

"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 Dobs, David Sayen, Mary McDonnell, Justine Ferrari, Louis Shanks, Caroline Zurun, Mary Beth Vieira, Irene Markovich, Mary Gaydos, Betty Markovchick, John Vernoski, Marge Rusnak, Tim Ryan, Fr. Lee Gross, and Greta Koehl. Please pray for these relatives and friends of our parishioners: Eileen Gray, James Seman, Mike Shuster, Greg Starr, Florence Kunder, Kelly Kunder, Francine O'Leary, Russell Plasha, Patricia Delfine, Jim Bacigalupi, Katherine Sikoryak, Margaret Hospodar, John Ryaby III, Guillermina Donalson, Steve Smith, Caleb Joseph Lugo, and Marie J. Stone.

Prayers for our Parishioners. The particular law of the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church directs 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; Joseph and Linda, Greg and Laura Shepherd & family, David Sikora, Mark Sikora, Mary Sikora, Michael and Amy Sikora & family Michael Sirotniak and Ahn Nguyen, and from the Mission, Sheri and Edward Fogle & family.

Public Liturgies. The Governor of Virginia has issued the seventh revised Executive Order Seventy-two and Executive Order Seventy-Nine. In these orders the governor has lifted most restrictions according to recent guidelines issued by the Center for Disease Control. According to the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Emergency expired July 1, 2021, and all executive orders are expired or terminated.

Episcopal Guidelines. Bishop Kurt issued directives for his parishes effective May 28, 2021.

1 The Bishop directs that state and local health directives be observed. 2 Parishioners do not have to wear a mask except for personal choice. 3 Priests, deacons and those assisting with the distribution of Holy Communion should wear a mask. 4 The priest and deacon are to receive from chalices other than the one to be used for the Faithful. 5 Individual spoons must continue to be used to distribute Holy Communion. 6 The priest and deacon must continue to exercise caution in handling the offered and prepared gifts before they are consecrated, and handling, speaking or singing near the Gifts or the

metal ware (chalice, discos, zeon) and continue to sanitize their hands prior to touching them. 7 No one should be asked if they have received the covid vaccine in order to allow entrance to the church. 8 People are encouraged to continue to practice safe distancing in the pews and Communion procession. 9 The Bishop has not lifted the prohibition to have the prayer books and Bibles or the bulletins in church.

Sunday Obligation. The Bishop has revoked the dispensation regarding the Sunday precept or obligation to assist at Divine Liturgy on June 6th. Watching the live stream no longer fulfills the obligation to assist at Divine Liturgy. However, the Bishop reminds everyone that "just as before the pandemic, anyone is relieved of the obligation for serious reason such as sickness, immobility, fear, caring for someone else, to protect your own health or the health of others."

Parish Adjustments to Plan. As a response to the governor's amended executive order and Bishop Kurt Burnette's guidelines of May 26, 2021 Epiphany will have certain adjustments in public worship and assembly. Please continue to follow the directions of the ushers. The sanitizing stations will still be at the same places, and all are asked to avail themselves of their use. The collection will continue to be taken by the basket in the narthex for the present. Please note that adjustments to pew seating are being made to accommodate the Faithful since the Bishop's dispensation from the Sunday obligation has been revoked. The Bishop has not made any changes to allow the distribution of bulletins or replacing the books in the pew racks. However, the ushers will have Divine Liturgy books available if you desire. If you ask for a book, please take it home with you and bring it back for use each time you come to church. The sacristans will continue to sanitize surfaces and doors in church after each Divine Liturgy. The chapel will remain closed at present.

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>.

Prayerbook in church. The entire People's Molitvnik is available at the <https://mci.archpitt.org> web site under Publications tab to use on your smart phone when participating in the 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.

Liturgy Intentions to be Rescheduled Now that we have re-established two Divine Liturgies for Sunday, a Saturday 5:00 pm evening Divine Liturgy for Sunday and a 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy of Sunday, Jamie will begin to reschedule those Sunday requests not persolved in 2020 and through the first seven months of 2021.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Current Ushers. If you did not receive an email from Bob Wargo in the past two weeks regarding scheduling that means either he doesn't have an email address for you, or the one he has is not valid. Therefore, please email him at bob.wargo56@gmail.com with your email address and indicate which liturgy you prefer to usher at, Saturday at 5:00 pm or Sunday at 9:00 am, based upon the new liturgy schedule effective July 24. Also let him know if you would be willing to usher at your "non-preferred" liturgy occasionally.

New Ushers. Anyone not already an Usher, but who would like to be, please email Bob (see above) with the same information – email address, liturgy preference, and if willing to usher at the other liturgy from time-to-time.

On-line Giving. 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 have online accounts with tithe.ly and these can be accessed at the church or mission web sites. To make an online

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Tax Planning Opportunities. For those of you currently taking required minimum distributions from your IRA,

consider making Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) to Epiphany Church directly from your IRA. This will not only benefit our church, but it reduces your taxable income even if you do not itemize. Contact the parish office for more information.

EMC Bingo. New legislation went into effect July 1, 2021 that changes aspects of Bingo in the Commonwealth of Virginia. This legislation allows only those organizations who have corporate offices in Virginia to hold Bingo. Epiphany Men's Club has consulted with counsel and his recommendations have been forwarded to the eparchial general counsel. EMC counsel has explained that Richmond has formed a subcommittee to study the legislation. It is proposed that EMC representatives meet with several of the elected officials on the subcommittee to explain our situation. The eparchial attorney is reviewing the legislation and will also respond.

Catechetical Sunday. "Catechetical Sunday" is an annual event in our parish and in the Byzantine Catholic Churches in the United States that marks the beginning of religious instruction for the new catechetical school year. The theme this year is from our liturgy: "Christ: The Physician of Souls and Bodies." Next week, we will have a special blessing and prayers for our children, and their catechists, during the 9:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy. We ask that all catechists and students be present for this ceremony. These prayers emphasize the importance of learning and teaching the faith of our Church, a responsibility we all have as Christians.

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.

Mission Development. Contracts with Go Pro Construction have been executed for the chapel renovation and for the dry well. Goshen Enterprises who is our lawn service will submit a proposal for tree removal. Jim Dillon, the wood craftsman, has the icon screen prepared to be stained and the holy table fabricated. Contact has been made with another church pew and chair company for sizes and prices. A selection of church chandelier is being reviewed for size and wattage. Christine Uvegyes Loya sent contracts which have been reviewed and amendments proposed.

Book Store. The Bookstore is open Sunday by appointment. Please contact a Bookstore manager.

EPARCHIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop's Appeal Recent Update. The Bishop's Appeal 2020 began October 1st. Pledges and payments were 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 was 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 \$22,325. The parishioners at the mission have pledged or given \$4,225. Epiphany has received their rebate totaling \$9,030. 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 donation to European eparchies.

Vocations Discernment. The Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius is hosting a "Come and See" weekend for men ages 18 to 35 who are fully vaccinated and who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood in the Byzantine Catholic Church. The event runs from 5 pm on Friday evening, November 5 through 4 pm on Sunday afternoon, November 7, 2021 at the Seminary (3605 Perrysville Avenue) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The weekend retreat is free of charge and will include sharing liturgical services and meals with the Seminary community, an introduction to the Seminary formation program, a tour of the Seminary, gatherings with the Seminarians, talks, and a panel discussion. The retreat is conducted in a "no pressure, no hard-sell" environment. The atmosphere is prayerful, positive, and fraternal. Any man seeking further information or wishing to register for this "Come and See" retreat of discovery is encouraged to contact his vocation director and use the online registration at www.bcs.edu. Deadline for registrations is October 13, 2021.

Sunday before Exaltation

COMING EVENTS

- Byzantine Spirituality
- On Line Contributions
- Amended Safety Protocols
- Two Sunday Divine Liturgies
- Mission Development
- Bishop's Appeal
- Ushers Needed
- ECF-SOR Catechetical Sunday
- SOR - Teachers Needed

EMC BINGO

Bingo will be suspended for the foreseeable future.

<http://EMCBINGO.com>

September 12, 2021

TITHING & GIVING

Adults	\$5110.00
Building Fund	\$2365.00
Holy Days	\$290.00
Candles	\$160.50
BCY	\$25.00
SOR	\$786.00
Seminary	\$200.00
St. Nicholas Fund	\$52.00
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The above figures represent the collections for 09/05/21

Tithing & Giving. This report represents donations made in person during the week 09/05/21 It does not include online donations

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 Very Rev. John G. Basarab – Pastor

Glory to Jesus Christ!	September 12, 2021	Slava Isusu Christ!
Glory forever!		Slava na v'iki!

VIGIL OF THE F SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION

Sat. Sept. 11 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION

Sun. Sept. 12 9:00 AM +

Seventeenth Week after Pentecost

EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

Tues. Sept 14 10:00 AM

7:30PM

Fri Sept. 17 10:00 AM

VIGIL OF THE SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION

Sat. Sept. 18 5:00 PM

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Sun. Sept. 19 9:00 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – September 11 & September 12, 2021

Sat. Sept. 11 5:00 PM One server and a sacristan will be assigned.

Sun. Sept. 12 9:00 AM One server and a sacristan will be assigned.

USHER SCHEDULE – September 11 & September 12, 2021

Sat. Sept. 11 5:00 PM

Ushers check with Bob Wargo for assignments next Saturday and Sunday.

Sun. Sept. 12 9:00 AM

People in attendance can wear masks but do not have to do so if vaccinated. No one will be asked to provide proof. People are requested to 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.

<p align="center">Epiphany of our Lord Church, Annandale, VA http://www.eolbcc.org Epiphany of our Lord does not conduct business on the website email.</p>

PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy
for

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

and

The Holy Prophet Zechariah, father of St. John the Baptist, and his wife, Elizabeth

PLACE RIBBONS AT:

BLUE p. 11 Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy
GREEN p. 152 Resurrection Tone 6

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE:

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Except:

1. The Divine Liturgy begins on p. 11 BLUE
2. Sunday Antiphons
3. At the Troparia
Troparion of Resurrection Tone 6 p. 152 GREEN
Troparion of Zechariah, September Menaion p. 18
Kontakion of the Resurrection Tone 6 p. 152 GREEN
4. Scripture readings:
Prokeimenon of Resurrection Tone 6 p. 153 GREEN
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15
Alleluia of Resurrection Tone 6 p. 153 GREEN
Gospel: Matthew 22:35-46

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.

SVJATYJ BOŽE – HOLY GOD

Svjatyj Bože, svjatyj kr'ipkij, svjatyj bezsmertnyj, pomiluj nas. Slava Otcu i Synu, i Svjatomu Duchu, i nyňi i 4n a4i, 4n a 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 zembl'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 Bororodicu, prisnoblaženuju i preneporočnuju i Mater' Boha našeho. Čestnišuju Cheruvim i slavnišuju bez sravnenija Serafim, bez istl'inija Boha Slova roždšuju, suščuju Bohorodicu, t'a veličajem.

OTČE NAŠ – OUR FATHER

Tvoja, jako na nebesi, i na zembl'i. Chl'ib naš nasuščnyj dažd nam dnes'. I ostavi nam dolhi naša, jakože i my ostavl'aje dolžnikom našim. I ne vvedi nas vo iskušenje, no izbavi nas ot lukavaho.

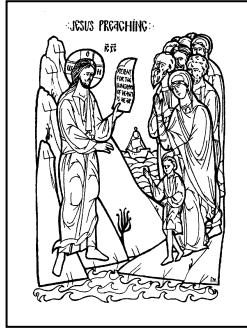
VID'ICHOM SV'IT ISTINNYJ – WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT

Vid'ichom sv'it istinnyj, i prijachom Ducha nebesnaho, obr'itocom v'iru istinnuju nerazd'ilňij Svjat'ij Trojc'i poklaňajemsja, Ta bo nas spasla jest'.

DA ISPOLŇATSJA – MAY OUR MOUTH BE FILLED

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

Meditation on Today's Readings



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

“He said to him, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind...You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Matthew 22:35-46

This gospel passage appointed by the holy fathers for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost took place on Great Monday. Once again as they have for most of the Sundays after Pentecost, the holy fathers are following the chronology given in the gospel according to Matthew. Since the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14th is observed as a secondary Great Friday and Pascha these Sundays immediately prior to that feast are from Great Week.

This passage is part of a larger dispute narrative at the temple in Jerusalem in which first the chief priests and elders, then the Pharisees, followed by the Sadducees, confront Jesus in order to challenge Him and His teaching. Here, one of the Pharisees, a lawyer, that is, an expert in the first five books of the Old Testament, questions Jesus with a query common among rabbis of the first century, that is, which of the 613 commandments in the Law of Moses is the most important? Jesus' answer is to quote two commandments, Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18. The greatest commandment is the obligation to love God totally and above all other loves. The second commandment is “you must love your neighbor as being yourself”, or like another self. Both are crucially important to being a happy and complete human being and both are great challenges in our present condition. In the gospel according to Mark the lawyer is converted by Jesus' answer and becomes a disciple.

The Pharisees gather to respond but before they can say anything Jesus goes on the offensive and questions them about how they understand Psalm 110:1, “The Lord said to my lord, sit at my right hand.” God promised King David that the messiah would be his descendent. The Pharisees understand this psalm composed by King David to be a psalm about the messiah. The words “The Lord” are substitutions for the name of God which was not to be pronounced, YHWH. So, while it reads “YHWH [God=God the Father] said to my lord [the Messiah] it is pronounced like a puzzle, “The Lord said to my lord.” The question Jesus poses is, why would David call his future descendent “my lord”, since the grandson should call the grandfather “my lord”. The only answer is that the descendent is greater than David and the only reason that could be is because the descendent, “my lord,” is the same as “The Lord”—He is God. The Pharisees know that the only possible answer to the question is that Jesus is not only a man - Son of David - but also Son of God, but they refuse to answer. As the cross draws closer, Jesus calls us to three principles of growth towards perfection: to love God above all, to love our neighbor as another self, and to acknowledge that Jesus is both perfect God and perfect man.

...While we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake. So death is at work in us, but life in you.
2 Corinthians 4:6-15

The apostle Saint Paul is writing about the special office of the apostles and the greatness of the responsibility and privilege of the apostolic call. The greatness of being an apostle is balanced by the fact that they have to suffer to bear witness to the truth of the Gospel. By suffering for the truth of the Gospel they are like their Master, the Lord Jesus who suffered and died **for us**. The reason the Son of God called

these men and appointed them as apostles to preach, perform miracles and indeed, to suffer and eventually to die as martyrs is **for us**. From almost two thousand years ago he is telling us that he was made an apostle, that he wrote his preaching in letters, for us to read after his death, and that he suffered persecution because God wanted him to do it **for us**. In the epistle Saint Paul says the work of an apostle leads to them being delivered to a death sentence so that we can have life. You and I can marvel that God loves us so much that He would die for us and resurrect and then have these apostles die for us as well. The apostles believe that they and we will be raised to life in heaven eternally.

From the *Navarre Bible-Matthew*, the *Ignatius Study Bible-The Gospel of Matthew*, and John Custer, *The Holy Gospel, A Byzantine Perspective*.

Children's Corner

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God made light
shine out of darkness.

Find all the letters Q, B, J and X and
cross them out to find the rest of the message.



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Christ.

