

to celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the people of the parish entrusted to him on Sunday and days of precept [holydays of obligation] (canon 294). This liturgy intention for 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 remembering several parishioners and families each week. Please remember this week; Janet and Steven Goldman & family, William and Ella Gombar, Mary and Frederick Goodspeed, Michael Graham and Paula Poskon, Gary and Emily Green, Sally Green, Edward and Carol Gubanich, and, from the Mission, Rosemary Chisarick.

Episcopal Guidelines. Bishop Kurt issued directives for his parishes effective May 28, 2021. The Bishop directs that state and local health directives should be observed. Parishioners do not have to wear a mask except for personal choice. Clergy and those assisting with the distribution of Holy Communion should wear a mask. No one should be asked if they have received the covid vaccine in order to allow entrance to the church. People are encouraged to continue to practice safe distancing in the pews and Communion procession. The Bishop has not lifted the prohibition to have the prayer books or Bibles or bulletins in church.

Sunday Obligation. The Bishop has revoked the dispensation regarding the Sunday precept or obligation to assist at Divine Liturgy on June 6, 2021. Watching a 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 Bishop Kurt Burnette's guidelines of May 28, 2021, Epiphany will have certain adjustments in public worship and assembly. At the present time, no executive orders have been issued. The Virginia Department of Health classifies gathering for public worship as a high-risk activity in the response to the covid variants, delta and omicron. VDH

recommendations of October 14, 2021, for businesses and houses of worship are: physical distancing, promote frequent hand washing or sanitizing stations, regular sanitizing of doors and surfaces every day, incorporating ventilation as a mitigation strategy. 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 have been made to accommodate the Faithful since the Bishop's dispensation from the Sunday obligation has been revoked. The exhaust ventilating fans above the altar are on while people are in church. 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 after each service and Divine Liturgy. The chapel continues to remain closed at present.

Liturgy Prayer books. *Theosis: The Divine Liturgy* is a prayer book sized book with the text of the Divine Liturgy and the troparia, kontakia, prokeimena, alleluia psalm and communion psalm for Sunday and holydays. This edition was printed by our parishioner, Jack Figel, and his publishing company, Eastern Christian Publications. The books were donated by Dr. Tom Krisztinecz and also by Daria Parrell. We have about fifteen still available at present. Please see an usher if you wish a copy. The books will be very helpful to facilitate participation at the Divine Liturgy and are sized to fit in a pocket or purse. These donated books are being distributed at no cost. You can take the books home and bring them to church each time you attend the Divine Liturgy.

Praying at home together. If you are remaining safe at home, you may consider praying the Divine Liturgy in your homes so we can be united by the same prayer. Visit 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.

Fast-free Week. The week of the Publican and Pharisee is a fast-free week. Fasting is not permitted so that we would not be able to boast of fasting like the pharisee and lose our reward.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELG Meeting. Epiphany Ladies Guild will meet tomorrow night, Monday, February 7th with light refreshments at 7:00 PM. The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM. All women are encouraged to attend.

2022 Church Calendars. Great news! The long awaited church calendars have arrived. The calendars for MCM have been mailed. Epiphany Annandale calendars will be distributed by the ushers ONLY after Divine Liturgy as parishioners are leaving the church. Please take only one calendar per family until everyone who wants a calendar has received theirs.

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.

ELG Lenten Dinners. Lenten Dinners are back for 2022! This year there will be six Lenten Dinners, and all will be carry-out only to protect from the Omnicron variant. The sign-up sheet to volunteer for the various tasks for each Lenten Dinner is posted in the parish center. Sign up today! Those who sign up early get the choice of dates and the preferred tasks.

Building Fund. The fourth quarter interest payment on the loan for the new church is

\$6,272.12 and it has been paid last month. The loan balance is \$836,282.67. This year the total

interest payments were \$26,775.98. The total principal payment made this year was \$75,000. This is made possible by your generosity and by the gift of your time, talents and your dedicated hard work

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 a 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. 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 retained counsel, Attorney John Rodock of Baker, Donalson. While the legislation was passed and signed July 1, 2021, it goes into effect July 1, 2022. EMC has received their 2022 Charitable Gaming permit.

Mission Development. Jack McLaurin reports that we have passed our final inspection and the county will issue our occupancy permit. Jim Dillon had a team bring the Service Table, Table of Preparation, Altar, and Icon stands to the chapel hall. Jim Dillon has supplied samples of red oak with stain applied. Plans are being made to evacuate the Mission property from the other of God school. In addition, the new items

acquired for the mission chapel stored at the rectory office is planned to be transported to the mission estate.

EPARCHIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop's Appeal 2020. The Bishop's Appeal 2020 began November 1, 2021. The goal for Epiphany of our Lord, Annandale is the same as last year, \$19,800.00. The goal for Epiphany of our Lord Montgomery County Mission also remains the same as the previous year, \$6,000.. If you have not received your Appeal information, please call the parish office at 703-573-3986 or email to epiphanyofourlord3420@gmail.com. Pledges and payments will be accepted through June 30, 2022. Any contributions received after December 31, 2021, must be attributed to the 2022 tax year. As in previous years, if we reach or exceed our goal, the parish will receive a 40% refund of the total received.

God with Us Online The first course offered for 2022 is "Orthodoxy and Heterodoxy: The History of the Ecumenical Councils. The professor is Father Christian Kappes, PhD, SLD. Join us as Father Kappes leads us through the breath-taking story how the holy fathers of the ecumenical councils battled to preserve the integrity of the Faith as Jesus presented it to the apostles against heresies in the decisive first centuries of the Church. Sessions will be Wednesdays, January 12-26 and February 9-16 from 8-9PM. There was no session Wednesday, February 2nd so participants could attend the holyday Divine Liturgy at their parishes. If you have missed the first two sessions or if you do not wish to participate in the live sessions but are still interested, the first two lectures are posted at GodWithUsonline.org.

Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee

COMING EVENTS

- Byzantine Spirituality
- On Line Contributions
- Amended Safety Protocols
- Mission Development
- God with Us online
- Parish Loan
- Bishop's Appeal
- Church Calendars
- Liturgy Prayer Books

EMC BINGO

Bingo will be suspended for the foreseeable future.

TITHING & GIVING

Adults	\$4047.00
Initial Offering	\$10.00
Building Fund	\$1653.00
Holy Days	\$485.00
Candles	\$195.00
BCY	\$15.00
SOR	\$117.00
ECL	\$48.00
<u>St. Nicholas Fund</u>	<u>\$95.00</u>
	\$6665.00

Building Fund is a pass through item from other accounts to be transferred to Building Fund and is not General Fund income.

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

Prayers for our Parishioners. The particular law of the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church directs the pastor

February 6, 2022



**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
Byzantine Catholic Church
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Phone: 703-573-3986--- Fax: 703-573-0344
Very Rev. John G. Basarab – Pastor**

Glory to Jesus Christ	February 6, 2022	Slava Isusu Christu!
Glory Forever!		Slava Na Viki!

VIGIL OF SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

Sat. Feb. 05 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

Sun. Feb. 06 9:00 AM Health & God’s Blessings on Kevin Hogan
by Holly Hogan & Family
Thirty-eighth Week after Pentecost

Tues. Feb. 08 10:00 AM Rev. Gary Mensinger by Epiphany ECF-SOR

Fri. Feb. 11 10:00 AM Rev. John Salkie by Tyler Wisniewski

VIGIL OF SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Sat. Feb. 12 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Sun. Feb. 13 9:00 AM Health & God’s Blessings on Peter and Helen Wegman
by Wegman Family

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – February 12 & February 13

Sat Feb. 12 5:00 PM Robert Riley
Sun. Feb.13 9:00 AM James Hughes, Robert Riley

USHER SCHEDULE - February 12 & February 13

Sat Feb. 12 5:00 PM Volunteers
Sun. Feb.13 9:00 AM Volunteers

People in attendance can wear masks but do not have to 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 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 Cantilieris, 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>

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PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy
For
Sunday of the Prodigal Son
Post-festive of the Meeting of our Lord with Simeon and Anna

PLACE RIBBONS AT:

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ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: D EXCEPT:

1. The Divine Liturgy begins on p. 11 BLUE
2. Sunday Antiphons BLUE
3. At the Troparia:
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Alleluia of the Resurrection Tone 4 p. 142 GREEN
Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

JEDINORODNYJ SYNE – ONLY BEGOTTEN SON

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' popravj, 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.

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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, prisbnoblaženuju i preneporočnuju i Mater' Boha našeho. Česnijsuju Cheruvim i slavnišuju bez sravnenija Serafim, bez istl'inija 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 iskušenje, 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 tvojeho Hospodi, jako da vozpojem slavu tvoju, jako spodobil jesi nas Bože, pričastitisja svjatym bezsmertnym prečistym presvjatym i životvor'ascim Christe tvojim Tajnam; utverdi nas Bože vo Tvojej svjatyni vsja dni poučatisja bozestvennyj pravdy Tvojeje. Alliluia!

Meditation on Today's Readings



Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'

Luke 18:10-14

Jesus told the parable of the Publican and the Pharisee as part of a series of parables and of teachings during the forty days between when He was transfigured on Mt. Tabor and His crucifixion. Jesus is travelling from Galilee to Judea. Just before He arrives at Jericho and begins His ascent to Jerusalem, He tells this parable. The holy fathers of the Byzantine Church appointed this gospel to be proclaimed on the fourth Sunday before the beginning of the Great Fast as a preparation for the Great Fast.

The introduction given by the evangelist Luke is not proclaimed in the Byzantine lectionary but gives the understanding of the purpose of the parable. It reads: "He then addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else" (Luke 18:9).

The two characters of the parable are described as being at prayer in the Temple. The Pharisee is a member of one of the three religious divisions of first century Judaism, the others being the Sadducees and the Essenes. The Pharisees were by far the most pious and devoted of the three groups. The tax collector or publican of the time was a collaborator with the Roman Empire, often an extortioner and opportunist, who thereby was a betrayer of their own people.

The Pharisee, Jesus narrates, prays not to God but within himself and his "prayer" is a catalogue of all the good he has done. There are other first century texts that contain "prayers" very similar to the prayer spoken by the character in the parable, and these comparative texts reveal that Jesus was not exaggerating in His storytelling. The publican, on the other hand, can only pray in repentance, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner."

The parable reverses expectations for at the end of the parable Jesus says that the publican leaves the temple just in God's sight while the Pharisee does not.

What the character of the Pharisee does not understand, and the publican does realize is the truth God teaches in the Bible about the condition of the human race: "For there is no distinction; all have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God... What occasion is there then for boasting? It is ruled out" (Romans 3:22, 27). While we might compare ourselves favorably toward one another and boast, when we stand before God and really perceive that we are before God our attitude can only be like Saint Peter, the Vicar of Jesus Christ, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:8). In fact, that awe at the transcendent holiness and goodness of God inspires the prayer of the publican and reveals that he knows he is in God's presence.

In order to be saved one must have the virtue of humility because of the truth that God is humble. The humility of God is seen in the act of creation of the cosmos and all in it for the infinite God has to "withdraw" in order to "make space" for His creation. The humility of God is seen that God the Son becomes a man. The humility of God is seen that the ordinary substances of bread and wine are consecrated and furthermore that these substances once that have become the Body and Blood of God are handled—and even sometimes sacrilegiously—by His humans. Yes, God is humble and so if we want to be godlike and be eternally with God we need the virtue of humility to open the way to repentance which in turns opens the gates of God's merciful love which can both save and exalt a saint and also purify and forgive the sinner.

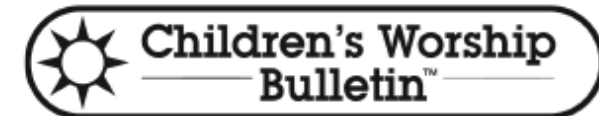
You have followed my teaching, way of life, purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, and sufferings...Yet, from all these the Lord delivered me. In fact, all who want to live religiously in Christ Jesus will be persecuted...But you remain faithful...from infancy you have known the sacred scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom, for salvation in Christ Jesus-

2 Timothy 3:10-15

Luke, the Ignatius Study Bible-The Gospel of Luke.

Children's Corner

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Ages 7+

February 6, 2022 • 2 Timothy 3:1-13

Paul Warns About Ungodly People

Paul wrote, "In times to come, people will be lovers of money, boastful, proud, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, without self-control, not lovers of God. ...

Fit one of the following letters in each of the blanks to finish the words. (Hint: The letters are NOT listed in order.)

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