

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: Frances DeLoatche, David Dereska, Gayle and Rolf Dierich, Lynn Dering, Gregg and Danielle Dojcek & family, Dina Dorich, John and Noelle Dubiansky, and from the Mission, Irene Petrick.

Paschal Rituals. We express our joy in the resurrection by several rituals during Bright Week: (1) As a sign of the joy that is ours in the resurrection, we do not kneel from Easter Sunday until Pentecost for any of the liturgical services, for the time of penance is completed, and joy now reigns. We stand instead of kneeling and we stand whenever *Christ is risen* is sung. We sit at the epistle and homily. You may sit at the litanies, the first and second antiphons and the Troparia. You may sit at other times, except when *Christ is risen* is sung. (2) After Bright Week, commemorations are made for intentions, but with the proper response of "Many years" or "Eternal Memory".

Fasting Discipline. The usual fasting practice continues this week. Fridays are Days of Penance, a weekly Great and Good Fridays before Sundays which are the

weekly Easter. One may abstain from meat or do an equivalent penitential practice.

Mid-Pentecost. This Wednesday is the feast of Mid-Pentecost. It occurs on the twenty-fifth day of Pascha, exactly in the middle of the Pentecost—the fifty days from Pascha to Pentecost, from the Resurrection to the Sending of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is from Greek meaning fifty. Mid-Pentecost is a feast of the Risen Christ. Christ is celebrated as Mediator: He is sent by the Father, and He promises to send the Holy Spirit. Through the Risen Lord the feast of Pascha is joined to the feast of Pentecost. The Son of God became Man and voluntarily suffered the passion and death in order to remove the obstacle from us to receive the life-giving breath of the Holy Spirit. At the moment of Jesus giving up His life on the Cross, He breathes the Spirit, as the gospel testifies: "...He said. 'It is finished.' And bowing His head He handed over the spirit'" (John 19:30). This action of giving the Spirit continues on Pascha-Easter-at the Upper Room: "He breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sons you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained'" (John 20:23). Jesus commands the apostles to wait in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit which He promised is sent on the entire Church on Pentecost. The feast of Mid-Pentecost also celebrates Christ as the Teacher. The gospel according to Luke recalls that the two disciples walking to Emmaus on Easter, were joined by the Risen Lord who explained all the Scripture and taught them. In the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke explains that for forty days—from the Resurrection to the Ascension—the Risen Lord Jesus appeared to the apostles and taught them about the Kingdom of God. The gospel appointed for

this feast is Jesus teaching in the Temple: "when the feast was half over, He went up into the Temple to teach" (John 7:14). The conclusion of this passage will be read on Pentecost: "on the last and greatest day of the feast" Jesus stood up and exclaimed 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to Me, and drink' from Whom Rivers of Living Water shall flow. "He spoke of the Spirit... There was no Spirit as yet for Jesus had not yet been glorified [i.e., crucified]" (John 7:37). The gospel passage for the feast of Mid-Pentecost about Jesus as Teacher, teaching in the middle of the feast of Tabernacles, takes place after Jesus cures the Paralytic at the pool of Bethesda—read on this Sunday—and prior to Him giving sight to the Blind Man, which account is to be read in two weeks. The icon of the feast of Mid-Pentecost is Jesus teaching in the Temple in the midst of the elders of the people and scribes. Another icon for the feast of Jesus at the age of twelve teaching in the Temple. This is the icon of the Holy Wisdom of God and is the icon and feast of the Great Church, the Church of Hagia Sophia, the Holy Wisdom of God, in Constantinople.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mother's Day Breakfast. Epiphany Men's Club will hold a Mother's Day Breakfast today Sunday, May 12th from 9:00AM to 10:00AM. All parishioners are welcome. All women are complimentary.

Thank You. Thank you to all the persons who helped out with the St. Thomas Dinner celebration. There were many people who had a small part but without your help we could not have succeeded. Thanks for your support. Carol Katawczik

Silent Auction Items Needed. The Annual Epiphany Silent Auction will be held during the Slavic American Festival on Sunday, September 8, 2019. *Donations will be accepted beginning June 2, 2019.* The more items we have in the silent auction the more successful the auction will be. Thinking what you can donate? Silent auction donations have a value of \$25 or more. Donations can be professional services, memorabilia, restaurant and store gift cards, dinners, overnight stays, collectibles, event or sporting tickets, theme baskets, handcrafted items, wine, household services, etc. Have a donation? Contact Terry Matlaga Bell @ tmatlaga@yahoo.com or text (703) 606-2937.

Cheregi Baking Demonstration and Workshop - May 18. The Ladies Guild is sponsoring its second Slavic baking hands-on workshop on Saturday, May 18 in the church hall from 9:30 AM-12:00 Noon. In this session, we will be making cheregi also known as chrusciki, angel wings, and csorge. Cheregi is a flaky fried pastry typically dusted with powdered sugar and often served at weddings, Slavic festivals and other special events. Come learn to make these special treats. No prior experience required. You will be taking the ones you make home with you to share. Contact Jane Powanda at janepm@verizon.net or 703 471-4181 for more information or to sign up for the workshop. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the church hall between liturgies.

Epiphany Ladies Guild June Social. The Ladies Guild June Social will be held June 22, 2019 at River Bend Club in Great Falls for dinner overlooking the golf course. This event is limited to 30 ladies of Epiphany Parish 18 or over. Attendees are to be at Epiphany at 2:45 PM. The limo bus leaves promptly at 3:00 PM and return between 5:45 PM to 6:00 PM. RSVP to Daria Parrell at dtparrell@gmail.com or 704-909-6133.

Maryanne Smith is also taking reservations at mbreezy1@verizon.net or 703-283-2564.

Epiphany Ladies Guild Spring Dance.

The Epiphany Ladies Guild will hold their annual Spring Dance Saturday, June 8th from 7:30-10:30PM at Epiphany Parish Center. Live music is to be provided by The Fairfax Swing Band. Tickets are \$20 per person, \$10 per person for students, and children under 6 are free. The price includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, a dessert bar, wine, beer, varied refreshments, and door prizes.

Trash & Recycling. The switch from Republic Trash Removal to Waste Management/ Road Runner Trash and Recycling was initiated at the beginning of last week. The recycling/ trash directions and posters have arrived and have been posted in the parish center and chapel hall kitchen, the church sacristy, day care, rectory and parish office. Plastic containers and bottles, aluminum cans and office paper are to be placed in the recycling dumpster but not bags or trash can liners or plastic eating utensils. Clean cardboard is to be broken down—not placed as a box—in the cardboard receptacles. This change to another refuse service should save the parish \$6,000 per year.

EMC Baseball Game - Save the Date. On Sunday, June 16th, 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 Campout & Picnic. EMC Campout and Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, June 22nd, with the Camp sites opening at 1:00PM. There will be dinner starting around

5:30PM. Fun and games for all ages and for those staying the night, a pancake and sausage breakfast. We welcome ideas and thoughts for the day. Please see Jeff Nashwinter or Thom Soyka for more information. Sign up for the event will follow.

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 \$21,290. Because we have reached and exceeded the goal of \$19,800 the parish will receive a reversion of 40% of \$19,800. The payment of pledges has been completed. Reversions will be paid out on June 30th. The reversion will be for the maintenance projects of parking lot repaving, chapel HVAC replacement, and rectory waterproofing.

Altar Server Camp. The Altar Server Camp will be held July 21-24, 2019 at Carpathian Village, Canadensis, PA. Join altar servers from the eparchy for fun activities and opportunities to learn about our Faith. Registration forms are online at www.eparchyofpassaic.com. Epiphany Men's Club offers to pay any camp fees for Epiphany servers.

Memorial Day Mass. Fairfax Memorial Park annual Memorial Day Mass will be Monday, May 27th at 11:00 AM. Epiphany cemetery is a portion of Fairfax Memorial Park.

Sunday of the Paralytic Man

COMING EVENTS

(see inside for details)

- Byzantine Spirituality
- EMC Mother's Day Breakfast
- Silent Auction
- ELG June Social
- ELG Spring Dance
- Cheregi Baking Workshop
- Trash & Recycling
- EMC Baseball Game
- EMC Family Campout
- Bishop's Appeal Update

| <u>EMC BINGO</u> | |
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| 05/14/19 | Team C |
| 05/21/19 | Team D |
| 05/28/19 | Team A |
| 06/04/19 | Team B |
| http://EMCBINGO.com | |

TITHING & GIVING

Parish Donations – May 5, 2019

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| Adults | \$3,706.00 |
| Children | \$3.50 |
| Initial Offering | \$5.00 |
| Building Fund | \$1,925.00 |
| Holy Days | \$195.00 |
| Candles | \$226.05 |
| BCY | \$5.00 |
| School of Religion | \$86.00 |
| Easter | \$1,360.00 |
| Holy Water Bottles | \$20.00 |
| Home Missions | \$90.00 |
| <u>St. Nicholas Fund</u> | <u>\$36.00</u> |
| TOTAL | \$7,657.55 |

"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: Msgr. George Dobes, Michael Mikulak, David Sayen, Mary McDonnell, Justine Ferrari, Louis Shanks, Caroline Zurun, Mary Beth Vieira, Irene Markovich, Mary Gaydos, Betty Markovchick, Jeffrey Sesok, John Vernoski, Marge Rusnak, and Msgr. Dobes. 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, Doris Stender, June Parrell, Richard Ryaby, Kelly Kunder, Jeff Lowery,



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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Christ is risen!
Indeed He is risen!

May 12, 2019

Christos voskrese!
Voistinnu voskrese!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN

May 12 Sun. 8:00 AM Intention of Mothers Living and Deceased
10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

FOURTH PASCHAL WEEK

Mid-Pentecost

May 15 Wed. 10:00 AM +Joanne Markovich by Irene Markovich
May 17 Fri. 10:00 AM +Wesley Capar by Donor
May 18 Sat. 10:00 AM +Carmela Rapavi by Mike & Dolores Opachko

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

May 19 Sun. 8:00 AM Intention of Parishioners
10:30 AM +Joseph and +Anastasia Dubiansky by Michael Hancher

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – May 19, 2019

May 19 Sun. 8:00 AM J. O'Leary (L), J. Cooke, T. Hughes, P. O'Leary
10:30 AM A. Naccash (L), G. Naccash, J. Naccash

USHER SCHEDULE – May 19, 2019

May 19 Sun. 8:00 AM BCY
10:30 AM M. Kernich (L), T. Fazio, 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 catechumanate. 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.

Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Annandale, VA

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Epiphany of Our Lord does not conduct pastoral business on the website email.

JEDINORODNYJ SYNE - ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON

Slava Otcu i Synu i Svjatому Duchu, i nyňi i prisno, i vo v'iki v'ikov. Amiň. Jedinorodnyj Syne, i Slove Božij, bezsmerten syj, i izvolivyj 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 Svjatому Duchu, spasi nas.

HOLY GOD – SVJATYJ BOŽE

Svjatyj Bože, Svjatyj kr'ipkij, Svjatyj bezsmertnyj, pomiluj nas. (3)

Slava Otču, i Synu, i Svjatому Duchu, i nyňi i prisno, i vo v'iki v'ikov. Amin.

Svjatyj bezsmertnyj, pomiluj nas.

Svjatyj Bože, Svjatyj kr'ipkij, Svjatyj bezsmertnyj, pomiluj nas.

IŽE CHERUVIMY – LET US WHO MYSTICALLY

Iže Cheruvimy tajno obrazujušče, i životvorjasščej Trojč'i trisvjatuju p'isň prinosjasšče, vsjakuju nyňi zitejskoje otveržim pečal'.

Amiň. Jako da Carja vs'ich podimem, anhel'skimi nevidimo dorinosima činmi. Alliluaia. Alliluaia. Alliluaia.

SVJAT, SVJAT, SVJAT – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

TEBE POJEM – WE PRAISE YOU

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

ANHEL VOPIJAŠE – THE ANGEL EXCLAIMED

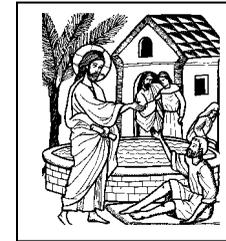
Anhel vopijaše blahodatnyj: čistaja D'ivo radusja, i paki reku radusja: tvoj Syn voskrese tridneven ot hroba. i mertvyja vzdvihnuvyj, l'udije veselitesja.

Sv'itisja, sv'itisja, novy Jeruslime: slava bo Hospodňa na Teb'i vozsija: likuj nyňi i veselisja Sione, ty že čistaja krasusja Bohorodice, o vostaniji Roždestva tvojeho.

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.

Meditation on Today's Readings



Sunday of the Paralytic Man

Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your mat, and walk." Immediately the man became well, took up his mat, and walked.
John 5:1-15

During the fifty days of Pascha from Easter Sunday to Pentecost the holy fathers have appointed the gospel according to John to be read at the Divine Liturgies except last Sunday when the gospel is the account of the burial of Jesus and the resurrection from the gospel according to Mark. On the second and third Sundays of Pascha the holy fathers demonstrated the universality of the meaning of the resurrection of Jesus on the entire human race by appointing gospels about men on Thomas Sunday and women on the Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women. Now as the holy fathers change the Sunday readings from resurrection accounts to gospels that explain what the effects of baptism are, since it is through the Sacrament of Baptism that humans can access the benefits or grace of the resurrection of Jesus, they continue this theme of universality by alternating Sundays about men and women, namely, this Sunday, the Paralytic Man, next Sunday the Samaritan Woman, and then the Man Born Blind.

The link with baptism is clear. The paralyzed man is beside the pool that heals but he has no godparents or sponsors to help him. His condition is the condition of all humans paralyzed by sin, Original Sin and actual sins that we commit. It is not water itself that cures but the word of command of Jesus. In baptism the water is the external sign of the invisible grace. The pool of Bethesda was rediscovered at the end of the 19th century. It is just as the evangelist John described it. It is a rectangular pool with porticos on all four sides and one that divides the pool in the center. The pool is fed by an underground spring that bubbles up. The purpose of the pool was to wash the sacrificial sheep before they were taken to the Temple, only one hundred yards away, to be sacrificed as an offering for sin. The person who offered the sheep offers the life of the sheep in place of their own life as a sin offering since "the wages of sin is death." It is as if the plug supplying power, life, from the source, God, has been pulled when we sin, and we are only on battery power until the battery life is finished. Baptism re-plugs us into life by forgiving the sin so the plugs' contacts are cleaned, and then gives us new resurrected life. Jesus replaces the sheep. The death of a sheep was only symbolic to indicate the intention of sorrow for sin of the one offering. The death of Jesus effects the forgiveness of sin and His resurrection gives us new life just as the man embarks on a new way of life as a non-paralyzed.

During the fifty days of Pascha the Acts of the Apostles composed by Saint Luke is read in place of an epistle since the Acts tells what happens after Jesus is risen, ascended to the Father, and the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and the Church.

The account from the Acts of the Apostles is selected to reflect the healing of the paralyzed man by the Lord Jesus at the pool of Bethesda near the temple in Jerusalem. As the Lord Jesus healed the paralyzed man so the apostles imitate Him since He commissioned and empowered them to do so.

Saint Peter not only cures the paralyzed man, Aeneas, but when he is summoned to Joppa, he restores life to a dead woman, Tabitha. When he cures Aeneas he does so in the name of Jesus Christ. When he restores life to Tabitha he uses the same words as the Lord Jesus spoke when he raised the daughter of Jairus to life with the change of one letter. In each case in the original language Saint Peter uses the word "rise" to show the link with the resurrection of Christ.

The gospel accounts appointed for the first three Sundays of Pascha were about the event of the resurrection of our Lord. This fourth Sunday selects the accounts to show what the point of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is. He died and resurrected so humans who believe in Him can be raised to eternal life. He did it for us and for our salvation.

The readings appointed for this Sunday emphasize that the work of Jesus to heal the human race is given to the apostles and through the apostles to the Church.