

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: Brian and Michelle Jessee & family, Mary-Ann Jozwiak-Kovch & family, Russell and Julia Jumbelic, Brian Jurkowski Gene and Melissa Kakalec & family, Dave and Nicole Kalinock & family, Gregory and Jennifer Kalinyak & family, and from the Mission, Elizabeth and Kevin Keyes & family.

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. Governor Northam's amended Executive Order #72 March 23, 2021, makes no changes for churches. This means that the Parish Strategic Plan and the Eparchial Checklist are 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 the Faithful to make a good Confession when the pandemic is over. The Divine Liturgy of Thomas Sunday 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 office.

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. Jamie has begun rescheduling weekday liturgy requests according to the date of the request. If you have scheduled a weekday liturgy, that liturgy will remain on the date requested. However, if you scheduled a liturgy on a Sunday, the intention will not be rescheduled until after the pandemic or until Bishop Kurt is able to assign a second priest to be able to celebrate two Sunday liturgies. There is no pre-scheduled Divine Liturgy for Easter Sunday, April 4th.

All Souls Saturdays. The Fifth All Souls Saturday will be May 22.

Condolences. We offer condolences to Jack Figel upon the death of his mother, +Jean Figel who died March 30th at the home of her son, Jack Figel. Visitation was Wednesday, April 7th, from 2:00 PM -8:00 PM with Parastas at 7:00 PM at Jobe Funeral Home in Turtle Creek, PA. Visitation was also offered on Thursday from 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM at St. Stephen Byzantine

Catholic Church in Irwin, PA before the Funeral Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM. Interment followed immediately at St. Joseph Cemetery, in North Versailles, PA.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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.

Amortization Schedule. The current balance on the \$1.8 million dollar loan from the eparchy for the new church is \$911,282.67. We have just made the 2021 first quarter interest payment of \$6,834.82. At the 2021 year end we will have paid out \$101,775.98 bringing our loan balance to \$836,282.67.

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. We will continue to monitor health and scientific information as it becomes available to guide the determination of opening safely for our parishioners and Bingo patrons.

Spring 2021 Awards Club. The winner of the fourth drawing is Mr. & Mrs. Rand Bass. The next drawing will take place today, April 4th.

Parish Bulletin. The parish bulletin will continue to be posted weekly on the Epiphany website: www.colbcc.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 door: 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; Jamie is able to respond to the from home as well. 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 time, including two staff members observing safe distancing.

Mission Update. Jack McLaurin received the unsettling notice from Montgomery County that they want the Mission to reapply with a Commercial Application because of the change of the use of the sitting room to a chapel. This is after the county has already issued permits for us according to our original application.

Book Store. The Bookstore has limited supplies of pysanky kits and dyes, and egg-wrap. Also, Lamb molds for butter are available. The Bookstore is open this Sunday and by appointment. Please contact a Bookstore manager and be prepared to wear a mask and not to use the rest rooms in the Social Hall.

Restroom Availability FYI. There are no *campus restrooms open to the public, including* our vendors. We have only two buildings being cleaned weekly, the church for our parishioners and the parish office for our office staff. The parish center hall rest rooms are cleaned for workers for Lenten Dinners. The day care bathrooms are for the exclusive use of the day care children and staff and restricted for their safety.

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.

ByzanTEEN Virtual Night. It is already Holy Week, and that means our next ByzanTEEN Virtual Night Out is a week away on Sunday April 18th (Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women), 6:00 -7:30pm. The evening's theme is *Myrrh-bearers: Discipleship in Strength and Silence*. REGISTER now, while it's on your mind, at <https://eparchyofpassaic.com/byzanteensyouthministry> so that we may plan activities and, most importantly send you the link to the Zoom virtual meeting room. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at your convenience.

Presbyteral Days. Presbyteral Days will take place this week by Zoom conference for the priests of the Eparchy of Passaic.

Theology of the Body. Bishop Kurt Burnette has asked pastors to inform their deacons and parishioners that Catholic Distance University is offering a free Online conference on St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. St. John Paul II offered these originally as a series of talks in his general audiences on the human person and especially on sexuality, reproduction, and gender based on the revealed Faith, especially on the revelations in the early chapters of the Book of Genesis. Bishop Kurt noted: "Generally speaking, I find St. John Paul's teachings that are now called "Theology of the Body" to be remarkably similar to our own theological tradition which beautifully emphasizes that we were created in the image and likeness of God. The 2021 Theology of the Body Conference will be held April 30-May 2 and will feature over eighty of the most prominent Catholic speakers such as Christopher West, Scott Hahn, Sr. Bethany Madonna among others. To register please visit:

<https://www.tobvirtualconference.com>

The Creed. God With Us online presents "I Believe-A Study of the Creed" online webinar on Wednesdays from April 14-June16 from 8-9PM. Join Father David Anderson as we dive deeply into the Creed. To register: register@easterncatholic.org.

Thomas Sunday

COMING EVENTS

- Byzantine Spirituality
- On Line Contributions
- EMC Awards Club
- Parish Office Safety Protocols
- Amortization Schedule
- Mission Development
- Bishop's Appeal

EMC BINGO

Bingo will be suspended for the foreseeable future.

<http://EMCBINGO.com>

April 11, 2021

TITHING & GIVING

Adults	\$4801.00
Building Fund	\$3200.00
Holy Days	\$1545.00
Candles	\$587.00
BCY	\$10.00
Easter Flowers	\$25.00
SOR	\$12.00
Easter	\$4515.00
Retired Religious	\$50.00
Water Bottles	\$12.00
ECL	\$12.00
Mission Church	\$65.00
St. Nicholas Fund	\$641.00
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Tithing & Giving. This report is the income of weeks 3/28/21 and 4/4/21. The next report will reflect offertory for April 11th and April 18th. "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



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!!	April 11, 2021	Christos voskrese! Voistinnu voskrese!
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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

THOMS SUNDAY

Sun. Apr. 11 10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

Thomas Week

Fri. Apr. 16 10:00 AM +Fred Adara by Mary and Tony Fazio

Sat. Apr. 17 10:00 AM +William Herron by Robert Klapouchy

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS

Sun. Apr. 18 10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – April 18, 2021

Sun. Apr. 18 One server will be assigned under Phase Three Reopening Plan.

USHER SCHEDULE – April 18, 2021

Sun. Apr. 18 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

Mysteris (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.

Mysteris (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.

Mysteris (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 to 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
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 životvorjasšcej 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.

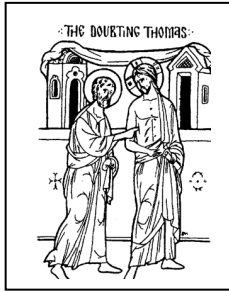
Sv'itisja, sv'itisja, novy Jerusalime: slava bo Hospodňa na Teb'i vozsija: likuj nyňi i veselisja Sione, ty že čistaja

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.

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.”

Importantly, He shows His wounds so that they recognize He is the same One who was crucified and not a vision but even more His wounds are signs of God’s love manifested in the great sacrifice. The Risen Lord carries the signs of sacrifice to heaven as the Book of Revelation calls Him “the Lamb that was slain”.

“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 you 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

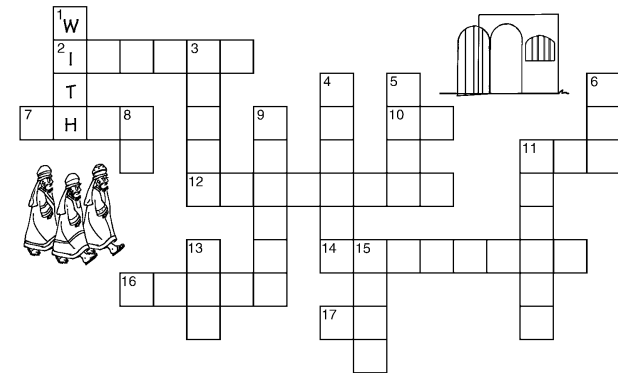
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In the morning, officers went to the jail to find the apostles, but they were gone!

Fit the words in the crossword, then arrange them by number to find what the officers said to the religious leaders.

AT	BUT	JAIL	WITH	GUARDS	OPENED
NO	ONE	THEM	DOORS	INSIDE	SECURELY
WE	THE	WHEN	FOUND	LOCKED	STANDING



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 _____ 17A _____ 16A _____ 6D _____ 5D
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