

Prayers for our Parishioners. The particular law of the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church directs that the pastor is to celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish entrusted to him on Sundays and days of precept [holydays 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: Anthony and Mary Fazio, Joseph Fedorko, Mary Katherine Ferrari & family, Carol Ferson, Jeffrey Ferson, Steven and Andrea Fezuk & family, John Figel & Jean Figel, and from the Mission, Elizabeth and Kevin Keyes & family.

Suspension of Public Services. In his decree of March 31st, Bishop Kurt Burnette extended the suspension of public services in the Eparchy of Passaic through Thursday, April 30th. In his decree the bishop stated the following: "The suspension of public services includes services inside buildings and also outdoor services or "parking lot" services. All activities at a church that involve a physical gathering of parishioners or interaction with the public are also suspended. Bishop Kurt Burnette has dispensed all the people of the Eparchy of Passaic from any legal obligation to attend church services through April 30, 2020. Please keep in mind that Divine Law still requires us to keep the Lord's Day holy by prayer and by refraining from unnecessary work. The bishop cannot dispense Divine Law.

Live Streaming. In response to the spiritual needs the Faithful of Epiphany, the Divine Liturgy of the Sunday of St. Thomas today will be live streamed at 10:30 AM, visit <https://eolbcc.org/live/>. We offer thanks to

Brian Jessee, the Epiphany website builder and webmaster as well as parishioner, for all his work for our parish.

Praying at home together. Although we are unable to pray together in church, we might consider praying these prayers in our homes so that we can be united in praying the same prayers. These are available on the web site of the Metropolitan Cantor Institute of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, <https://mci.archpitt.org> On Sunday, in place of the Divine Liturgy, The Typica, arranged as a Reader Service, is available on the web site of the Metropolitan Cantor Institute.

Messages from the Pastor. Father John has been sending email messages to the parishioners whose email addresses we have on our roster. If you have not been receiving these email messages, it might be because we do not have your email address, or you have changed it and we do not have it. We would like to have your email address to keep contact with you during this time when the physical locations of churches are closed. Simply email the parish office epiphanyoffourlord@verizon.net.

Liturgy Intentions to be Rescheduled. If you have offered a Divine Liturgy for an intention to be celebrated during the suspension, you will be contacted to reschedule when the suspension is lifted. The liturgies that are celebrated in private on Sundays will be for the intention of parishioners. The particular law of the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church directs pastors to celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish entrusted to him on Sundays and days precept [holydays of obligation]" (canon 294).

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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Executive Order. Governor Ralph Northam issued Executive Order #55 on March 30th. This stay at home order allowed exception to visit one's house of worship, but only ten persons or less can be in the house of worship at any time. Previously, the Governor allowed the possibility of drive-through or drive-in worship. However, with this Executive Order 55 these now are prohibited. The Order is in effect until June 10th.

Parish Office Schedule and Safety Protocols. In accordance with Bishop Kurt Burnette's and Governor Northam's most recent Order, the office hours for Epiphany of our Lord have been amended to the following: Monday through Friday - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Jamie, the administrative assistant, will cover the office during those hours from home. All office calls will be forwarded to her cell phone. She will be teleworking Tuesday -Thursday. She will be physically in the parish office Monday and Friday only. Lucie, the financial assistant, has elected to work from home Tuesday through Thursday and the parish office only on Monday and Friday. Given that response to this crisis is so fluid and schedules can change so quickly, please call the office phone number before venturing out. Parish staff

has established safety and health protocols at the parish office, as well. If you have business at the office, please use the new doorbell. We will respond through the intercom after verifying your presence at the door. Jamie is able to respond to the door from home as well. No one will come into the office from outside. If your visit includes an exchange of goods, please leave them on the door step. We will attend to them. We ask this because there is not enough room in the office to observe the mandate to practice social distancing.

Thomas Sunday Dinner. Due to the continued suspension of all activities on our campus, the Thomas Sunday Dinner is suspended for 2020.

Financial Report. The yearly financial report has been prepared and is available in the parish office if anyone would like a copy. In addition, it will be included in the first bulletin that is produced when the churches are reopened.

Book Store. The parish book store will be closed throughout the suspension of all activity through Sunday, April 30th. After April 30th the Bishop will determine whether the church and its activities remain closed or will reopen if it is deemed safe by the civil authorities in conjunction with their medical advisors. As deadlines are changing rapidly, please attend to the advice of civil and medical authorities.

Conferencing Catechesis. In his decree March 16th, Bishop Kurt Burnette suspended religious education classes for adults and children except for classes held on line by using a conference calling service such as Zoom for each classes. Catechists are asked to please check with parents for their approval.

Mission Update. Father John spoke to Christine Loya of Eikona Studios about the iconography

for the mission chapel. Eikona has a high-resolution copier that makes large sized images. The concept is for Eikona to render large size copies of their icons of the Platytera Mother of God, Christ and the central angels in the Communion of the Apostles icon, Extreme Humility icon, Melchizedek icon, and the four principle icons of the iconostasis. This will be a less expensive method to obtain high quality icons at a lower price for the small number of parishioners at the mission and can be made faster than the traditional egg tempera icons.

Save the Date: EMC Cookout/Campout. The campout, sponsored by Epiphany Men's Club, is scheduled for May 30 and 31. There will be fun and games for all ages. Opening will be the burning of blessed palms and pussy willows at 5PM. Setup of campsites can start as early as 3PM. The moon bounce will be in place by 3PM. Look forward to future updates concerning this family event. If you have questions or would like to join in the preparations please contact Jeff Nashwinter at jnash2100@gmail.com or Thom Soyka at soykat@msn.com.

EMC Spring Awards Club. Because this past Sunday, April 12th, was Pascha, no Awards Club drawing took place. Today, April 19th, two numbers will be drawn and posted next Sunday in the bulletin. The next drawing will take place today, Sunday, April 19th.

Call to All for Ushering: Epiphany has the need for additional ushers and is calling for volunteers, either on an individual basis or as a family. For anyone interested in ushering, either as an individual or part of a family, please

contact Bob Wargo at 703-455-9324, evenings/weekends best, or via email at bob.wargo56@gmail.com. When responding be sure to leave your phone number. Thank you!

EPARCHIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop's Appeal. The 2019 Bishop's Appeal goal for Epiphany church remains the same, \$19,800. Our parishioners have pledged \$19,431.84. Epiphany Ladies Guild has given a donation of \$3,000. The present total is \$19,802.34. Montgomery County Mission parishioners have pledged \$6,800.08, exceeding their goal of \$6,000.

Contributions On Line. The Eparchy of Passaic accepts offertory and donations made for the parishes of the eparchy. IF you want to make a contribution to Epiphany of our Lord, Annandale or Epiphany Mission, Gaithersburg, MD, online, please go to www.eparchyofpassaic.com. On the home page click on I would like to give to my parish online. You will then be at a secure site of VANCO, the donation service used by the Eparchy of Passaic. You will be asked which parish you want the donation to be sent. The Eparchy of Passaic Finance Office will send checks for the amounts donated to the parishes.

Thomas Sunday

COMING EVENTS

- Byzantine Spirituality
- Parish Office New Schedule
- Scheduled Liturgy Intentions
- Financial Report
- Book store sales Suspended
- EMC Bingo - Suspended through 4/30
- EMC Cookout
- Ushers
- Bishop's Appeal – Over goal!
- Contributions Online

EMC BINGO

04/21/20 - Team D - No Bingo
 04/28/20 - Team A - No Bingo
 05/05/20 - Team B - No Bingo
 05/12/20 – Team C – No Bingo

<http://EMCBINGO.com>

April 19, 2020

TITHING & GIVING

Adults	\$7,581.00
Building Fund	\$ 2,774.00
Holy Days	\$600.00
Candles	\$223.50
Flowers	\$210.00
School of Religion	\$49.00
Easter	\$320.00
Byzantine Mission Churches	\$5.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$35.00
St. Nicholas Fund	\$200.00
<u>Presbyteral Days Refund</u>	<u>\$575.00</u>
TOTAL	\$12,572.50

Tithing & Giving. Above represents collections for 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, & 4/5/20. Thank you for sending your weekly envelope donations.

"Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth." (Dt. 8:18)

LITURGY AND LIFE

Thank You. This Easter was like no other in memory. Thanks to all who adjusted so that they could prepare the church for Great Week and Pascha, the sacristans, for the cantors, ushers, to Brian Jessee for live streaming the services and Liturgies, and to all who made donations. May God bless all of you. Christ is risen!

Christos voskrese!



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church

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Very Rev. John G. Basarab - Pastor

Christ is Risen!
Indeed He is Risen!

April 19, 2020

Christos voskrese!
Voistinnu voskrese!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

THOMAS SUNDAY

Apr. 19 Sun. 10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

Second Week After Pascha

FEAST OF ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR

Apr. 23 Thurs. 10:00AM +Mary and +George Adams by Monica Koshuta

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS

Apr. 26 Sun. 10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – April 26, 2020

Apr. 26 Sun. 8:00 AM
1 0:30 AM

USHER SCHEDULE – April 26, 2020

Apr. 26 Sun. 8:00 AM
10:30 AM

All public services have been suspended through April 30, 2020. Services include Easter Sunday, Bright Week and Thomas Sunday.

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) at other scheduled times. 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 Parishioners who are seriously ill and those with life endangering medical conditions as well as those who are to undergo surgery should avail themselves Week to prepare for the observance of the Lord's Resurrection.

Anointing of the Sick – Parishioners who are seriously ill and those with life-threatening 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
Lucie Cantsilieris, 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>

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

PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy
for

Thomas Sunday

PLACE RIBBONS AT:

BLUE p. 11 Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy

RED p. 175 Thomas Sunday

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: Festal Tones

EXCEPT: Cherubic Hymn

We Praise You

Communion Hymn p. 177 **ALL D**

Our Father Paschal melody p. 167

1. Hymns during Incensation - Christ is Risen
2. The Divine Liturgy begins on p. 11 BLUE
3. Sunday Antiphons and Entrance Hymn p. 14-15, 22-25
4. At the Troparia:
 - Troparion of Thomas Sunday Tone 7 p. 175 RED
 - Kontakion of Thomas Sunday Tone 8 p. 176 RED
5. Scripture readings:
 - Prokeimenon of Thomas Sunday Tone 3 p. 176 RED
 - Epistle: Acts 5:12-20
 - Alleluia of Thomas Sunday Tone 8 p. 176 RED
 - Gospel: John 20:19-31
6. Cherubic Hymn D and Church Slavonic on reverse of this sheet
7. Instead of *"It is truly proper..."*, "Anhel Vopijašče" on reverse of this sheet
8. Instead of *"Blessed is He..."*, Christ is Risen
 - "We have seen the true light..."*, Christ is Risen B
9. At Dismissal Christ is Risen p. 170 RED

ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON – JEDINORODNYJ SYNE

Slava Otcu i Synu i Svjatomu 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' popravjy, jedin syj Svjatyja Trojcy, sproslavl'ajemyj Otcu i Svjatomu Duchu, spasi nas.

HOLY GOD – SVJATYJ BOZE

Svjatyj Bože, svjatyj kr'ipkij, svjatyj bezsmertnyj, pomiluj nas. Slava Otču i Synu, i Svjatomu Duchu, i nyňi i prisno, i vo v'iki v'ikov. Amin.

IŽE CHERUVIMY – LET US WHO MYSTICALLY

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

Amiň. 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, ispolň 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.

ANHEL VOPIJAŠE – THE ANGEL EXCLAIMED

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

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

Meditation on Today's Readings



Thomas Sunday

“These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in His name.”
John 20:19-31

“Peace be with you” ... Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you.” The first words of Jesus to the Twelve (there are only ten present) were words that relieved them of any shame and sorrow they have for running away or denying Jesus on Holy Thursday. The message of Jesus to all mankind is not “See what I had to suffer for your sins” but “Peace.” As explained in the footnote to John 20:19 in the New American Bible Revised, “‘Shalom’ is a gift of salvation, connoting the bounty of messianic blessing.”

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” The Twelve become Apostles (Ambassadors) fully representing the One who sent them.

“And when He had said this He breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit, whose sins you forgive, are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.’” The Body of Jesus is the sacrament of the Holy Spirit. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on the Apostles like God “breathed” on Adam and Eve. This breathing is what happened on the cross when Jesus dies. According to Father Custer the most literal meaning of the Greek is “And bowing His head, He gave the Spirit.” It is usually translated “He gave up His spirit” meaning He allows Himself to die. It means both at the same time. With the death of Jesus for humans’ sins the Holy Spirit can now be received by humans since they have been purified by Jesus’ death. The Church is the Body of Christ. The Apostles and their successors, the bishops, have this gift to administer the Sacrament of Repentance from Jesus on Easter.

Thomas...said to Him, “my Lord and my God.” Thomas’ belief makes him give his faith to Jesus. Faith is an infused virtue. All humans have faith. It is a matter of what or who a person puts faith in. Thomas has faith in God. He now says that He believes Jesus is God and puts his faith in Him. Faith is submission of will and intellect to someone or something.

“Have you come to believe in me because you see me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” This is the most welcome part because it refers to us. The Lord is blessing us because we believe on the testimony of the apostles and not because we have seen.

Many signs and wonders were being done among the people at the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon’s Portico...they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them...But during the night, the angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison, led them out, and said, “Go and take your place in the temple area, and tell the people everything about this new life.”
Acts 5:12-20

During the fifty days of Pascha the Acts of the Apostles composed by Saint Luke is read in place of an epistle. The appointed reading for the Sunday of Saint Thomas reflects certain points made in the gospel.

In the gospel the risen Lord Jesus breathes on the apostles and gives them a share of His power. This section of the Acts shows that the power the apostles received on Easter in the Upper Room is effective and that Saint Peter is preeminent among the apostles.

The gathering of the apostles in one place each Sunday in the gospel is repeated in this reading from Acts that says they were all together in one place. Finally, the appearance of the risen Lord in the gospel frees the apostles from their fear. They no longer hide behind locked doors. Likewise, in the Acts the angel frees them from the lock of the prison and tells them to go the temple area and give a witness about the new life. We obey the directive of the angel each Sunday by gathering in the churches to give a witness about the new life of Christ in each of us.

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

Children's Corner

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More and more men and women ...

Solve the math problems to fill in the blanks below.

9+6 = O	3+6 = E	5+7 = L	11+2 = M	9+9 = U
5+2 = B	7+9 = R	4+2 = A	2+8 = H	7+1 = D
9+11 = W	6+5 = I	8+6 = N	11+6 = T	13+6 = V

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