



## EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church

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Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory forever!

Slava Isusu Christu!

Slava na v'iki!

December 15, 2024

## DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

### *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

### *Thirty-first Week after Pentecost*

Mon. Dec. 16 Aliturgical

Tues. Dec. 17 10:00 AM +Daniel Green by Sally Green

Wed. Dec. 18 Aliturgical

Thurs. Dec. 19 Aliturgical

### *Pre-festive of Christmas*

Fri. Dec. 20 10:00 AM +Milia and +Youssef Namour by Rafik & Lucie Carali

### *VIGIL OF THE SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS - OF THE ANCESTORS*

Sat. Dec. 21 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

### *SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS - OF THE ANCESTORS*

Sun. Dec. 22 9:00 AM +Helen Urhin by Monica Koshuta & Family

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### *ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE*

Sat. Dec. 21 5:00 PM R. Maurice

Sun. Dec. 22 9:00 AM A. Naccash (L) P. Cooke, J. Ricca, R. Riley.

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### *USHERS SCHEDULE*

Sat. Dec. 21 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Dec. 22 9:00 AM Volunteers

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## 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](mailto: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

## Sunday of Forefathers

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December 15, 2024

### TITHING & GIVING

#### Sunday December 8, 2024

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Adults          | \$935.00         |
| Building Fund   | \$1480.00        |
| Holy Days       | \$1410.00        |
| Candles         | \$93.25          |
| Flowers         | \$65.00          |
| Rel. Retirement | \$100.00         |
| St. Nicholas    | \$127.00         |
|                 | <u>\$4210.25</u> |

Only one liturgy was counted. The balance will be included in next week's collection.

#### Tithely

#### *November 2024 – Total by Category*

|                               |                |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Nov. 2024 - Total by Category |                |
| Offertory                     | \$1,457.96     |
| Building Fund                 | \$303.33       |
| Less Tithely Fees             | <u>\$53.12</u> |
|                               | \$1,708.17     |

*"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](http://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, Dennis and Virginia Poindexter, Maria Polink, Matthew and Josephine Porcelli, Paula Poskon and Michael Graham, Nancy Potter, Jane Powanda-Morris and Daryl Morris, Judith Prochko, and from the Mission, Steven Krempasky.

**Christmas Fast.** The forty-day Christmas Fast began November 15, the day after the feast of St. Philip which is November 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 and Pre-festive.** 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. The Second Sunday before Christmas, the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers, is appointed on the Sunday that occurs between December 11-17. Commemorated this Sunday are the human ancestors of the Christ, the Messiah. The great prophets and fathers and mothers of the Old Testament, Abraham and his wife Sarah, Isaac and Jacob, the great prophets Isaiah and Elijah, Daniel and the other prophets up to Joachim and Anna and St. John the Baptist. The Pre-festive of the Nativity begins on December 20<sup>th</sup> which is structured like Great and Holy Week before Pascha. In this way, the birth of the Son of God according to the flesh as man is seen as the beginning of the redemptive work that will lead to the

sacrifice on the Cross. The Son of God made man is born for us in Bethlehem in order to die for us in Jerusalem. As an infant, He evades Herod so that He can surrender to Pilate.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Toys for Tots Campaign Thank You.** Thank you to all of you who supported the Marine Corp Toys for Tots Campaign at Epiphany of our Lord to bring toys to children who are less advantaged this Christmas. It is a wonderful cause. Special thanks for achieving the success of this year's campaign at Epiphany go to Teresa Rodock Seay and Kevin Hogan for their voluntary assistance. It was most appreciated and helpful.

**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 this Saturday, December 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.

**Christmas Bread.** ELG has freshly baked Christmas Bread baked last 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”. They will be available for sale after the Sunday Divine Liturgies: 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.

**2025 Calendars.** The 2025 liturgical year calendars are available in the church narthex now. To guarantee that all of our parishioners receive a calendar, please take only one per family. A second chance to take more may be had once we are sure that everyone has had the opportunity to take one.

**EMC Christmas Breakfast Dec 22nd** - Epiphany Men's Club sponsors a Christmas Breakfast each year in December following the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy. All parishioners are invited to **attend for free**. This year's Christmas Breakfast will be on December 22nd.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> is Charles Russo, #212. The winner of the second week's drawing October 27<sup>th</sup> 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. Week Eight December 8: #121, Anne 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.**

| <u>Mon 12/16</u> | <u>Tues 12/17</u> | <u>Wed. 12/18</u> | <u>Thurs 12/19</u> | <u>Fri. 12/20</u> |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Jamie/Lucie      | 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. 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:**

**Sunday, December 1 Collection: \$865**

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# PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy  
for  
Sunday of the Forefathers

## PLACE RIBBONS AT:

|       |        |                                                      |
|-------|--------|------------------------------------------------------|
| BLUE  | p. 11  | Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy |
| GREEN | p. 146 | Resurrection Tone 5                                  |
| RED   | p. 281 | Sunday of the Forefathers                            |

## ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: A

### EXCEPT: D

### Communion Hymn, Cherubic Hymn, We Praise You

1. Typica and Beatitudes pp. 16-17, 23 BLUE
2. At the Troparia:
  - Troparion of Resurrection Tone 5 p. 146 GREEN
  - Troparion of the Forefathers Tone 2 p. 281 RED
  - Kontakion of the Forefathers Tone 6 pp. 281-282 RED
4. Scripture Readings
  - Prokeimenon off the Forefathers Tone 4 p. 282 RED
  - Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11
  - Alleluia of the Forefathers Tone 4 p. 282 RED
  - Gospel: Luke: 14:16-24