

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: Carisia Switala, Stephen and Sophia Tanner & family, Karen Taylor, Michael and Lynette Terpak, Paul Terpak & family, Bradley Thomas, Patricia Trubia, and from the Mission, Raymond Klimkosky.

**Great Fast Preparation.** The beginning of the Great Fast is only a week away. In the traditional fast today is the final day to consume meat before Pascha, hence the name Meat-fare[well] Sunday. However, this farewell to meat and the rest of the fasting discipline to come is not to be seen as a sadness but as being like the prodigal son "coming to his senses," so we fast and take on the diet of the Garden of Eden which Adam and Eve lost by not fasting. This Sunday is the third of four Sundays contained in the liturgical book, the Lenten Triodion. 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 past two Sundays presented the great patience, long-suffering, and mercy of God in the Lord's parables of the Publican and the Pharisee and the Prodigal Son. This Sunday gospel is a prophecy our Lord spoke on Great Week of the Last Judgment, which gives urgency to take advantage of the mercy of God while it can be obtained. No one is more patient and loving than God, but even God will not forgive those who do not repent. This Sunday presents the Great Fast as the preparation for the end of the world and the Second Coming of Christ and the Eternal Passover, which is emphasized on Palm Sunday and the first three days of Great Week. On Palm Sunday, the Lord

Himself set this theme when He said: "Now is the judgment of this world. Now the ruler of this world will be cast out" (John 12:31). Not only, then, is the Great Fast a time of preparation for entering into the events of the Passion and crucifixion, it is the preparation for us of the end of the world and our final judgment. The prophecy of Jesus is about the criterion of the Last Judgment, the love of others as service and love of Christ Himself. Christian love is not an occasion for doing a good deed or as an exercise in philanthropy, but as the beginning of an eternal companionship in God Himself and the Communion of Saints, for we are not an only-child—heaven is not to be thought of as being alone with God for eternity but with the saints and angels. Yesterday was Meat-fare Saturday, the first of the All Souls Saturdays, a universal commemoration of those who have departed placing their hope in God for eternal life. It is closely related to the theme today of the Sunday of the Last Judgment since the services focus on the Second Coming of Christ and the resurrection of the dead. Yesterday's Liturgy for the Departed and the Panachida with the reading of the names of our departed in the dyptychs-hramoty, we had put today's gospel into practice, for the souls, separated from their bodies, are truly the least of Jesus' brothers and sisters since they cannot help themselves any longer. So, we prayed that God would forgive their sins and commend them to God all who have departed and who are now awaiting the Last Judgment.

**Aliturgical Days.** Wednesday and Friday of this week are aliturgical days, days on which the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated. Vespers and Matins on those days are prayed like a Lenten day and the Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian is prayed for the first time.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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

**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.

**Mercy Meal.** Epiphany of our Lord Ladies Guild will host a Mercy Meal for the parish family of +Bertha Walak following the Divine Liturgy this Saturday, March 2nd. +Bertha was a long time Epiphany parishioner best known for her love of all things Epiphany and dancing to a good polka. The Divine Liturgy Saturday is for the intention of the fortieth day following her death in January of this year.

## EPARCHIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bishop's Appeal.** Epiphany parish goal for 2018 is \$19,800, the same as it was for the previous year. The total amount pledged so far is \$18,885, only \$815 short of goal. When we reach the goal 40% of the \$19,800 will be returned to the parish which our parish has earmarked for parish maintenance such as the parking lot repaving and the foundation waterproofing as well as saving for replacement of obsolescent air conditioning equipment in the chapel. Thank you to all who have made sacrificial gifts to the appeal on behalf of our parish. If you have not yet pledged to the Appeal you can still pledge to the 2018 Appeal to help us make our goal.

**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."

**Eparchy of Parma Jubilee.** The Eparchy of Parma was canonically established fifty years ago, February 21, 1969. The Eparchy will observe the anniversary June 20-22, just prior to the feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, the patron of the cathedral church in Parma, Ohio. At that time, Parma will host a full-day pastoral theology workshop June 20, on the theme, "Cultivating Life in Christ." The workshop, presented by the Intereparchial Vocations Commission, is open to all clergy of the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh. It aims to offer tools for preaching, pastoral ministry and vocational discernment in the Byzantine tradition. This will be followed by a pilgrimage for families and youth to be held in the Cleveland-Parma area June 21, followed by an all-night vigil at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. A Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and reception will be held June 22 at 11 a.m. at the cathedral. More information to follow. The parish bulletin contains several announcements of events in their golden anniversary year.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pilgrimage.** Join Bishop Milan Lach on a pilgrimage to Rome on the 50<sup>th</sup> 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's 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 programs, and Greek Catholic monastery of Grottaferrata and see the vintage Church Slavonic printing presses where the typical editions of the Ruthenian liturgical books were published from 1940 to 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](http://www.parma.org/romepilgrimage).

**Rediscover Your Roots.** The Eparchy of Parma and St. Nicholas Church, Lorain, Ohio invite you to join with Bishop Milan Lach, S. J. for an evening of prayer, dining and the debut of a documentary, "Rediscover Your Roots: A Journey through Central Europe" produced by Horizons Media March 1, 6-9 PM. Dinner includes baked fish, halushki, pirohi, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, Famous Pascha, and nut and poppy rolls for dessert. Tickets are \$20, \$10 for ages 6-12, 5 and younger free. See [info@stnicks.org](mailto:info@stnicks.org) for information. Deadline for reservations is tomorrow, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

**New Pilgrimage Destination.** The Byzantine Catholic parish in Livonia, Michigan of the Eparchy of Parma, has recently become a pilgrimage site, aimed at helping pilgrims connect with the Early Church martyrs. Sacred Heart Parish inaugurated a new, unique shrine of many first-class relics, with a particular emphasis upon saints representing the first five centuries of church history. The relics are of saints, both Eastern and Western, and include: St. John Chrysostom, St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory Nazianzus, St. Justin Martyr, Ss. Cosmas and Damian, Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Ss. Peter and Paul, Ss. Polycarp and Ananias, St. Andrew the Apostle, St. Nicholas of Myra, St. Anthony of the Desert, St. Clement of Rome, Ss. Constantine and Helen, St. Jerome, Ss. Perpetua and Felicity, St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. George, St. Emilian, as well as a large relic of the True Cross, upon which Jesus was crucified, and a piece of the bloody cassock of St. John Paul II. Roman Catholic parishes in Michigan have begun making pilgrimage to Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church.

**"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.

Sunday of Meatfare

**COMING EVENTS**

*(see inside for details)*

- Byzantine Spirituality
- Great Fast Preparations
- Aliturgical Days
- Bishop's Appeal Update
- Eparchy on Facebook
- EMC Coffee Klatch
- Mercy Meal
- Giving Statements
- Pilgrimages

<u>EMC BINGO</u>	
02/26/19	Team D
03/05/19	Team A
03/12/19	Team B
03/19/19	Team C
<a href="http://EMCBINGO.com">http://EMCBINGO.com</a>	

February 24, 2019

**TITHING & GIVING**

Parish Donations – February 17, 2019

Adults	\$2,681.30
Children	\$1.10
Initial Offering	\$5.00
Building Fund	\$1,905.00
School of Religion	\$71.00
Candles	\$118.47
Holy Days	\$5.00
BCY	\$10.00
Holy Water Bottles	\$34.35
ECL	\$48.00
St. Nicholas Fund	\$13.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,892.22</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, 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



# ΕΠΙΦΑΝΙΑ OF OUR LORD Byzantine Catholic Church

## The Sacraments – Our Life in Christ

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**Very Rev. John G. Basarab – Pastor**

<b>Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!</b>	<b>February 24, 2019</b>	<b>Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!</b>
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### ***DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE***

#### ***SUNDAY OF MEATFARE***

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

#### ***Cheesefare Week***

Feb. 26 Tues.	10:00 AM	+Bertha Walak by Jean Bicher, Velma Lewis & Suzanne Bartman
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Feb. 27. Wed.		Aliturgical
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Mar. 01 Fri.		Aliturgical
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#### ***All Holy and Ascetical Fathers and Mothers***

Mar. 02 Sat.	10:00 AM	+Bertha Walak by Epiphany Ladies Guild
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#### ***SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE***

Mar. 03 Sun.	8:00 AM	+Malcolm Ryan by Epiphany Men's Club
	10:30 AM	Intention of Parishioners
	5:00 PM	Forgiveness Vespers

#### ***ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – March 3, 2019***

Mar. 3 Sun.	8:00 AM	J. Cooke (L), J. Hughes, J. O'Leary, P. O'Leary
	10:30 AM	J. Naccash (L), J. Cassella, A. Naccash, G. Naccash

#### ***USHER SCHEDULE – March 3, 2019***

Mar. 3 Sun.	8:00 AM	H. Katawczik (L), J. Kotula, J. Nashwinter
	10:30 AM	E. Koval (L), R. Bass, K. Kepick

**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 FOCUS, 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.

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