

Prayers for our Parishioners. The particular law of the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church directs that the pastor is to offer 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: Kevin and Theresa Bell & family, John and Patricia Berezny & family, Charles Bernard, Amelia Bordas, Joanne Borden & family, Daniel Bower, Chris and Eileen Braulich & family, and from the Mission, Henry and Roselyn Kretscmaier..

Third Sunday and Fourth Week. Day of Abstinence. Wednesdays and Fridays during the Great Fast are days of abstinence, that is, no meat or meats products are consumed.

All Souls Saturdays. There are five All Souls Saturdays during the liturgical year when we pray the Divine Liturgy and remember our faithful departed by name. The next All Souls Saturday is this Saturday, March 30th.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pussy Willows. Pussy Willows are beginning to bud. Those parishioners who have pussy willows and supply them for our parish to use for Palm Sunday are asked to check your plants for any sign of

budding. We are told that the correct way to cut them is to wait until almost all the branches have budded and before the buds go green to cut them. They should be stored in a cool place until Palm Sunday. Thank you.

ELG Lenten Dinners. Lenten Dinners, sponsored by Epiphany Ladies Guild, have begun. Join your fellow parishioners and local community and observe the fast. The menu includes a choice of one of two homemade meatless soups, pirohi, halushki, salad, and dessert. Eat in or carry-out is available from 5-7PM. Support the charities and good works of the Ladies Guild, complete the fasting week with traditional fast food, and pray Presanctified Liturgy after Lenten Dinners at 7:30 PM. If you wish to volunteer to help, the sign up sheet and the categories of duties is on the doors of the storage room in the Parish Center.

Lenten Dinners Parking. Carousel Day Care has six designated parking spaces for child drop off and pickup. The exclusive use of these parking spaces is part of the rental agreement between Epiphany of our Lord and Carousel Day Care. Please do not park in these parking spaces, which are clearly marked, until the close of the day care business day at 6:30 PM. Apricot, Poppy seed and Lecvar Rolls are available for purchase while supplies last.

Pysanky Making At Lenten Dinners - Free for SOR students!! There is one Pysanky making sessions left during Lenten Dinners this year: March 29. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. SOR Teachers, if you would like to have your class meet during Lenten Dinners, please call Chris Malm 703-968-0220 to arrange a time. We would love for your

class to learn this ancient Christian craft. Everyone welcome!

Easter Meats. Easter Meats are available again this year at Lenten Dinners. See the order form insert in today's bulletin. Use the order form to select your favorite items and place your order in the box provided in the parish center on Sunday.

Calling all Easter Candy Helpers! The plan is to complete all candy preparation by April 6th, so that the April 9th session is not needed. There are three ways you can help; making, cleaning up and packaging chocolates and mints. Below is the schedule, please contact Marsha Puhak with your availability (vapuhaks@aol.com). Please consider giving a few hours of your time, even if you cannot stay for the entire time, any help will be appreciated.

Wednesday, April 3
11:00 to 3:00 - Mold Chocolates
3:00 - 5:00 - Cleanup

Saturday, April 6
11:00 to 3:00 - Mold Chocolates
3:00 to 5:00 - Cleanup

Tuesday, April 9 (Optional day if needed.)
5:30 to ? (usually 8 or 9)
Trimming /Packaging

ELG. The next Epiphany Ladies Guild will hold their next meeting will be tomorrow, April 1st. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM with the meeting following at 7:30 PM.

EMC Meeting Date Change: Please note the date of the next EMC meeting has change from April 4 to April 11th because of the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete. There will not be a guest speaker for April 11th due to a scheduling conflict for the planned speaker.

EMC Sunday Morning Coffee Klatch. The EMC Sunday morning coffee klatch will be held again between liturgies on April 7th. The discussion is open to all men of the parish to learn of EMC going on and to offer up suggestions for the good of the order. Last month the annual budget was presented.

St. Nicholas Apostolate for the Needy
At Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church, a significant way to actively participate in charity is through the St. Nicholas Apostolate for the Needy. The funds collected allow us to respond to the pressing and often immediate financial needs of our faithful and the community at large. During the past year, thanks to the generosity of Epiphany faithful, Epiphany Ladies Guild and Epiphany Men's Club, a record \$15,285.00 in critical funds was dispensed to 41 individuals in situations they could not handle without assistance. This was the equivalent of writing a check every nine days throughout the year. In particular, our faithful are reminded that during urgent financial crises, some assistance from the parish may be available. You may contact the Parish Office or Deacon El to review your particular situation. Additionally, our parish faithful are reminded that your donations to the Poor Box in the Church Vestibule are for the express purpose of financial assistance for those in crisis. Checks should be made to "Epiphany St. Nicholas Apostolate for the Needy Fund". All donations are gratefully received in Christian Charity.

- Thank you, Deacon El

EPARCHIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop's Appeal. Epiphany parish goal for 2018 is \$19,800, the same as it was for the previous year. Epiphany Annandale contributed \$21,160. A few of the pledges have not been completed. Reversions will be paid out in June when all pledges are complete.

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC) serves single Catholics 40 and over. Enjoy these events with us: lunch (every Thursday); visit to orchid display at the Smithsonian American Art Museum (April 7); movie and dinner in Merrifield (April 13); visit to Old Town Manassas (April 20); Easter Sunday breakfast at Knights of Columbus in Arlington (RSVP by April 16); ECHO Yard Sale at St. Bernadette School (April 27); dinner in Shirlington (April 28); Country/Western dancing (May 4). RSVP to Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com. For details, see our website: bit.ly/ptsc.

Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast

COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

- Byzantine Spirituality
- All Souls Saturday
- Pussy Willows
- Bishop's Appeal Update
- Lenten Dinners
- Lenten Dinner Parking
- Pysanky Classes
- Candy Making Helpers Needed
- EMC Meeting Change
- ELG Meeting
- Easter Meat Order Forms
- Prime Time Catholics

<u>EMC BINGO</u>	
04/02/19	Team A
04/09/19	Team B
04/16/19	NO BINGO Team C
04/23/19	Team D
http://EMCBINGO.com	

March 31, 2019

TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations – March 24, 2019

Adults	\$3,550.00
Children	\$50
Building Fund	\$795.00
School of Religion	\$96.00
Candles	\$95.70
Flowers	\$470.00
Holy Days	\$225.00
BCY	\$5.00
Byzantine Missions	\$20.00
<u>St. Nicholas Fund</u>	<u>\$577.00</u>
TOTAL	\$5,834.20

"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, June Parrell, Richard Ryaby, and Kelly Kunda



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!	March 31, 2019	Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viki!
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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SAINT JOHN CLIMACUS

Mar. 31 Sun. 8:00 AM +Mack and +Anna Hancher
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

Apr. 03 Wed. 7:30 PM Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts

Apr. 05 Fri. 7:30 PM Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts

AKATHISTOS SATURDAY

Apr. 06 Sat. 10:00 AM +Waclaw Bakierowski by Waclaw Bakierowski

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Apr. 07 Sun. 8:00 AM +Elizabeth Markovich by Irene Markovich
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – April 7, 2019

Apr. 07 Sun. 8:00 AM J. O'Leary (L), J. Cooke, J. Hughes, P. O'Leary
10:30 AM G. Naccash (L), J. Cassella, A. Naccash, G. Naccash

USHER SCHEDULE – April 7, 2019

Apr. 07 Sun. 8:00 AM H. Katawczik (L), K. Koshute, J. Susco
10:30 AM T. Fazio (L), K. Kepick, T. Soyka

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
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.

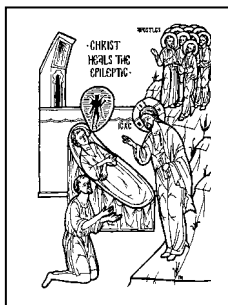
Registration - Individuals who wish to register in the Parish should stop by the Parish Office and complete a census form.

Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Annandale, VA

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Meditation on Today's Readings



4th Sunday of the Great Fast

“But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” Jesus said, ‘If you can! Everything is possible to one who has faith’. Then the boy’s father cried out, ‘I do believe. Help my unbelief’...Jesus...rebuked the unclean spirit and...it came out...Then they left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not want anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, ‘The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after he will rise.’”

Mark 9:17-31

The gospels appointed for the Third Sunday, the Fourth Sunday, and the Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast are all from the gospel according to Mark and are, respectively, the first, second and third predictions of the crucifixion the Lord Jesus spoke in order to prepare the apostles and the disciples. During the Great Fast we participate in the journey of the Lord Jesus from Mount Tabor to Jerusalem that took forty days. His words prepare us for this great work of God for us and for our salvation. All four gospels are read during the liturgical year although Mark is chosen during the Great Fast since it was the first gospel composed and thereby closest in time to the events.

The Great Fast is also the time that the catechumens are being prepared to be baptized on Great and Holy Saturday. The Rite of Baptism and Chrismation gives three prayers of exorcism upon the catechumen that are prayed at the Fourth and Fifth Sundays of the Great Fast and Palm Sunday, although for infants they are prayed all at once. The gospel is fresh with detail and manifests the eyewitness report of an exorcism of a boy that occurred during the forty days and concluding with the second prediction of the passion and crucifixion. As such we can see how the Church seventeen hundred years ago prepared people to be made into Christians by following the pattern of Jesus Himself for the preparation of the apostles and disciples. Not only does the Church prepare those to be baptized on Great Saturday during the Great Fast but those of us who are baptized are able to reflect each day this week on our Christian lives and examine ourselves if we are being more or less Christ-like.

The gospel witness says that after the exorcism the boy is thought dead but Jesus raises him up. This is what happens to each person at their baptism. We were drowned in the baptismal waters in the death of Jesus and raised out of the waters as a resurrected new person.

A significant feature of the gospel account is that the boy does not answer for himself because he is unable. The boy’s father must answer if he has faith enough. He has not the requisite faith that God requires to enter into the life of a person but he begs for his faith to be enlivened and Jesus does so. We are reminded that for most of us our parents and godparents presented us for baptism and answered for us. This is the origin of why the Church has infant baptism. We remember our parents and godparents today and examine if we need to ask God to strengthen our faith so that He can do marvelous things in our life.

This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm, which reaches into the interior behind the veil, where Jesus has entered on our behalf as forerunner, becoming high priest forever according to the order of Melchisedek.

Hebrews 6:13-20

The sacred writer writes about the virtue of hope, a virtue that human beings need to live and without which one would despair. The source for hope, the sacred writer explains, is God’s promise made to Abraham. There are two parts of God’s promise that insure that the promise will be carried out and those are the oath and the One taking the oath, and the Guarantor of the oath. In this case God is both the One taking the oath and the Guarantor, so there is no way it will not be fulfilled. It has been fulfilled by the Son of God, Jesus.

PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy
for

Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast

and

Commemoration of Saint John Climacus

PLACE RIBBONS AT:

- BLUE p. 11 Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy
GREEN p. 141 Resurrection Tone 4
YELLOW p. 226 Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: D

EXCEPT: Basil the Great Melodies A
Communion Hymn

1. The Divine Liturgy begins on p. 11 BLUE
2. Typical Psalms pp. 16-17, 23
3. At the Troparia:
 - Troparion of the Resurrection Tone 4 p. 141 GREEN
 - Troparion of St. John Climacus Tone 4 p. 226 YELLOW
 - Kontakion of St. John Climacus Tone 4 p. 226 YELLOW
4. Scripture readings:
 - Prokeimenon of the Fourth Sunday Tone 4 p. 142 GREEN
 - Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20
 - Alleluia of the Resurrection Tone 4 p. 225 YELLOW
 - Gospel: Mark 9:17-30
5. Instead of "It is truly proper..." Magnification
6. Anaphora of St. Basil the Great pp. 96-100

ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON – JEDINORODNYJ SYNE

Slava Otcu i Synu i Svjatomu Duchu, i nyhi i prisno, i vo v'iki v'ikov. Amiñ. Jedinorodnyj Syne, i

Slove Božij, bezsmerten syj, i izvolivij spasenija našeho radi voplotitisja ot svjatyja Bohorodicy i

prisno-d'ivy Mariji, nepreložno vočelov'ičivysja, raspnysja že, Christe Bože, smertiju smert' popravij, jedin syj Svjatyja Trojcy, sproslavl'ajemyj Otcu I Svjatomu Duchu, spasi nas.

KRESTU TVOJEMU-WE BOW TO YOUR CROSS

Krestu Tvojemu poklanjajemsja, Vladyko, i svjatoje voskressenije Tvoje slavim.

IŽE CHERUVIMY – LET US WHO MYSTICALLY

Iže Cheruvimy tajno obrazujušče, i životvorjasščej Trojc'i trisvjatuju p'isñ prinosjasšče, vsjakuju nyhi zitejskoje otveržim pečal'.

Amiñ. Jako da Carja vs'ich podimem, anhel'skimi nevidimo dorinosima činmi. Allilua. Allilua. Allilua.

SVJAT, SVJAT, SVJAT – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Svjat, svjat, svjat, Hospod' savaoth, ispolñ nebo i zeml'a slavy Tvojeja: osanna vo vyšnich, blahosloven hrjadyj vo imja Hospodne, osanna vo vyšnich.

TEBE POJEM – WE PRAISE YOU

Tebe pojem, Tebe blahoslovim, Teb'i blahodarim, Hospodi, i molimtisja Bože naš.

OTČE NAŠ – OUR FATHER

Otče naš, iže jesi na nebes'ich, da svjatitsja imja Tvoje. Da prijdet carstvije Tvoje, da budet vol'a Tvoja, jako na nebesi, i na zemli. Chl'ib naš nasuščnyj dažd nam dnes'. I ostavi nam dolhi naša, jakože i my ostavl'ajem dolžnikom našim. I ne vvedi nas vo iskušeniye, no izbavi nas ot lukavaho.

VID'ICHOM SVIT ISTINNYJ – WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT

Vid'ichom svit istinnyj, i prijachom Ducha nebesnaho, obr'itochom v'iru istinnuju, nerazd'ilnij Svjat'ij Trojc'i poklanjajemsja, T'a bo nas spasla jest

DA ISPOLŇATSJA – MAY OUR MOUTH BE FILLED

Da ispolñatsja usta naša chvalenija tvojeho Hospodi, jako da pojem slavu tvoju, jako spodobil jesi nas pričastitsja svjatym tvojim, božestvennym, bezsmertnym, i životvor'ascim Tajnam; utverdi nas Bože vo Tvojej svjatyni vsja dni poučatisja pravd'i Tvojej. All

In the Old Testament, the high priest entered the holy of holies in the Temple hidden from all others by a curtain, once a year on the Day of Atonement with the blood of the animals that were sacrificed as a symbol for the sins of all the people since the Bible teaches that “the wages of sin is death.” Because of Original Sin and the sins a person commits, the sinner dies. The Old Testament used animals as symbols of someone vicariously dying for sinners.

Jesus is the true High Priest who, not symbolically but in reality, both offers the sacrifice and is the Sacrificial Victim. By offering Himself on the Cross he tore the curtain of the Temple as the sign that He tore open the way to heaven. The sacred writer writes that Jesus has entered “behind the veil” that is, He entered heaven with His sacrificial blood as the forerunner of us who are recipients of His saving death.

With our faith in God, even if it is weak, like the father's in today's gospel, with hope in the promise of God fulfilled in Jesus, and because of God's love for us, we continue to follow Jesus to the cross and we will attain the resurrection.

From *Ignatius Study Bible: Mark*, *The Navarre Bible: Mark*, and *Fr. John S. Custer The Holy Gospel: A Byzantine Perspective*.

Children's Corner

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