

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; Jon and Kristine Gubanich, Danielle Hakun & family, Scott and Debbie Hald, Deborah Halsey & family, Michael Hancher, Paul and Christine Hancher & family, Nancy Hencken and, from the Mission, John and Colleen Dolinish & family.

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 states each person should assess their level of risk. Vaccinated persons are considered safe, but unvaccinated persons should assess their personal risk. Singing is still considered

high-risk. VDH recommendations of 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 first print cycle books were donated by Dr. Tom Krisztinecz and also by Daria Parrell. All have been taken. Please see an usher if you wish a copy or send an email to the parish office so we can inform Jack how many to print. The books are very helpful to facilitate participation at the Divine Liturgy and are sized to fit in a pocket or purse. These 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.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

ELG Kolachi Baking Day. We will be baking nut-rolls and poppyseed rolls (possibly apricot) in preparation for sale at Lenten Dinners. The baking date is Saturday, February 19th. As always, many hands make light work. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks (rolling dough, dough prep/weighing, cooling/bagging rolls, dishwashing, cleanup) and at various times. To sign up, or if you have questions, please contact the activity chairs Kyra Gerardi, gerardisix@gmail.com and Nancy Soyka nsoyka@msn.com.

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. Jack McLaurin made the synthronon from a repurposed pew that his wife, Lisabeth McLaurin purchased. Jack modeled it after the synthronon at Epiphany

Annadale chapel. Jamie met with Ayoub to obtain value estimates for the carpets at the mission estate and prices for their specialized cleaning. The evacuation of the Mission property from the Mother of God school is beginning this weekend. Many of the new items acquired for the mission chapel stored at the rectory office have been 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, Annadale 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. The final session will be Wednesday, February 16 from 8-9PM. The first three lectures are posted at GodWithUsonline.org. The next topic to be treated is "Image and Likeness-St. John of Damascus On the Holy Icons" which will cover the spirited and effective defense of icons by St. John of Damascus during the iconoclastic heresy. This session is scheduled February 23rd from 8-9:30PM just in

time to prepare for the Sunday of Orthodoxy and the Restoration of the Holy Icons. The session will be presented by Rev. Nathan Symeon Adams, associate pastor of St. Mary proto-cathedral, Sherman Oaks, CA.

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

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.

February 13, 2022

TITHING & GIVING

Adults	\$7739.00
Initial Offering	\$15.00
Building Fund	\$1635.00
Holy Days	\$198.00
Candles	\$443.00
Water Bottles	\$14.00
SOR	\$66.00
Blessed Candles	\$70.05
Water Bottles	\$14.00
ECL	\$248.00
<u>St. Nicholas</u>	<u>\$240/00</u>
	\$10483.50

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



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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Very Rev. John G. Basarab – Pastor

Glory to Jesus Christ		Slava Isusu Christu!
Glory Forever!	February 13, 2022	Slava Na Viki!

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 Helen & Peter Wegman

Meatfare Week

Death of Cyril - Apostle to the Slavs

Tues. Feb. 14 10:00 AM +Jerry Szablowski by Deacon El & Sally Pekarik

Fri. Feb. 18 10:00 AM +Julia Hancher by Mike Hancher

FIRST ALL SOULS SATURDAY

Sat. Feb. 19 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy and Remembrance of the Departed

VIGIL OF SUNDAY OF MEATFARE

Sat. Feb. 19 5:00 PM +Michael Kavcsak by Mike & Dolores Opachko

SUNDAY OF MEATFARE

Sun. Feb. 20 9:00 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – February 19 & February 20

Sat Feb. 19 5:00 PM

Sun. Feb. 20 9:00 AM

USHERS - February 19 & February 20

Sat Feb. 19 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Feb. 20 9:00 AM Volunteers

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 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.

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 Church, Annandale, VA

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PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy
For
Sunday of the Prodigal Son

PLACE RIBBONS AT:

BLUE p. 11 Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy
GREEN p. 146 Resurrection Tone 5
RED p. 216 Sunday of the Prodigal Son

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: A EXCEPT:

1. The Divine Liturgy begins on p. 11 BLUE
2. Sunday Antiphons BLUE
3. At the Troparia:
Troparion of the Resurrection Tone 5 p. 146 GREEN
Kontakion of the Prodigal Son Tone 3 p. 216 RED
4. Scripture readings:
Prokeimenon of the Resurrection Tone 5 p. 148 GREEN
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Alleluia of the Resurrection Tone 5 p. 148 GREEN
Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

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. 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.

DOSTOJNO JEST' – IT IS TRULY PROPER

Dostojno jest' jako voistinnu blažiti t'a Bohorodicu, prisbnoblaženuju i preneporočnuju i Mater' Boha našeho. Česňijsuju Cheruvim i slavňišuju 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 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 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. Allilua!

Meditation on Today's Readings



Sunday of the Prodigal Son

But we must celebrate and rejoice because your brother was dead and has come back to life...
Luke 15:11-32

Jesus told the parable of the Prodigal Son 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 to arrive at Jerusalem. Luke writes that great crowds were travelling with Him (14:25) and that “tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Him” and the Pharisees and scribes began to complain about Jesus’ company (15:1-2). He tells several parables including the Prodigal Son. The holy fathers of the Byzantine Church appointed this gospel to be proclaimed on the third Sunday before the beginning of the Great Fast as a preparation for the Great Fast. The parable perfectly describes sin, the effects of sin on self and on others, imperfect repentance being a good enough start, the love of God restores sinners to dignity, and the incorrect attitude of the righteous toward sinners.

The younger son of the parable demands his inheritance—actually the word in the Greek original, *ousia*, means one’s being or essence, so the son is asking the father, understood as God, for his life—even though his father has not died. This begins the explanation of what sin is: when tempted to sin humans want to be free of God. God is treated as dead, even though the reverse is happening. The younger son indulges in what he thinks is a good time until his inheritance runs out and his “friends” desert him. He reaches the low point when he is given a job feeding pigs. For a Jewish audience who does not eat pork, this is a pointless job, and more than that, since the job is to feed pigs while the one who feeds them starves, it is humiliating and reveals what happens when one becomes the slave of sin. The sinner feeds the sin while the sinner starves and dies.

The son “comes to himself”. He begins with imperfect repentance—he is motivated by hunger—and then comes to perfect repentance when he rehearses his Act of Contrition. “I have sinned against heaven and before you,” he realizes. With this Jesus teaches that in the Sacrament of Repentance we acknowledge that we have hurt God, our neighbor and ourselves. Sin does not only effect the sinner (“Why should anyone else care? It doesn’t hurt them” is answered by Jesus. His parable teaches that sin hurts God and others. When the younger son takes his “essence” the father and older son have to live on only half of the property.)

The amazing thing is the father runs (undignified and unheard of in First Century Roman Palestine) and receives the son back with joy before he can even complete his Act of Contrition. The father gives him his baptismal garment back, his ring that is the sign of being a member of the family, and sandals to show the son is free since only slaves went barefoot. These details are all given as the effects of the Sacrament of Confession. The older son is struck when he sees his father squander more resources on his brother who squandered the family wealth. The words Jesus puts in the father’s mouth reveal the truth God wishes to teach us. When we rebel against our divine Parent, take our “essence” and declare that “God is dead,” what really happens is we die. In order for us to come back to life after sin, to resurrect, God the Son must die and resurrect. In order for the Father to have the banquet, the Eucharist, Jesus must be crucified.

Last Sunday in the parable of the Publican and Pharisee, Jesus teaches that the virtue of humility is necessary to inspire us to repent. In this parable, Jesus teaches us that the Father is anxiously awaiting our return. All is needed is the humility to repent.

...and God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by His power...Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought

with a price. So glorify God in your body.
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1 Corinthians 6:12-

The Corinthian church was claiming that all things are lawful for them since Saint Paul had said the Law of Moses was no longer to be observed. This was understood by them to be freedom to do what they wanted. They were saying that sexual activity was as necessary as eating is for the body. Saint Paul directed by the Holy Spirit writes that all the baptized are “married” to the Son of God through baptism and that they have to be faithful to this marriage union with Him. This means that sexual activity is only to be expressed in marriage by married men and women since it is instituted for marriage. In addition, Saint Paul says that individuals can control their eating. In fact, people can fast from food. If we can control what is truly needed for the body by fasting from food we can control other desires as well. As the Great Fast is coming close when we fast from food we should fast from sin too. The Lord Jesus resurrected from the dead, Saint Paul writes, and He will raise us up by His power if we unite to Him. Living free means living free from sin so the Holy Spirit can make it a temple, and that is how we can glorify God in our body.

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Our Bodies Are God's Temples

Paul gave the Corinthian Christians helpful directions for living. When we have decisions to make about what we should do, we should ask ourselves 3 questions.

Find the word on the compass that matches the direction.

1. _____ NW _____ S _____ ?
W
2. _____ NW _____ N _____ E ?
SW
3. _____ NW _____ SE _____ NE ?
SW



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