

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: Lana Ford, Thomas and Laurie Forsythe, William and Maryanna Fournier, Macrina and Stephen Galloway, Joyca Galovich, Charles and Helen Gaush & family, Dorothy Gaydos, and from the Mission, Thomas Klimkosky.

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.

Condolences. We offer condolences to Mrs. Elizabeth Basarab upon the death of her sister-in-law, +Florence Lihvarcik, and to Fr. John upon the death of his aunt, who died Friday, April 17th. Her funeral will be scheduled for a later date. Many parishioners may remember "Aunt Florence" from her many visits during the Slavic American Festival. She was the fun loving little nymph who loved to ride the train. May God grant His departed servant, +Florence, peaceful repose. Vicnaja jej pamjat'.

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 epiphanyofourlord@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 of 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.

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. The lawn service for the mission property informed us that a tree on the property came down. It just grazed the edge of the carriage house, taking down the gutter and fascia board and impacted a small amount on the siding. The service will take down the tree this week and remove the broken part as well. Jack McLaurin went to inspect and spoke to Father John about repairs. Jack reports that the Good Lord protected the property because the tree, while large, barely grazed the building.

EMC Spring Awards Club. The sixth winner of the EMC Awards Club is Gwen Wallmark, #247. The winner of week 7 is Marlene McCracken, #007. Congratulations! The next drawing will take place today Sunday, April 26th.

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 the link on our church web site www.eolbcc.org. On the home page click on Epiphany of our Lord online giving. 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. Our parish has received a check from the Eparchial Finance office representing several parishioner offerings. The Finance Office notified the parish office that another check was being mailed representing several more parishioners' tithes.

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

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

04/28/20 - Team A - No Bingo
 05/05/20 - Team B - No Bingo
 05/12/20 – Team C - No Bingo
 05/19/20 - Team D - No Bingo

<http://EMCBINGO.com>

April 26, 2020

TITHING & GIVING

Adults	\$5,341.00
Initial Offering	\$5.00
Building Fund	\$2,325.00
Holy Days	\$660.00
Candles	\$457.00
Flowers	\$25.00
School of Religion	\$20.00
Easter	\$2,745.00
Byzantine Mission Churches	\$10.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$25.00
St. Nicholas Fund	\$1,460.00
<u>Online Donation</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>
TOTAL	\$13,073.00

Tithing & Giving. Above represents collections for 4/12 and 4/19. "Online Donation" represents donations for Epiphany contributed by parishioners online and sent to Epiphany from the chancery earlier. We have been informed that a second check representing online contributions is coming and will be noted next week. 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!



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Very Rev. John G. Basarab - Pastor

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!	April 26, 2020	Christos voskrese! Voistinnu voskrese!
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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN

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

Third Week After Pascha

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN

May 3 Sun. 10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – May 3, 2020

May 3 Sun. 8:00 AM
10:30 AM

USHER SCHEDULE – May 3, 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, Thomas Sunday, and Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women.

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
Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers

PLACE RIBBONS AT:

BLUE p. 11 Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy
RED p. 177 Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

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 the Resurrection Tone 2 p. 177 RED
 - Troparion Noble Joseph Tone 2 p. 178 RED
 - Kontakion of the Myrrh-Bearing Women Tone 2 p. 179 RED
5. Scripture readings:
 - Prokeimenon of Myrrh Bearing Women Tone 6 p. 180 RED
 - Epistle: Acts 6:1-7
 - Alleluia of Myrrh-Bearing Women Tone 8 p. 180 RED
 - Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8
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' popravyj, 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 životvorjasščej 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.

ANHEL VOPIJAŠE – THE ANGEL EXCLAIMED

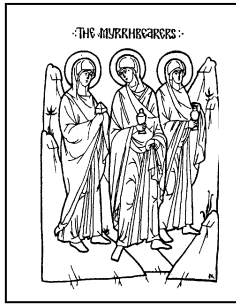
Anhel vopijaše blahodatnyj: čistaja D'ivo radusja, i paki reku radusja: tvoj Syn voskrese tridneven ot hroba. i mertvyja vzdvihnuvyj, l'udije veselitesja.

Sv'itisja, sv'itisja, novy Jerusalime: 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 prijedet 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 iskušenje, no izbavi nas ot lukavaho.

Meditation on Today's Readings



Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers

“*He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him.*’ Then they went out and fled from the tomb, seized with trembling and bewilderment. They said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.”
Mark 15:42-16:8

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 this Sunday when the gospel is the account of the burial of Jesus and the resurrection from the gospel according to Mark. It may be that the holy fathers made this exception because the gospel according to Mark was the earliest gospel composed so the fathers wanted the most ancient account of the burial and resurrection on the third Sunday of Pascha. The holy fathers achieve balance last Sunday and this by including men as the recipients of the news of the resurrection in last Sunday’s gospel account and women in this Sunday’s account.

This oldest witness of the death of Jesus conveys the anguish and freshness of eyewitnesses. The account reports it is “already evening” thus the preparations for the Sabbath have begun and work must cease. This is the reason why a tomb must be close to the place of crucifixion and why the account says nothing about any funeral preparations being administered to the body. This is why the women will come to the tomb on Sunday.

The Roman legal and military system ensures proof that Jesus of Nazareth is really dead. The centurion reports it to Pilate. Joseph of Arimathea donating his tomb, because it is close and there is little time to transport the body because of the Sabbath, is the guarantee that the body is not placed in the pit with other criminals and then there would be no way to verify the resurrection. Mark does not report that Pilate sets a guard. The two Marys and Joseph of Arimathea are the witnesses of where the body is placed.

When Mary Magdalene and the other women return to the tomb on Sunday, the stone has been rolled back. This was done not to let Jesus out of the tomb for His glorified body goes through the locked doors. It is to let the witnesses see that the tomb is empty. Mark, unlike the other evangelists, does not say there is an angel in the tomb but rather a “young man.” But since he is a messenger with a message (Greek for messenger is *angelos*) we can infer his true nature. The message is Jesus of Nazareth is alive. He is still referred to as Jesus of Nazareth even after the glory of resurrection, an assurance that we will not lose our personhood or identity after death. The risen Jesus will meet His disciples and Peter—who is singled out—in Galilee.

The women leave the tomb and flee. They say nothing for they are afraid. Fr. Jack Custer mentions that this is the end of the gospel according to Mark. In Greek, Fr. Custer notes, the ending is very clumsy and abrupt —“they say no thing to no one.” Of course, they had to say something because otherwise we would not know about the resurrection. The other gospel accounts supply that the women meet Jesus and then they have courage to announce the resurrection.

Papias in A.D. 135 wrote that the gospel was composed by Mark, cousin of Barnabas who accompanied Paul and Barnabas on a missionary journey, and who was the interpreter for Saint Peter. The abrupt ending may be the way the head of the Apostles reported it or it may be that is the way the Holy Spirit and the evangelist wanted it - each person puts themselves in the ending of the gospel. Does the reader have faith, and so have they met the crucified and now risen Jesus in his gospel and in His sacraments? Can each now overcome his or her fear and speak the Gospel of the redemption of sins and Resurrection?

So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, “It is not right for us to neglect the Word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom,

whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the Word” ...They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. Acts 6:1-7

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 the Myrrh Bearing Women from the Acts of the Apostles is about the establishment of the diaconate and the ordination of the first seven deacons and reflects a certain point made in the gospel.

In the gospel the Myrrh Bearing Women see the empty tomb and the angel and hear his message that Jesus who was dead is risen. There are seven women and this is a parallel to the seven deacons. The women served the Kingdom of God for three years during the public ministry of Jesus by financially supporting the Lord Jesus, the Twelve Apostles, and the men and women disciples who travelled to announce the Gospel. As their reward they are given a new work to do, be the heralds of the gospel of the Resurrection. The seven men who are filled with the Holy Spirit and with wisdom are given a new work, caring for the Body of Christ by serving those in need. Later, they are given the service of preaching and serving at the Holy Table, the altar.

The readings appointed for last Sunday and this emphasize that the message of the resurrection and seeing the resurrected Lord is given to the disciples when they are together. We gather in the churches each Sunday to give a witness about the new life of Christ in each of us. Then we are sent out to proclaim the gospel especially by caring for one another.

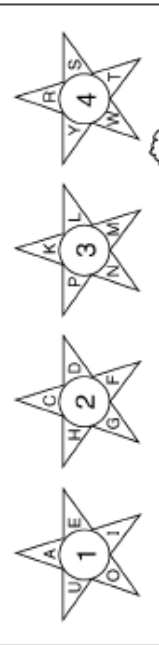
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Children's Corner

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One of the 7 men had an outstanding reputation in Jerusalem.

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