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Welcome to the *52nd* Slavic American Festival

Epiphany of Our Lord
Byzantine Catholic Church

September 8, 2024 – Noon until 6:00 pm



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Epiphany of Our Lord

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September 8, 2024

Dear Parishioners and Guests,

Vitajte! – Welcome to Epiphany’s 52nd Slavic-American Festival. Our parish hosts this festival each year to celebrate our religious and cultural heritage, as an opportunity to open our doors and invite family, friends, and neighbors to share the foods, music and cultural arts of the Slavs of Central Europe who brought the Byzantine Church to the United States.

It has been a year since we last gathered on this date and in this place. We assemble under the continuing shadow of events in Ukraine that evoke thoughts of the causes of the Byzantine Catholic emigration. We trust you join us in prayer for those lost and those now struggling for their freedoms.

We have further reason to commemorate this year, as 2024 is the Centennial of the establishment of the Byzantine Ruthenian Exarchate in the United States. One hundred years ago, Pope Pius XI appointed Father Basil Takach as Bishop for the United States, establishing for the first time a very permanent presence for Byzantine Catholics on America’s shores. A part of that commemoration will take place here, at Epiphany, in October.

And fifty years ago, our Bishops dedicated the Byzantine Ruthenian Chapel at the centerpiece of American Catholicism, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception – “America’s Church.” If you have visited it, we hope you agree there is no more beautiful chapel in the Basilica. If you have not, we urge you to take the time to do so during its Golden Anniversary.

Our Mother Church in Central Europe was historically composed of several ethnic groups; predominantly it was the Slav ethnic groups of the Mother Church who came to America. This festival is a tribute to those who began arriving in this country more than 130 years ago, brought their Faith and established their churches here. To do this we join Slavic food and cultural arts to American favorites.

Today our parish, like other Byzantine Catholic parishes in the United States, is composed of families and individuals who trace their ancestry back to “the Old Country.” One of the unique features of the Ruthenian Church is that it was composed of several different ethnic groups: Ukrainians, Slovaks, Hungarians, Romanians, Rusyns, and others.

Our church is open today for you to visit or to offer a prayer. Tours are at 12:30, 2:30, and 3:30 pm, and deacons are available to answer questions. The style of the church and bell tower is based upon the traditional wooden churches and bell towers of Central Europe but rendered in brick and steel. The icons are painted in the style of Carpathian iconography. Byzantine churches are furnished according to the glimpse of heaven in the Bible’s last book, the Book of Revelation. Since God made humans to dwell with God in heaven, we trust that when you visit, you will have a sense of being at home.

To our many friends who have returned, welcome back. If this is your first visit, we hope you will visit again. Thank you for your support. God bless you.

Very Reverend John G. Basarab
Pastor

We are Epiphany Parish.

*We are gifted cooks, readers, musicians, teachers, carpenters and workers all.
We use our gifts to serve one another, to build up our parish community,
and to spread the Gospel in our community and in the world. Welcome to
Epiphany’s 52nd Slavic American Festival!*

Our menu features traditional Slavic foods prepared by dedicated people:

Pirohi – tender dough pouches filled with potato and cheese, sautéed in a light butter and onion sauce

Haluski – fresh cabbage and onions sautéed in butter, mixed with wide noodles

Holupki – ground beef, rice and spices wrapped in tender cabbage leaves, then baked in a light tomato-based sauce

Kielbasa – lean and tender pork, mixed with spices, then smoked, grilled and served on a bun with sautéed sauerkraut optional.

Ethnic Bake Sale – nut-rolls, and a wide variety of home-made baked goods by parishioners

Epiphany Parish Activities

Divine Liturgies

Saturdays – 5:00 pm ♦ Sundays – 9:00 am

Weekdays and Holy Days – as announced

Lenten Services on Wednesday and Friday evenings during Lent

BINGO – First and Third Tuesdays

Early Bird – 6:35 pm. Regular – 7:30 pm

Lenten Dinners – Fridays during Lent

March 7 through April 11 – 5:00-7:00 pm

53rd Slavic American Festival – September 7, 2025

PLEASE COME VISIT US AGAIN!

Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the arrival of Bishop Basil Takach

From His First Pastoral Letter:

“Follow me, work with me. As my message here in the land of free America, which comes to life in the union of good deeds, love and obedience will be a fruitful success on your part only through your good deeded love and obedience can be accomplished. Love and obedience are the vivifying esential elements of building the Kingdom of God in the Church of Christ upon earth. Without deeds of love, faith is dead, and without the deeds of obedience it is not fertile.”

Menu Prices

\$10 Minimum Credit Card Transactions

Bake Sale: (Parish Center) **NO CASH** -- *Tickets, Checks, and Credit Only!*
 Prices as marked.
Nutrolls: \$18.00 each

Ethnic Specialty Food: NO CASH -- *Tickets, Credit Cards, or Checks*

All cooked pirohi are potato and cheese
NO outside containers. ONLY pre-packaged amounts.

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| Platter (1 holupki, 1 haluski, 3 pirohi) | 10 tickets | \$10.00 |
| Holupki (small order, 2 pcs) | 10 tickets | \$10.00 |
| (large order, 4 pcs) | 20 tickets | \$20.00 |
| Pirohi (small order, 6 pcs) | 6 tickets | \$ 6.00 |
| (large order, 12 pcs) | 12 tickets | \$12.00 |
| Haluski (1 pint, 16 oz) | 5 tickets | \$ 5.00 |
| Frozen Pirohi | 8 tickets | \$ 8.00 |
| Varieties: potato and cheese(12), farmers cheese (10), sweet cabbage (12), and prune (12) | | |

Grill: NO CASH -- *Tickets Only*

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| Kielbasa Sandwich (with or without sauerkraut) | 5 tickets | \$ 5.00 |
| Hot Dog (with condiments) | 2 tickets | \$ 2.00 |

Beverages: NO CASH -- *Tickets Only*

Beer (closes at 5:00 pm under state law)

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| <i>Michelob Ultra, DB Vienna Lager</i> | | |
| (14 oz. cup) | 6 tickets | \$ 6.00 |
| (pitcher) | 15 tickets | \$15.00 |
| Soda/Bottled Water | 2 tickets | \$ 2.00 |

Novelties:

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| Ice Cream | Mr. Softee Market Price | |
| Popcorn <i>tickets only</i> | 1 tickets | \$ 1.00 |
| Soda/Bottled Water <i>tickets only</i> | 2 tickets | \$ 2.00 |

Festival Activities

Raffle – Cash Prize \$1 per ticket
 1st prize: \$1000/2nd prize: \$300/3rd prize: \$100

Childrens Moonbounces/Inflatables -- \$2.00 ticket per ride or \$10 ticket/wristband unlimited

Childrens Games -- \$1.00 ticket per game, chance to win prize

Religious & Slavic Folk Art (Parish Center)

Rummage Sale (Chapel Basement)

Informative Tours of the Church: 12:30, 2:30, & 3:30 pm

Welcome!

“When in doubt, purchase tickets!
 They’re refundable!”

| Area | Tickets | Cash | Checks | Credit Card |
|---------------------|---------|------|--------|-------------|
| Ticket Booth | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Bake Sale | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Beer | ✓ | | | |
| Ethnic Food | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Bookstore | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Children’s rides | ✓ | | | |
| Children’s games | ✓ | | | |
| Folk Art | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Popcorn | ✓ | | | |
| Grill | ✓ | | | |
| Raffle | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Rummage sale | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Silent Auction | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Soda/Bottled water | ✓ | | | |

- **No outside containers** may be used for “take-out”.
- **No “a la carte” items** this year, so you can move quickly through the line.

**Get all the latest news about Epiphany’s
 Festival, Flea Market, Bingo
 and Lenten Dinners**



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