

and Jeff Lowery, son-in-law of Monica Koshuta.

**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: Stephen and Alexandra Braunlich & family, Rose Brodnos, Mary Brooks, M. Gabriele Brown, German & Matrona Busch, Kenneth Buterbaugh, Vincent and Jennifer Cassella, and from the Mission, Michon Kretschmaier.

**Fifth Sunday and Sixth Week.** The Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast has a commemoration of St. Mary of Egypt, a person who lived a sinful life. When she tried to enter the Church of the Holy Sepulcher an unseen force stopped her. She went into the Judean desert and lived a life of repentance. When St. Zossima encountered her during Lent he witnessed her walk on the surface of the Jordan River and show other signs of great sanctity. Her wondrous life and conversion are offered to us as an example to persevere in repentance and contrition during the reminder of the Great Fast. The gospel appointed for the Fifth Sunday is the third prediction by our Lord of His coming Passion. During the Sixth Week the hymns of Matins and

Vespers reflect on the poor man Lazarus of the Lord's parable and then to Lazarus, the brother of Martha and Mary, and friend of the Lord, who the Lord will raise from the dead, and through it the promise of resurrection is given to all who are His friends. On Holy Thursday, Jesus will tell the disciples that His friends are those who hear the Word of God, observe it and live by it. The Great Fast ends this Friday.

**Lazarus Saturday.** Lazarus Saturday with Palm Sunday are a two day feast between the end of the Great Fast and the beginning of Great Week. Lazarus Saturday is unique in that it is a Saturday which has the character of a Sunday or a feast day. The Lord arrives at Bethany four days after His friend Lazarus has died, and, through a great sign of power, raises Lazarus from the dead. This work of power reveals that there is life after death for the soul because when Jesus calls the soul back to the body, Lazarus resuscitates. Lazarus' soul had to still be alive somewhere. It also reveals that Jesus is God and that God's power over us is absolute. After all, Lazarus could not refuse to come back to life when God ordered. The sober details of the account reveal the two natures of Jesus Christ, God and Man. As man, "Jesus wept" while as God He commanded that Lazarus rise. Because Jesus comes to Judea, only two miles from Jerusalem, to save His friend, the conspiracy to kill Jesus is able to achieve its goal. It seems that Lazarus' sister, Mary of Bethany, is the one who realizes that for her brother to live, Jesus has to die. So, it is for all the friends of the Lord. He comes to lay down His life so that we might be freed from the death sentence our sins impose and be given a new life.

**Days of Abstinence.** Wednesdays and Fridays during the Great Fast are days of abstinence, that is, no meat or meats products are consumed.

**Guarding the Tomb.** Each year our parish keeps the ancient tradition of a vigil at the grave of our Lord Jesus Christ from Great Friday after Vespers until resurrection Matins on Holy Saturday. The hours of the vigil are from 10:00 PM Friday until 5:00 PM Saturday. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex of the church on the bulletin board closest to the usher's room. Please choose your hour when you and your family can spend time in prayer together. In this way we shall not leave the tomb unguarded.

**Resurrection Candles.** If you would like to offer an Easter candle in remembrance of a departed love one, the intention of living loved ones, or a special intention, please visit the parish office today between Divine Liturgies or this week before Thursday, April 11th, between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

## 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 this Saturday. Thank you.

**Trash & Recycling.** In January we were presented with a cost effective way to continue our trash and recycling service.

Using this method we are able to save \$250 each month on our trash and recycling services. After discussion with Fr. John, Joel, the councilors, Mrs. O'Brien, Carousel Day Care owner, it was decided to go forward with the switch. The containers delivered last week will be the receptacles for the boxes. Delivery and pickup of 8 yard dumpsters has been coordinated to take place on the same day without any lapse in service. An announcement appeared in the bulletin February 3, 2019. An email also was sent to all the officers of the parish organizations.

**ELG Lenten Dinners.** This Friday, April 12th is the last Lenten Dinners for this Lenten season. Join your fellow parishioners and local community and observe the fast this Friday. 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. Apricot, Poppy seed and Lecvar Rolls are available for purchase while supplies last. 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.

**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.

**Easter Meats.** Pick-up dates for EMC Easter Meats will be Saturday, April 13, 2019 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon or Sunday,

April 14 (Palm Sunday) between Divine Liturgies and after the 10:30 Liturgy in the parish center. Payment is due at pick-up.

**Paska Baking.** Epiphany Ladies Guild will bake Paska Saturday, April 13th. All helpers appreciated! Early birds begin at 6:30 AM. early help at 7:30 AM, decorators at 9:00 AM, baggers 12:00 Noon. Helpers are also needed throughout the day for pot cleaning and washing. Help with clean as you go and end of day cleanup will make the job go quicker and easier.

**Thomas Sunday Dinner.** The St. Thomas Sunday Dinner will take place Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> Help is needed on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Please see Carol Katawczik.

**EMC Meeting Date Change:** Please note the date of the next EMC meeting will be held April 11<sup>th</sup> because of the Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete, April 4<sup>th</sup>. There will **not** be a guest speaker for April 11<sup>th</sup> due to a scheduling conflict for the planned speaker.

**EMC Baseball Game - Save the Date.** On Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, the Epiphany Men's Club will sponsor a baseball trip to Washington, DC to watch Arizona vs. the Nationals. The cost is \$40. Please contact Ed Gubanich at Ed13456.@aol.com or Bob Gerardi at gerardisix@gmail.com to make a reservation.

**EMC Sunday Morning Coffee Klatch.** The EMC Sunday morning coffee klatch will be held again between liturgies today, April 7<sup>th</sup>. The discussion is open to all men of the parish to learn of EMC goings 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**  
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. 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, 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 parishioners and the ELG contributed \$21,200. Because we have reached and exceeded the goal of \$19,800 the parish will receive a reversion of 40% of \$19,800. A few of the pledges have not been completed. Reversions will be paid out in June when all pledges are complete.

## Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast

### COMING EVENTS

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- Byzantine Spirituality
- Pussy Willows
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- Lenten Dinner Parking
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<u>EMC BINGO</u>	
04/09/19	Team B
04/16/19	NO BINGO Team C
04/23/19	Team D
04/30/19	Team A
<a href="http://EMCBINGO.com">http://EMCBINGO.com</a>	

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### TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations – March 31, 2019

Adults	\$3,622.00
Children	\$2.80
Building Fund	\$690.00
School of Religion	\$26.00
Candles	\$184.80
Flowers	\$70.00
Holy Days	\$275.00
BCY	\$15.00
Holy Water Bottles	\$4.00
St. Nicholas Fund	\$47.10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,936.70</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, June Parrell, Richard Ryaby, Kelly Kunda,



# EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Glory Forever!

April 7, 2019

Slava Isusu Christu!  
Slava Na Viki!

## DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Apr. 07 Sun.	8:00 AM	Intention of Parishioners
	10:30 AM	Elizabeth Markovich
Apr. 10 Wed.	7:30 PM	Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts
Apr. 12 Fri.	7:30 PM	Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts
<i>Saturday of Lazarus</i>		
Apr. 13 Sat.	10:00 AM	+Norman Peil by Elizabeth Peil & Family

### ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

Apr. 14 Sun.	8:00 AM	Intention of Parishioners
	10:30 AM	Health & God's Blessings on Jennifer Cassella

### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – April 14, 2019

Apr. 14 Sun.	8:00 AM	Joseph Hughes (L), J. Cooke, Jacob Hughes, J. Lampf
	10:30 AM	J. Cassella (L), A. Naccash, G. Naccash, J. Naccash

### USHER SCHEDULE – April 14, 2019

Apr. 14 Sun.	8:00 AM	BCY
	10:30 AM	D. Semanco (L), M. Kernich, J. Naccash, 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 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

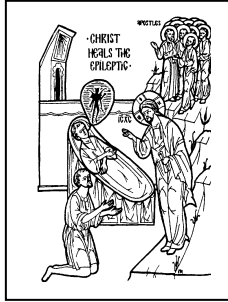
Announcements may be dropped off in the Parish Office, faxed to the office (703-573-1088) or email to [epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net](mailto:epiphanyofourlord@verizon.net).

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

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## 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 ensure 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  
Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast  
and  
Mary of Egypt

### PLACE RIBBONS AT:

- BLUE p. 11 Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy  
GREEN p. 146 Resurrection Tone 5  
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### ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: A EXCEPT

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2. Typical Psalms pp. 16-17, 23
3. At the Troparia:  
Troparion of the Resurrection Tone 5 p. 146 GREEN  
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4. Scripture readings:  
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5. Anaphora of St. Basil the Great pp. 96-100

