Klatch. The EMC executive committee will be providing an update to men from our parish Sunday, March 3, 2019,

between liturgies. The goal is to engage current and potential members who are unable to attend the meetings by providing a review of activities discussed from the most recent EMC meeting. This is also an opportunity for those men to offer up suggestions for the good of the order. It is planned that these updates will occur the Sundays before the upcoming EMC meetings.

- Yours in the service of our God, EMC officers

EMC Breakfast. Epiphany Men's Club will host breakfast today, February 17th in the parish center. Breakfast will be served between Divine Liturgies. All are invited to attend.

Nut Roll Baking. Nut Roll Baking Day is just around the corner! We'll be making all three varieties this session -- nut, poppy seed, and apricot rolls. Please mark your calendars for Saturday **February 23** and plan to join us **beginning around 7** at the parish hall. We will definitely need rollers who can start **early**, but there are lots of jobs to be done throughout the day, so please arrive when convenient and stay as long as you are able! We provide on-the-job training for the following tasks: *Roller* Weigher; Dough, Prep, Mixer/Baker, Filling/Dough (outside kitchen), Butter/Cooling, Baggers, Clean Up crew. Please contact Nancy Soyka (nsoyka@msn.com) or Kyra Gerardi (gerardisix@gmail.com) with any questions and to let us know when you can volunteer as well as your preferred job. Thanks in advance for sharing your time and talent to ensure we continue this treasured ethnic culinary tradition!
-Glory to Jesus Christ!

Nancy and Kyra

End of Year Giving Statements. The end of the year giving statements for 2018 have been mailed out and should have arrived at your mailbox. If you have donated \$110 or more and have not received a giving statement, please notify the parish office.

EPARCHIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop's Appeal 2018. The Bishop's Appeal 2018 began October 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. Parishioners should have received Pledge Cards and a letter from the bishop in the mail. The goal for Epiphany church Annandale is \$19,800, the same as last year. As of December 31, 2018, the report from the Eparchy of Passaic lists that parishioners of Epiphany have pledged \$18,265. As in previous years, when a parish meets its goal it will receive 40% reversion Pledges and donations can still be made during 2019 for the 2018 Appeal although the amounts must be claimed by the donors for the 2019 tax year. If you have not yet pledged please consider doing so in order that our parish might receive its 40% reversion, especially since we are so close to our assigned goal. The reversion will be used to fund the list of repairs: the parking lot, foundation waterproofing, and planning chapel a/c obsolescence.

Eparchy ECF on Facebook. Father Dr. Vasyl Chepelsky, director of the Eparchy of Passaic Office of Eastern Catholic Formation, recently announced that the Eparchy of Passaic, catechetical office has a new Facebook page. He writes, "Please note that the ECF Office of the Eparchy of Passaic recently published a Facebook page. This page aims to assist any person who desires to learn more about our Faith and our beautiful Byzantine Catholic Tradition. We hope it will serve to unite people of all ages who thirst for knowledge about God. Here they can come together as one community to learn more about our faith, find helpful resources for further learning, share inspirational quotes and stories, regular homily reflections, discuss various topics, and more. A dedicated team of clergy and parish catechists throughout the Eparchy will coordinate this ministry. Please check the page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/Teach-me-O-Lord-ECF-Office-of-Byzantine-Catholic-Eparchy-of->

Passaic-178288089491219/ and announce it to your parishioners.”

The Tamburitzans. The Tamburitzans folk musicians dancers, singers will be performing on Sunday, March 17 at Northern Virginia Community College - Annandale campus Ernst Theatre from 3:00-5:00 pm. Tickets \$30 each. Contact Helen Wegman at (703) 904-0187 by February 20, or reserve directly at 412-224-2071 extension for Elaine.

“Trip of a Lifetime” Pilgrimage. Once again, Lector Jack Figel will be leading a “trip of a lifetime” ecumenical pilgrimage sponsored by the Orientale Lumen Foundation to Constantinople (Istanbul), The Holy Land and Rome for two weeks of prayer, visiting holy sites, and audiences with top Church officials. The group will depart from Washington-Dulles on the evening of July 10, 2019 and return July 25, 2019. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has confirmed a private audience; Patriarch Emeritus Gregorios will accompany the group for most of the 5 days in Jerusalem (which includes staying at the Melkite Guest House a few blocks from the Church of the Holy Sepulcher), and a private audience with Pope Francis has been requested. The trip is only \$4495 per person, double occupancy, including airfare, 2 meals a day, all accommodations, and tours. Call 703-691-8862 to get a detailed brochure or download one from the website: <https://olfoundation.net/ecumenical-pilgrimage/>. Space is limited; deadline for registration is March 1, 2019.

50th Anniversary Pilgrimage. Join Bishop Milan Lach on a pilgrimage to Rome on the 50th anniversary of the canonical establishment of the Eparchy of Parma, May 13-22. The pilgrimage will highlight the Byzantine Catholic features in the Eternal City and allow the pilgrims to experience the Eastern Catholic community in Rome. Bishop Milan, Parma Horizons editor Laura Ieraci, and Father Andrew Summerson, the pilgrimage chaplain,

all studied in Rome and anticipate visiting and praying at: the original icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, the place at St. Clement Basilica where St. Cyril, apostle to the Slavs, is interred, the church of St. Anthony Abbot where Blessed Theodore Romzha was ordained a priest, praying with the Greek Catholic community in Rome at their church, Santa Maria in Cosmedin (see the early form of the iconostasis) where the relics of St. Valentine are kept. Visit the Pontifical Oriental Institute where Bishop Kurt Burnette studied and where research and classes in Byzantine history, liturgy, law, and spirituality are taught in degree awarding program, and the 1,000 year-old Greek Catholic monastery in Grottaferrata and see the vintage printing presses where the typical editions of the Ruthenian liturgical books were printed from 1940-1973. Pilgrims will visit all these as well as the usual places a pilgrim expects, St Peter’s Basilica, the Vatican Museums, the Coliseum, and an audience with the pope. Space is limited. For information See www.parma.org/romepilgrimage.

Sunday of Prodigal Son

COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

- Byzantine Spirituality
- Bishop's Appeal Update
- Inquirer's Classes
- Nut Roll Baking
- EMC Coffee Klatch
- Trash/Recycling
- The Tamburitzans

EMC BINGO

02/19/19	Team C
02/26/19	Team D
03/05/19	Team A
03/12/19	Team B

<http://EMCBINGO.com>

February 17, 2019

TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations – February 10, 2019

Adults	\$2,870.00
Children	\$.50
Initial Offering	\$20.00
Building Fund	\$1,273.00
School of Religion	\$96.00
Candles	\$92.32
Holy Days	\$50.00
BCY	\$5.00
Holy Water Bottles	\$16.00
ECL	\$132.00
<u>St. Nicholas Fund</u>	<u>\$35.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4,789.82

"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, Jean Figel, and Doris Stender, aunt of Emil Koval..

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]

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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Very Rev. John G. Basarab - Pastor

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory Forever!

February 17, 2019

Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava Na Viki!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Feb. 17 Sun. 8:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on Joseph Stone by LaDonna Rodock
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

Forty-first week after Pentecost

Feb. 19 Tues. 10:00 AM +John A. Matthey by Maryann Matthey

Feb. 22 Fri. 10:00 AM +James Markovich by Irene Markovich

FIRST ALL SOULS SATURDAY

Feb.23 Sat. 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy and Remembrance of the Departed

SUNDAY OF MEATFARE

Feb. 24 Sun. 8:00 AM +Julia Hancher by Michael Hancher
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – February 24, 2019

Feb. 24 Sun. 8:00 AM J. Cooke (L), J. Hughes, T. Hughes, J. Lampl
10:30 AM J. Cassella (L), A. Naccash, G. Naccash, J. Naccash

USHER SCHEDULE – February 24, 2019

Feb. 24 Sun. 8:00 AM T. Ryan (L), K. Kshute, T. Susco
10:30 AM J. Kepick (L), E. Gubanich, 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 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

9:30 AM - 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

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>

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