

Goula, Eileen Gray, James Seman, Fr. Lee Gross, Eileen Gray, James Seman, Mike Shuster, Greg Starr, Florence Kunder, Ed Kunder, Jim Bacigalupi, Katherine Sikoryak, Margaret Hospodar.

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: Ian-Cadoc Herbert, Natalie and Daniel Hill & family, Kevin and Holly Hogan & family, Melody Homa, Edward and Sally Hospodar, Michele and Charles House, Frances and Araceli Hughes & family, and from the Mission, Henry and Roselyn Kretschmaier.

Public Liturgies. In his episcopal letter of May 13th, Bishop Kurt Burnette announced that churches may reopen for public worship according to the directives of the public health authorities. The bishop has sent a four-page check list that must be completed by every pastor which covers all needed preparations (usher training, purchase of masks, gloves, sanitizer stations, removal of books from racks, and other conditions) before public assembly is allowed in each church of the Eparchy. The pastors are to submit the completed checklists to the syncelli. In his episcopal letter the bishop reminds those at danger or with health conditions or those who feel unwell to stay home. Bishop Kurt has continued the dispensation from the obligation to assist at the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and holydays of obligation.

In those states or counties where the stay at home orders remain, such as Fairfax County, Virginia and Montgomery County, Maryland, the bishop exhorts all to follow the directives of the health authorities. 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. Further, the Bishop had encouraged all to make a good confession later in the year when it is safe.

Live Streaming. In response to the spiritual needs the Faithful of Epiphany, the Divine Liturgy of the Sunday of the Man Born Blind 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. Also available is the entire People's Molitvennik under Publications tab to use when participating in the live streaming Liturgy.

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 of precept [holydays of obligation]" (canon 294).

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Suspension of Public Services. Bishop Kurt Burnette allows the public celebration of liturgical services in conformity with the dictates of the local and state health authorities and after the eparchial check list has been submitted to the syncelli and approved. In Fairfax County and adjoining counties, the limit of ten persons in church remains, while for the rest of the Commonwealth 50% of the church capacity is allowed. Usually, there are one priest, two cantors, a sacristan and one technician for live streaming. Five more people can now attend. Please remember to wear a mask in public assembly. Bishop Kurt continues to dispense from the obligation to assist at the Divine Liturgy for Sundays and holydays of obligation. His most recent communication is found at the Eparchial web site. www.eparchyofpassaic.com.

Condolences. We offer our condolences to the family of one of our parishioners, William Cervenak, who passed away May 9, 2020. The funeral was Tuesday, May 19, 2020 from St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church, Rahway, NJ. May God grant His departed servant, +William, peaceful repose. Vičnaja jemu pamjat'.

Condolences. We offer our condolences to the family of a former parishioner and past active

member of Epiphany Men's Club, Jerry Szablowsky, who passed away at Virginia Beach, VA April 30, 2020. At his request interment was in Ohio where he spent his boyhood. May God grant His departed servant, +Jerry, peaceful repose. Vičnaja jemu pamjat'.

Executive Order. Governor Ralph Northam issued Executive Order #62 effective May 15th. This order delays northern Virginia counties from beginning Phase One that began that date in the other counties of the Commonwealth of Virginia. This means that only ten or fewer persons can be present in church at any time and safe distancing is in effect. All non-essential businesses and all social gatherings except family gatherings and public entertainments are prohibited.

Parish Office Schedule and Safety Protocols. In accordance with Bishop Kurt Burnette's and Governor Northam's most recent Orders, the office hours for Epiphany of our Lord continue to be 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 available when the churches are reopened.

Book Store. The parish book store will be closed throughout the suspension of all activity through Thursday, May 28th.

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 \$20,415.18. Sixty-nine households bought Epiphany church to our goal and above. And Epiphany Ladies Guild has given a donation of \$3,000. The present total is \$20,415.18. Montgomery County Mission parishioners have pledged \$6,800.08, exceeding their goal of \$6,000. Epiphany parish will receive a check for 40 % of our total. These checks usually arrive sometime during the summer and are not mailed until all pledges are satisfied. Epiphany of our Lord parish in Annandale has an outstanding pledge total of \$133.

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 credited.

God With Us Online. A service of the Eparchy of Passaic Office of Eastern Catholic Formation provides online resources for the liturgical calendar for parents for Sundays and holydays. During the time between the Lord's Ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, the Bible tells us that the apostles were continually in the Temple, praising God, and that they were in the Upper Room in prayer. These ten days from Ascension to Pentecost are a good time for us to devote ourselves to the care of our spiritual lives. Let us give ourselves to a time of retreat. The Church offers us a rich arsenal of tools at our disposal to grow in the spiritual life in this time, and we are pleased to share with you Rev. Deacon Thomas Moses' recent series *Purification of the Heart* which offers an excellent survey of what these tools are and how to use them. Please feel free to use them and to share with family and friends. Visit <https://godwithusonline.org/events/purification-of-the-heart/>

Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

COMING EVENTS

- Byzantine Spirituality
- Parish Office New Schedule
- Scheduled Liturgy Intentions
- Financial Report
- Book store sales Suspended
- EMC Bingo - Suspended through 5/28
- Bishop's Appeal – Over goal!
- Contributions Online

EMC BINGO

05/26/20 – Team A – No Bingo
06/02/20 - Team B - TBD
06/09/20 - Team C - TBD
06/16/20 - Team D - TBD
<http://EMCBINGO.com>

May 24, 2020

TITHING & GIVING

Adults	\$6620.00
Building Fund	\$2105.00
Holy Days	\$145.00
Candles	\$13.25
BCY	\$5.00
Easter	\$150.00
Palm Sunday	\$50.00
School of Religion	\$5.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$35.00
St. Nicholas Fund	\$20.00
<u>Online Donation</u>	<u>[\$885.00]</u>
TOTAL	\$9173.25

Tithing & Giving. "Online Donation" represents donations for Epiphany contributed by parishioners online and sent to Epiphany from the chancery. The Contributions sent to Epiphany for the past two weeks are posted today. Thank you for sending your weekly envelope donations by mail or online.

"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, John Vernoski, Marge Rusnak, and Paul Vrabel. Please pray for these friends and relatives of parishioners: Shirley Anne Markham, Jeffrey Mikulak, Francine O'Leary, Russell Plasha, Patricia Delfine, Rev. Joseph Jugan, Steven



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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Very Rev. John G. Basarab - Pastor

Glory to Jesus Christ
Glory Forever!

May 24, 2020

Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava Na Viki!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

May 24 Sun. 10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

Seventh Week After Pascha

Third Finding of the Head of John the Baptist

May 25 Mon 10:00 AM Those Who Died in the Service of Their Country

FIFTH ALL SOULS SATURDAY

May 30 Sat. 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy and Panachida

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 31 Sun. 10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – May 31, 2020

May 31 Sun. 8:00 AM
10:30 AM

USHER SCHEDULE – May 31, 2020

May 31 Sun. 8:00 AM
10:30 AM

All public services in church until May 28th in Northern Virginia can only have ten people. People in attendance must wear masks and maintain social distancing.

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

Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

PLACE RIBBONS AT:

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

RED p. 196 Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: Festal Tones

EXCEPT: Cherubic Hymn
We Praise You

Communion Hymn p. 177 **ALL D**

1. Hymns during Incensation - "Be Exalted" on sheet opposite
2. The Divine Liturgy begins on p. 11 BLUE
3. First and Second Antiphons of Ascension p. 196 RED
4. Third Antiphon and post-festive Entrance Hymn p. 197 RED
5. At the Troparia:
 - Troparion of Resurrection Tone 6 p. 197 RED
 - Troparion of Ascension Tone 4 p. 198 RED
 - Kontakion of Council Fathers Tone 8 p. 199 RED
6. Scripture readings:
 - Prokeimenon of the Council Fathers Tone 4 p. 200 RED
 - Epistle: Acts 20:16-18 & 28-36
 - Alleluia of Council Fathers Tone 1 p. 200 RED
 - Gospel: John 17:1-13
6. Cherubic Hymn D and Church Slavonic on sheet opposite
7. Instead of "*It is truly proper...*", Magnification p. 200 RED
8. Instead of "*We have seen a true light...*" and "*May our mouth be filled...*" "Be exalted..." p. 202 RED & Slavonic on sheet opposite.

ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON – JEDINORODNYJ SYNE

Slava Otcu i Synu i Svjatomu Duchu, i nyňi i 4n a4i, 4n a v'iki v'ikov. Amiň. Jedinorodnyj Syne, i 4n a4 Božij, bezsmerten syj, i izvolivyj spasenija našeho radi voplotisja ot svjatyja Bohorodicy i 4n a4i-d'ivy Mariji, nepreložno vočelov'ičivysja, raspnysja že, Christe Bože, smertiju smert' popravij, jedin syj Svjatyja Trojcy, sproslavl'ajemyj Otcu i Svjatomu Duchu, spasi nas.

HOLY GOD – SVJATYJ BOZE

Svjatyj Bože, svjatyj kr'ipkij, svjatyj bezsmertnyj, pomiluj nas. Slava Otču i Synu, i Svjatomu Duchu, i nyňi i 4n a4i, 4n a v'iki v'ikov. Amin. Svjatyj bezsmertnyj, pomiluj nas.

IŽE CHERUVIMY – LET US WHO MYSTICALLY

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

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

SVJAT, SVJAT, SVJAT – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Svjat, svjat, svjat, Hospod' savaoth, ispolň 4n a4i 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

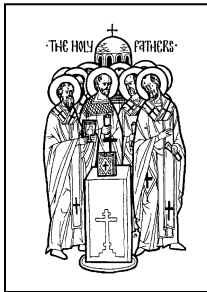
Otče naš, iže jesi na nebes'ich, da svjatitsja imja Tvoje. Da prijedet carstvije Tvoje, da budet vol'a Tvoja, jako na nebesi, 4n a zemli. Chl'ib naš nasuščnyj dažd nam dnes'. I ostavi nam dolhi naša, jakože i my ostavl'ajem dolžnikom našim. I ne vvedi nas vo iskušeniye, no izbavi nas ot lukavaho.

VOZNESISJA - BE EXALTED

Voznesisja na nebesa Bože, i po vsej zeml'i slava Tvoja.

Meditation on Today's Readings

Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council



“Eternal life is this, to know you, the only true God, and Him who You have sent, Jesus Christ...I glorified you on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.” John 17:3-4

This gospel passage is from the Last Supper. It is usually called the High Priestly Prayer of Jesus because Jesus is the High Priest, and because the prayer contains the basic elements of prayer a priest offers to God when a sacrifice is to be made: glorification, remembrance of God’s saving works, intercession on behalf of others, and a declaration of the offering itself.

This passage is appointed to be proclaimed twice every year: on the Seventh Sunday of Pascha, that is the Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council, and on the Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council. The Ecumenical Councils were called to correct erroneous ideas about God. This prayer of the Son of God to God the Father reveals why it is so important to have only correct ideas about God: eternal life is knowing the only true God and Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

From the biblical perspective, the glory of God is the weight and magnificence of God’s Being. Jesus possesses that glory in His divine nature as the Eternal Son. Now, Jesus is asking the Father to glorify Him in His human nature. How will this be accomplished? Jesus will glorify the Father by being lifted up on the cross in His human nature. In turn, Jesus asks that it be the Father’s Will to glorify Jesus by Their together raising Jesus - resurrecting Him – thereby asking the Father to glorify the Son’s human nature. Then by the Father taking Jesus’ glorified and resurrected human nature into heaven - the Ascension - Jesus can glorify and exalt our human nature.

The glory of Jesus has three dimensions. First, the glory of the Father is promoted because Christ’s obedience to the Father has brought God’s saving work to completion. Second, Christ’s divinity hidden in His humanity will now be manifested through His resurrected humanity invested with God’s authority over creation. Third, and most importantly for our benefit, Christ in His glorification gives us the opportunity to attain eternal life, to know God the Father and Jesus Christ, His only Son. For us to know Christ and the Father glorifies the Father and Jesus Christ and in turn involves our participation in divine glory, *theosis*, where we grow in love, friendship and communion with God Himself

Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus in order to not lose time in the province of Asia for he was hurrying to be in Jerusalem, if at all possible, for the day of Pentecost. Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

The account from the Acts of the Apostles reflects the commemoration of the First Ecumenical Council and serves to prepare the Church for the commemoration of Pentecost on the coming Sunday.

The first part of the pericope states that Saint Paul was exerting all effort to be in Jerusalem for Pentecost. This is an exhortation for each member of Christ’s Body the Church to be together in churches around the world on the feast of Pentecost since it is our anniversary. We have received the Holy Spirit in a special way in Chrismation – Confirmation.

In the next part of the reading Saint Paul calls for the presbyters of the Church of Ephesus to assemble. He warns the priests about danger to Christ’s Body, the Church. Paul says, “Keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock of which the Holy Spirit has appointed you overseers, in which you tend the church of God that He acquired with His own blood. I know that after my departure savage wolves will come among you, and they will not spare the flock. And from your own group, men will come forward, perverting the truth to draw the disciples away after them.”

This part of the appointed reading is to refer to the assembly of the bishops at the first Ecumenical Council who have been called together, who three hundred years after Saint Paul spoke, see the wolves and those from the flock saying Jesus is not God. Today Saint Peter’s successor, Pope Francis continues to sound a warning about the dictatorship of relativism when he said, “There is no true peace without the truth! There cannot be true peace if everyone is his own criterion.”

The appointed reading concludes “When he had finished speaking he knelt down and prayed with them all”. This prepares us that next Sunday we will kneel and pray the kneeling prayers of Pentecost. Kneeling at Pentecost shows we are docile and open to receive the Holy Spirit.

From *The Navarre Bible*: and *Ignatius Bible*:

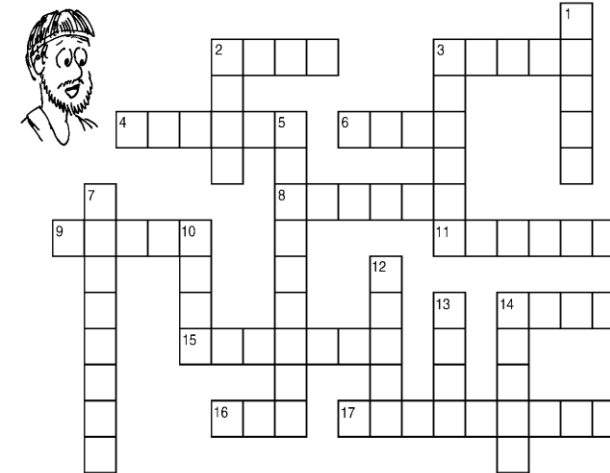
Children’s Corner

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Paul had important things to share with these dear friends he might never see again.

Place words from the list in the crossword.
Use them to complete Paul’s message.

God	weak	needs	church	distort
come	will	truth	savage	proclaim
hard	work	watch	supply	hesitated
help	covet	whole	wolves	shepherds



1. He had not (5D) _____ to (7D) _____ the (3A) _____ (6A) _____ of (16A) _____.
2. They should (12D) _____ like (17A) _____ over the (4A) _____ because false teachers would (14A) _____ in like (8A) _____ (3D) _____ and (15A) _____ the (9A) _____.
3. He had shown by his example that they should not (14D) _____, but (11A) _____ their own (1D) _____ by (10D) _____ (2D) _____ and be eager to (13D) _____ the (2A) _____.