



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory forever!

December 1, 2024

Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava na v'iki!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

VIGIL OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sat. Nov. 30 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sun. Dec. 01 9:00 AM +John Basarab by Fr. John

Twenty-ninth Week after Pentecost

Wed. Dec. 4 11:00 AM Funeral Divine Liturgy +Timothy Ryan

VIGIL OF THE FEAST OF SAINT NICHOLAS OF MYRA- SOLEMN

Thurs. Dec. 05 7:30 PM +Joseph, +Helen, & +Gary Kodman by Helen & Peter Wegman

FEAST OF SAINT NICHOLAS OF MYRA - SOLEMN

Fri. Dec. 06 10:00AM Intention of Parishioners

VIGIL OF THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FEAST OF THE CONCEPTION OF ST. ANNE -IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Sat. Dec. 07 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FEAST OF THE CONCEPTION OF ST. ANNE – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Sun. Dec. 8 9:00 AM +Rose Murphy by Monica Koshuta & Family

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Dec. 07 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Dec. 08 9:00 AM R. Riley (L), J. Ricca, P. Cooke, A. Naccash

USHERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Dec. 07 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Dec. 08 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 the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19). Chrismation (Confirmation) and Holy Eucharist (First Holy Communion) are 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. They will meet with the priest and deacon in four sessions—to begin the Pre-Nuptial Questionnaire, to take FOCCUS, a communication, values, and religious inventory approved for use in the Catholic dioceses/eparchies, to complete the Pre-Nuptial Questionnaire, and for a session on the Theology of the Mystery (Sacrament). They are also required to attend Pre-Cana Conference.

Mystery (Sacrament) of Repentance – The Mystery (Sacrament) of Repentance is regularly available each Saturday 11:30 AM to 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 Week. Parishioners who are seriously ill and those with life-endangering medical conditions as well as those who are to undergo surgery should avail themselves of confession at church or home where there is more privacy.

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 or at your home rather than the hospital since there is more privacy for confession and less chance for interruption. If you are unable to come to church or are at the hospital, family members should contact the rectory so Father can anoint at 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 deacons on Sundays and at other time by arrangement. Please contact the deacons 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 are two portions of Fairfax Memorial Park. Parishioners who are interested in purchasing cemetery plots should see the deacon.

Byzantine Catholic Mission of Montgomery County Maryland – Divine Liturgy Sunday 10:00 AM. Epiphany Mission Chapel 9301 Warfield Road, Gaithersburg, MD. Phone (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 Council of Administration

Emil Koval, Sally Green

School of Religion – Eastern Catholic Formation-School of Religion classes meet on Sundays after the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (10:30-11:30) throughout the school year (September -June). Classes are offered for Pre-school & Kindergarten-High School.

Bulletin – Announcements may be brought to the office or faxed (703-573-1088) or emailed to epiphanyofourlord3420@gmail.com.

Parish Registration – Individuals who wish to register should visit the parish office and complete a confidential census form **Parish Website** <https://eolbcc.com> **Mission Website** <https://eolmission.com>.

Epiphany does not conduct pastoral business on the website. Submissions to the website are done through the Parish Office.

Parish Office Staff

Jamie Bacigalupi, Administrative Assistant
Lucie Cantsilieris, Financial Assistant

Parish Office Hours: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Monday – Friday

28th Sunday after Pentecost

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December 1, 2024

TITHING & GIVING

Sunday November 24

Adults	\$2482.00
Building Fund	\$1095.00
Holy Days	\$235.00
Candles	\$649.00
BCY	\$5.00
Flowers	\$300.00
SOR	\$7.00
Rel. Retirement	\$1000.00
St. Nicholas	\$131.00
	\$5319.90

Tithely

October 2024 – Total by Category

Offertory	\$1636.77
Building Fund	\$0.00
Less Fees	\$56.80
Net Total	\$1579.90

*“The king, however, replied: ‘I cannot sacrifice to the LORD my God offerings that cost me nothing.’”
(2 Samuel 24:24)*

Envelope donations for the Building Fund, BCY, SOR, and St. Nicholas Fund are deposited into Epiphany's General Account then transferred to their respective bank accounts quarterly. None of these items are part of the General Fund.

BINGO IS BACK TWICE A MONTH

Have you seen our web site?

Visit www.emcbingo.com

Next Session Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024

Bingo Session Net Profit:

11/19/2024 - \$6221.00

LITURGY AND LIFE

Please remember in prayer: Msgr. George Dobes, Ed Gubanich, Justine Ferrari, Caroline Zurun, Mary Gaydos, John Vernoski, Marge Rusnak, Steve Seman, Damon Seman, Jack Figel, Jessica Polink, John Anthon, Kimberly Snow, Mike Hancher, Michael Maskarinec, and Michael Hamas. 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, Margaret Hospodar, John Ryaby III, Guillermina Donalson, Steve Smith, Caleb Joseph Lugo, *Mary Catherine Bishop, Samuel Gaush, Joshua Bacigalupi, Dr. John Feola, Lisa Fazio Rhodes, and Jayden Ramos Jimenez.

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 parishioners is “For the Intention of Parishioners.” The faithful who attend the Divine Liturgy for the parishioners participate, according to their state, in praying for that intention. We can continue to pray for our parishioners by remembering several parishioners in our daily prayers each week. This week please remember parishioners, Andrew and Katie Nowakowski & family, Julia Paluch-Hammond & family, Roe Panella, Richard and Daria Parrell, Noah and Susan Paulovic, Nicholas Passero, Stephen and Catherine Passero, Steve and Anne Pastorkovich , and from the Mission, Marion Kniska.

Christmas Fast. The forty-day Christmas Fast began November 15, the day after the feast of St. Philip which is November 14th. For this reason, it is also called Philip’s Fast (Filipovka). The Fast concludes with the Paramony (Navečerije) of Christmas (Christmas Eve). Traditionally, this was a strict fast (no meat or dairy) Monday, Wednesday, and Friday with a lesser fast on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church in the United States, Fridays are a Day of Penance, and any other prescriptions of the Fast may be observed according to the conscience of the individual.

Christmas Fast Feasts and Fasts. While fasting during the Great Forty Day Fast before Pascha is a penitential prescription, the fasting practice during the Christmas Fast is one of preparation, for example, as is the Eucharistic Fast before receiving Holy Communion. In its liturgical structure, the Christmas Fast has several Aliturgical Days, that is, days when the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated. Usually these are on the commemoration days of the Old Testament prophets. By having a day when the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated, we are helped to experience with the Old Testament men and women the longing and waiting they had for the coming of the Christ, the Anointed Deliverer. The Christmas Fast is prepared by St. Philip’s Day, because Philip’s words are the summary of the Christmas Fast: “Philip found Nathanael and told him, ‘We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth.’” There are several saints commemorated during the Christmas Fast such as St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist

whose gospel begins with the Genealogy of Christ (November 16), St. Andrew the First Called Apostle, Apostle to Byzantium, whose words to his brother, Simon Peter, are a succinct summary of the Christmas Fast: “We have found the Messiah (which is translated Christ).” St. Nicholas, the patron-protector of the Byzantine Catholic Church and great saint of charity is commemorated on December 6th. Also, there are two important feasts of the Mother of God, her Entrance into the Temple on November 21st and the Conception of St. Ann or Immaculate Conception on December 8th.

Prepare for Christmas: Saturday, December 7th, at 10 AM, Fr Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M. will offer a reflection and discussion on the liturgical hymns of Christmas at Epiphany Mission, 9301 Warfield Road, Gaithersburg, MD. A simple lunch follows at noon. Text 570-401-8684 or email jeromeofm@gmail.com by December 6th if you plan to attend. In addition to the hymns we sing at the Divine Liturgy, the Divine Praises of Matins and Vespers are full of references to Scripture and impact our experience of Christmas without us realizing where they come from. Join our Mission community to enrich our preparation for the Birth of our Lord.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Condolences. We offer our condolences to the Ryan Family upon the death of +Timothy Ryan. The funeral is under the direction of Demaine Funeral Home. Visitation is Tuesday, December 3rd at Demaine Funeral Home 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM. Parastas is at 7:30 PM. Funeral Divine Liturgy is Wednesday, December 4th at Epiphany of our Lord Church at 11:00 AM. The interment is scheduled for 1:00 PM at Fairfax Memorial Park.

Saint Nicholas Program. Next Sunday, December 8th at the chapel hall. A movie about St.. Nicholas is the special feature.

Toys for Tots Campaign. The Annual Toys 4 Tots campaign is underway. There are collection bins in the Parish Center foyer as well as near the door closest to the kitchen. Toys are not to be wrapped. Items resembling weapons or containing food are not acceptable. December 10 is the last day for donations. Your contributions are most appreciated!

The Upcoming ELG Sponsored Events Include: 1. Every year, shortly after Thanksgiving, Daria Parrell sponsors a **Christmas bread baking and braiding event**. Daria and helpers make the dough, which is then cut and distributed to others who assemble the strips into bread braids. No experience is necessary. If you would like to participate, early birds can come to the Social Hall at 7:30 am and braiders at about 9am, on **Monday, December 2nd**. 2. **ELG is supporting the Fairfax County Mason District Police Station's Annual Pajama Drive** this year. The drive collects new pajamas, socks, and slippers for children aged newborn to 17 years old, with a special need for the larger sizes. ELG will have a **collection box at the December 14th party**.

Drop off your donations upon your arrival at the party, and one of the ELG officers will take them all to the police station the following week. 3. **The ELG Christmas Party!** The Epiphany Ladies Guild Christmas Party is Saturday, 14, 2024, Beginning with appetizers at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Dinner will be provided at 7:00 PM. Various refreshments will be available. Enjoy listening to the music provided by the string quartet, sharing good company, and joining the fun of the raffle to support the St. Nicholas Fund. PLEASE RSVP: 1. DTParrell@gmail.com; or 2. Leave a message at 703-255-2221; or 3. Let one of the following ELG officers know: Kathy Karonis, Nancy Soyka, Marilou MacDonnell, Daria Parrell.

Epiphany Men's Club (EMC) Meeting TODAY (Sunday). The next meeting of the EMC is **today, December 1, 2024**. The meeting will begin in the back of the Hall **immediately following the conclusion of the 9 am Liturgy**. Food and beverages will be provided.

Epiphany Men's Club 300 Awards Club. The Fall Epiphany Men's Club Awards Club Raffle has begun. The drawing takes place every Sunday for ten weeks. The holder of the winning ticket of each of the first nine drawings is awarded \$50. The winner of the tenth and final drawing takes home \$1000. Only three hundred tickets are sold. The winning tickets of each week's drawing are returned to the hamper for a chance to be selected again. The winner of the first week's drawing on October 20th is Charles Russo, #212. The winner of the second week's drawing October 27th is #276, Marsha Puhak. Week Three, November 3: #218, Daniel Palenski. Week Four, November 10: #242, Marsha Puhak; Week Five, November 17: #054, David Andrejcek. November 24: #223, Martha Lamb. Congratulations!

Epiphany Church Web Site. Please note, the parish address is no longer eolbcc.org. It is now <https://eolbcc.com>. Please adjust your search and your phone app.

Weekly Office Schedule.

<u>Mon 11/25</u>	<u>Tues 11/26</u>	<u>Wed. 11/27</u>	<u>Thurs 11/20</u>	<u>Fri. 11/29</u>
Jamie/Lucie	Lucie	Jamie	Office Closed	Office Closed

EPARCHIAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop's Appeal. The Bishop's Appeal has begun. Each parishioner family should have received a mailing from the Eparchy of Passaic. The goal for Epiphany of our Lord remains the same, \$19,200. Please prayerfully consider the needs that will receive funding from the Appeal and give if or as you are able.

Looking for Byzantine Catholic Christmas Cards? Check out the order form from the Sisters of St. Basil. The sisters are offering several beautiful Nativity cards to choose from. Support the Sisters of St. Basil. The catalog page and order form are hanging on the bulletin board in the church.

MISSION

Mission Liturgy Schedule.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Celebrant</u>
Sunday,	Dec. 1	10:00 AM	Father Daniel Grigassy, O.F.M.
Sunday,	Dec. 8	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.
Sunday	Dec. 15	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.
Sunday	Dec 22	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.
Wed.	Dec. 25	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.

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Prayer Intentions: Louis Shanks, Rick Neimiller, Vince Kovalick, Marie Shanks, and Michael Hamas.

Sunday, November 3 Collection: \$400

Sunday, November 10 Collection: \$550

Sunday, November 17 Collection: \$800

Sunday, November 24 Collection:

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The Order for the Divine Liturgy
for
Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost

PLACE RIBBONS AT:

BLUE	p. 11	Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy
GREEN	p. 135	Resurrection Tone 3

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: C

EXCEPT: Typica and Beatitudes A

1. Typica and Beatitudes pp. 16-17, 23
2. At the Troparia:
 - Troparion of Resurrection Tone 3 pp. 135-136 GREEN
 - Kontakion of the Resurrection Tone 3 p. 136 GREEN
3. Scripture Readings
 - Prokeimenon of Resurrection Tone 3 p. 137 GREEN
 - Epistle: Col.1:12-16
 - Alleluia of Resurrection Tone 3 p. 137 GREEN
 - Gospel: Luke 18:18-27