

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' families each week. Please pray for these parishioners: John Dubiansky and Noelle Sitthikul & family, Sean and Natalie Durista, Theodore and Leslie Dykman and family, Roseann and Robert Esser & family, Anthony and Mary Fazio, Joseph Fedorko, Mary Ferrari & family, and from the Mission, Daniel and Barbara Spinder & family. If a second Sunday Liturgy is offered, an intention can be accepted. Since we have had only one Sunday Divine Liturgy for fourteen Sundays, the Liturgy was for the Intention of our Parishioners. As a result, the intentions requested for the second Liturgy on Sundays have not been offered. The celebrant can pray for additional intentions during the Liturgy, for example, the priest is required to pray for the bishop who ordained him at every Liturgy he offers. The celebrant will pray for the intention parishioners have offered. Please note that this does not persolve the Liturgy intention requested. There is no previously scheduled liturgy intention **for February 21st**. Any Sunday liturgy intention previously scheduled will be rescheduled.

Public Liturgies. The Commonwealth of Virginia began Phase Three July 1st. 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 and with the bishop's permission. For churches, Phase Three requirements are the same as Phase One requirements. This means that the Parish Strategic Plan and the Eparchial Checklist is still applicable. This means churches may open at

50% of capacity provided health department requirements are met. It is important for public health not to slacken in observing the Strategic Plan. Bishop Kurt continues to dispense so those who are at risk or feel unsafe may remain at home. 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 First Sunday of the Great Fast today will be live streamed.

Praying at Home Together. If you are remaining safe at home, you may consider praying the Divine Liturgy in your 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>. The entire People's Molitvennik is available 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 some parishioners are remaining safe at home. Simply email the parish: epiphanyoffourlord@verizon.net.

Aliturgical Days. Weekdays during the Great Fast are aliturgical days, days on which the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated. Since the Divine Liturgy re-presents the crucifixion and death of our Lord but also His resurrection, Divine Liturgy was only celebrated on Saturdays and Sundays during the Great Fast. Presanctified Liturgy was devised as a means where Holy

Communion consecrated on Sunday would be distributed on Wednesdays and Fridays, so that as we fast from food and sin, we can receive the Holy Eucharist more frequently.

Fasting Regulations. Wednesdays and Fridays during the Great Fast are days of abstinence in which no meat products are permitted.

All Souls Saturdays. Each year there are five All Souls Saturdays when our deceased relatives are remembered by name. This list, the Hramoty or Dyptychs, is read during a Panachida which follows the Divine Liturgy for the repose of our departed family members. Please use the envelopes in your envelope sets to list your departed names. The Second All Souls Saturday is Saturday, February 27, 2021. The next four are February 27, March 6, March 13, and May 22.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Lenten Dinners? Kolachi? These are the questions being asked in nine out of ten phone calls coming into the parish office on Tuesday. The answer is "yes", with some alterations to conform with COVID-19 requirements issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia Health Department, CDC, Catholic Mutual, Bishop Kurt and Governor Northam. Lenten Dinners opening will be delayed until week four, March 4th. Kolachi will be available for sale at that time, as well. Small teams of parish volunteers have come together to make take-out only dinners available for three weeks. And a small team will make the kolachi again this year to be sold at Lenten Dinners. Working in these smaller teams will make safe distancing achievable. In the coming weeks, we will address the safest way to execute the presentation and sales of these favorites.

2021 Calendars. Parishioners, if you were not able to pick up a 2021 liturgical calendar since Christmas and wish to request a calendar, please call the parish office at 703-573-3986. We will put

one in the mail to you. We are asking that distribution be limited to one per family.

On-line Giving Now Set Up. Bishop Kurt directed that all parishes have online giving service in place with www.tithe.ly.com by August 31, 2020. Both the parish and the mission now have online accounts with tithe.ly and these can be accessed at the church or mission web sites. To make an online contribution, go to the church web site. On the home page is a link that says Epiphany of our Lord online donation. Click on that and you will be directed to Epiphany's tithe.ly account. Please note that where you see Offertory, that is a drop-down menu that allows the donor to specify what the donation is for: Sunday offertory, Building Fund, St. Nicholas Fund, or eparchial collections. Please show care in the category Recurring Giving. If it is not a donation to be given each week or month, please make that adjustment that this is a one-time donation.

EMC Bingo. Due to the Pandemic, Bingo has been suspended indefinitely. Observance of local, state, Catholic Mutual, and eparchial requirements for safe distancing and sanitizing does not make reopening Bingo economically feasible until further notice.

Parish Bulletin. The parish bulletin will continue to be posted weekly on the Epiphany website: www.eolbcc.org. It will also be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex and photograph of the bulletin can be taken.

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, Wednesday, Friday- 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Parish staff has established safety and health protocols at the parish office. If you have business at the office, please follow these protocols: 1. use the RING doorbell; 2. wear a mask 3. sanitizer station when you come and leave; 4. observe social distancing. We are only able to accommodate three adults in the office at one ti

me, including two staff members observing safe distancing.

Mission Update. Jack McLaurin has informed us that the Forest Conservation Exemption Plan revision has been approved by Montgomery County. The Soil and Erosion Plan awaits approval. VIKA reports that the county had some minor comments. VIKA has adjusted these and resubmitted the SEP. The legal counsel for the Eparchy is to review the easement documents, have the Bishop sign them and notarize them and submit them to VIKA.

Restroom Availability FYI. There are no campus restrooms open to the public, including our vendors.

EPARCHIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop's Appeal. The Bishop's Appeal 2020 began October 1st. Pledges and payments will be accepted through June 1, 2021. Any contributions received after December 31, 2020, must be attributed to the 2021 tax year. The goal for this year's campaign is the same as last year, \$19,800 for the church and \$6,000 for the mission. The parishioners at the church have pledged or given \$16,950. The parishioners at the mission have pledged or given \$4,225. This is an incredible response in this difficult time. May God bless you for your sacrificial offerings to our eparchy and for our eparchy's donations to European eparchies. If we reach our goal, we will receive a 40% refund of the total received.

ByzanTEENS Night Out. The monthly virtual meetings of Byzantine Catholic teens continue this year with the general theme of "Roadmap to the Rally" at Mt. St. Mary, Emmitsburg, MD. The next meeting is today, Sunday, February 21st from 6:00-7:30PM. The teens are from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Florida. Epiphany

teens are participants. Each month there are new participants who join. Deacon Tom Schubeck, a deacon at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Rahway and a licensed psychologist and a professor at Seton Hall University, is one of the hosts. For information on the virtual Night Out, write to him at frdeacontom@gmail.com.

God With Us Online. The study series continues with the offering *Dying to Sin: The First Steps in Askesis*. The course answers Are we all called to asceticism or is it the work of a select few? The course is led by Rev. Deacon Thomas Moses and will be presented online for three Mondays and begins tomorrow, February 22. The next sessions are March 1 and 8 8:00 - 9:00PM. Go to www.GodWithUsOnline.org to register.

First Sunday of the Great Fast

COMING EVENTS

- Byzantine Spirituality
- Parish Office Safety Protocols
- ByzanTEEN Night Out
- 2021 Calendars
- All Souls Saturdays
- Mission Development
- On Line Contributions
- Bishop's Appeal

EMC BINGO

Bingo will be suspended for the foreseeable future.

<http://EMCBINGO.com>

February 21, 2021

TITHING & GIVING

Adults	\$3,225.00
Initial Offering	\$155.00
Building Fund	\$2,740.00
Holy Days	\$310.00
Candles	\$187.00
Christmas	\$50.00
School of Religion	\$22.00
ECL	\$12.00
St. Nicholas Fund	\$38.00
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	\$6,739.00

Tithing & Giving. Above accounting represents weeks 1/31/21 and 2/7/21. The next report will cover weeks 2/14/21 and 2/21/21. "Online Donation" represents donations for Epiphany contributed by parishioners online and sent to Epiphany from our online giving account. Our online giving is operational and can be accessed through the parish or mission web sites. Thank you for continuing to use your giving envelopes.

"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, Richard Wytko, Tim Ryan, Fr. Lee Gross, and Rand Bass. 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 Goula, Eileen Gray, James Seman, Mike Shuster, Greg Starr, Florence Kunder, Kelly Kunder, Jim Bacigalupi, Katherine Sikoryak, John Ryaby III, Guillermina Donalson, and Steve Smith.



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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!	February 21, 2021	Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na v'iki!
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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Sun. Feb. 21 10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

Second Week of the Great Fast

First and Second Findings of the Head of John the Baptist

Wed. Feb. 24 7:30 AM Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts

Fri. Feb. 26 7:30 AM Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts

Second All Souls Saturday

Sat. Feb. 27 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy and Remembrance of the Departed

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Sun. Feb. 28 10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – February 28, 2021

Sun. Feb. 28 One server will be assigned under Phase Three Reopening Plan.

USHER SCHEDULE – February 28, 2021

Sun. Feb. 28 Ushers check with Bob Wargo for assignments next Sunday.

All public services in church in Phase Three in Virginia can have 50% of capacity. 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 business on the website email.

PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy
First Sunday of the Great Fast
Sunday of Orthodoxy

PLACE RIBBONS AT:

BLUE	p. 11	Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy
GREEN	p. 146	Resurrection Tone 5
RED	p. 220	First Sunday of the Great Fast

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: D

EXCEPT:

Holy, Holy, Holy
We praise You
All from Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

1. The Divine Liturgy begins on p. 11 BLUE
2. Typica and Beatitudes pp. 16-17, 23-24
3. At the Troparia:
 - Troparion of the Resurrection Tone 5 p. 146 GREEN
 - Troparion of the Holy Icons Tone 2 p. 220 RED
 - Kontakion of the Holy Icons Tone 8 p. 220-221 RED
4. Scripture readings:
 - Prokeimenon of First Sunday of the Great Fast Tone 4 p. 221 RED
 - Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2
 - Alleluia of First Sunday of the Great Fast Tone 4 p. 221 RED
 - Gospel: John 1:43-51
5. Anaphora of Saint Basil the Great pp. 96-99

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 voplotitisja ot svjatyja Bohorodicy i 4n a4i-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.

SVJATYJ BOŽE – HOLY GOD

Svjatyj Bože, Svjatyj kr'ipkij, Svjatyj bezsmertnyj, pomiluj nas. (3)
Slava Otcu, i Synu, i Svjatomu 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 životvorjassčej Trojc'i trisvjatuju p'isň prinosjasšče, vsjakuju nyňi zitejskoje otveržim pečal'.

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

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.

DOSTOJNO JEST' – IT IS TRULY PROPER

Dostojno jest' jako voistinnu blažiti t'a bohorodicu, prisnoblaženuju i preneporočnuju i Mater' Boha našeho. Česňišuju Cheruvim i slavňišuju bez sravnenija Serafim, bez ist'inja Boha Slova roždšuju, suščuju Bohorodicu, t'a veličajem.

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 iskušeniye, no izbavi nas ot lukavaho.

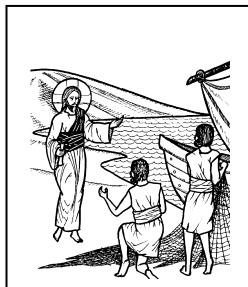
VID'ICHOM SVIT ISTINNYJ – WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT

Vid'ichom svit istinnyj, i prijachom Ducha nebesnaho, obr'itochom v'iru istinnuju, nerazd'ilnij Svjat'ij Trojc'i poklanjajemsja, T'a bo nas spasla jest'.

DA ISPOLŇATSJA – MAY OUR MOUTH BE FILLED

Da ispolňatsja usta naša chvalenija tvojego Hospodi, jako da pojem slavu tvoju, jako spodobil jesi nas pričastitsja svjatym tvojim, božestvennym, bezsmertnym, i životvor'ascim Tajnam; utverdi nas Bože vo Tvojej svjatyni vsja dni poučatisja pravd'i Tvojej. Alliluja.

Meditation on Today's Readings



The First Sunday of the Great Fast

“You will see greater things than this... You will see the sky opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man” John 1:43-51

The original commemoration for the First Sunday of the Great Fast was the Old Testament prophets. After the triumph of the True Faith and the restoration of icons, the main commemoration was of the triumph of the True Faith over falsehood and heresy. The prophets and patriarchs were made a secondary commemoration of the Sunday. However, the readings appointed by the Holy Fathers for the commemoration of the prophets and patriarchs remained. This is why the gospel is the account of the call of Philip and Nathaniel since Philip tells Nathaniel “We have found the one Moses and the prophets spoke, Jesus of Nazareth”. The epistle is a list of the Old Testament men and women who remained faithful to God’s true revelation and promise to send a Messiah even though these would not live to see the promise fulfilled.

This original commemoration of the Old Testament prophets on this Sunday was because the Great Fast was the time to prepare the catechumens for their baptism on Great Saturday night at the Paschal Vigil. On this Sunday the names of the catechumens are “inscribed into the Book of Life” that is, the book in which catechumens are enrolled. The forty days are a period of prayer and catechesis for catechumens to prepare for baptism and for the Christian Faithful to renew their baptismal purity.

Jesus calls Philip by a direct invitation and Philip responds immediately. Philip invites Nathaniel and he questions Jesus’ origins since the prophets do not predict the Messiah coming from Nazareth. Philip does what any disciple inviting another should do. He has Nathaniel meet Jesus directly. What follows is an encounter that refers to an earlier Theophany, that is, when the ancestor of all Jewish people, Jacob, encountered God at Bethel. Jesus begins it because He says Nathaniel is a true Israelite in whom there is no guile. Jacob was renamed “Israel” by God. Jacob was a man of guile. Jacob – Israel – met God and “wrestled” with Him. After the encounter Israel said, “I have seen God face to face and my life is preserved.” Then, Jacob saw what has come to be called Jacob’s ladder, the stair reaching to heaven with the angels of God ascending and descending on it. Jesus shows that He is God when He tells Nathaniel about something that took place under the fig tree, something only God and Nathaniel would know. Nathaniel knows that He is in the presence of God and his life is preserved. This is the source of his proclamation, “You are the Son of God. You are the King of Israel.” The fig tree reminds us of the story of Adam and Eve who after the Fall from grace wove fig leaves. Jesus declares that He is the stair, the way that leads to heaven. Jesus will use the cross as the stair through which He will open the way to heaven when He is crucified on it.

Possibly, we have encountered God like Philip. More likely, we are brought to God by our parents and godparents, who, like Philip, cannot keep the happiness of meeting God to themselves but must share it with their loved ones. On this first Sunday of the Great Fast we should remember who brought us to baptism. We can become used to this great and life-preserving reality, that is, the encounter with God. This time of Fast is a perfect time to renew our fervor in our relationship with God.

...Therefore...let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross... Hebrews 12:1-2

During Lent catechumens are prepared for baptism on Holy Saturday and the baptized members cooperate with God to restore their baptismal fervor and the purity of the soul they had at baptism. This Sunday commemorates not only the restoration of the icons but the memory of the holy prophets who waited for the Messiah. That is the connection to the gospel passage where Philip tells Nathaniel he has found the one Moses and the prophets spoke. The epistle lists Old Testament people who kept their faith in God in the most difficult situations to give an inspiring portrait of religious faith, unyielding in the face of obstacles. Now that the hearer is inspired by the examples, the lesson is given: we must be no less faithful. The example for our faith is not only the Old Testament people but Jesus our High Priest Himself who suffered the cross, a greater suffering than any one. We are now ready to continue the work of the Great Fast.

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

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Fit the words into the crossword puzzle.
Then use the words from the puzzle to complete the story below.

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(1) _____ (5) _____ about (11A) _____

(3) _____ . He said, " (9) _____ have (4) _____

the (8) _____ (11D) _____ (2) _____ (7) _____ ."