



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory forever!

December 8, 2024

Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava na v'iki!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

Thirtieth Week after Pentecost

Mon. Dec. 9 Aliturgical

Tues. Dec. 10 10:00 AM +Timothy Ryan, Sr. by Epiphany Men's Club

Wed. Dec. 11 Aliturgical

Fri. Dec. 13 10:00 AM Thanksgiving for Blessings on the Wegman Family
by Peter and Helen Wegman

VIGIL OF THE SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS

Sat. Dec. 14 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS

Sun. Dec. 15 9:00 AM +Michael Koshuta by Monica Koshuta & Family

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Dec. 14 5:00 PM R. Maurice

Sun. Dec. 15 9:00 AM P. Cooke, (L), J. Ricca, R. Riley, A. Naccash

USHERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Dec. 14 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Dec. 15 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

29th Sunday after Pentecost

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December 1, 2024

TITHING & GIVING

Sunday December 1, 2024

Adults	\$4745.00
Building Fund	\$925.00
Holy Days	\$140.00
Candles	\$68.60
SOR	\$62.00
Rel. Retirement	\$50.00
<u>St. Nicholas</u>	<u>\$2010.00</u>
	\$8000.60

Tithely

October 2024 – Total by Category

Offertory	\$1636.77
Building Fund	\$0.00
<u>Less Fees</u>	<u>\$56.80</u>
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. 17, 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, Noah and Susan Paulovic, Marjorie Pavliscak, Nora Peabody-Krisztinecz & family, Deacon Elmer and Sally Pekarik, Brian and Mary Elizabeth Phillips, Stephen Plishka, Dennis and Catherine Pluchinsky, and from the Mission, Vincent and Joni Kovalick.

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).”(November 30). 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.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saint Nicholas Program. Today, December 8th at the parish center hall. A movie about St. Nicholas is the special feature.

Parish Office Hours. The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, December 9th, in observance of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation in the Latin Rite, observed this year in Latin Dioceses on Monday. Office Hours will resume on Tuesday at 11:30 AM.

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. 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. **2. 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.

Christmas Bread. Elg has freshly baked Christmas Bread this past Monday. This Paska-like bread is used as the centerpiece of the dining table on Christmas Eve for Holy Supper. The Bread is seen as the symbol of Jesus Christ “the Bread of Life that has come down from heaven”. Next week it will be available for sale: Small-\$6.00. Large - \$9.

Holy Supper Booklets. The guide and text for Holy Supper on the evening of Christmas Eve are available in the narthex of the church.

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. Week Six November 24: #223, Martha Lamb; Week Seven December 1: #121, Anne Marie and Chuck Neary. 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.

<i>Mon 12/9</i>	<i>Tues 12/10</i>	<i>Wed. 12/11</i>	<i>Thurs 12/12</i>	<i>Fri. 12/13</i>
Closed	Lucie	Jamie	Jamie/Lucie	Lucie/Jamie

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.

Day	Date	Time	Celebrant
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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Holy Supper Booklets. The guide and text for Holy Supper on the evening of Christmas Eve are available in the chapel.

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:

Sunday, December 1 Collection: \$865

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The Order for the Divine Liturgy
for
Twenty-ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Maternity of the Holy Anna
Immaculate Conception

PLACE RIBBONS AT:

BLUE	p. 11	Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy
GREEN	p. 141	Resurrection Tone 4
RED	p. 277	Maternity of the Holy Anna

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: D

EXCEPT: Typica and Beatitudes A

Cherubic Hymn, We praise You pp. 275-276

1. Opening Hymn to St. Nicholas
2. Typica and Beatitudes pp. 16-17, 23 BLUE
3. At the Troparia:
 - Troparion of Resurrection Tone 4 pp. 141-142 GREEN
 - Troparion of the Feast Tone 4 pp. 277-278 RED
 - Kontakion of the Feast Tone 4 pp. 278 RED
4. Scripture Readings
 - Prokeimenon of Resurrection Tone 4 and of the Feast Tone 4 p. 278 RED
 - Epistle: Colossians 3:12-16; Galatians 4:22-31
 - Alleluia of Resurrection Tone 4 p. 142 and of the Feast p. 279 RED
 - Gospel: Luke: 17: 12-19; Luke 8: 16-21
5. Instead of “It is truly proper...” the Exaltation and Irmos of the Feast of the Maternity.
p. 279 RED