



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory forever!

December 22, 2024

Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava na v'iki!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

Thirty-second Week after Pentecost

VIGIL EVE OF CHRISTMAS

Tues. Dec. 24 10:00 AM Royal Hours of Christmas

CHRISTMAS VIGIL LITURGY

Tues. Dec. 24 7:00 PM Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

CHRISTMAS DAY – NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Wed. Dec. 25 10:00 AM Christmas Caroling

10:30 AM Christmas Divine Liturgy

SYNAXIS OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

Thurs. Dec. 26 7:30 PM +LaDonna Rodock by Rodock Family

FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN THE PROTOMARTYR

Fri. Dec. 27 10:00 AM Feast Day Divine Liturgy

Funeral +Mary Gaydos

VIGIL OF THE SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sat. Dec. 28 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sun. Dec. 29 9:00 AM +John Basarab by Father John

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Tues. Dec. 24 7:00 PM J. Hughes, T. Hughes, M. Hughes Wed. Dec. 25 10:30 AM TBA

Sat. Dec. 28 5:00 PM R. Maurice Sun. Dec. 29 9:00 AM J. Ricca (L), A. Naccash, P. Cooke, R. Riley.

USHERS SCHEDULE

Volunteers: Volunteers: Volunteers: 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

Sunday before Christmas

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December 22, 2024

TITHING & GIVING

Sunday December 8, 2024 Sunday December 15

Adults	\$1635.00	Adults	\$3613.00
Building Fund	\$1810.00	Initial	\$5.00
Holy Days	\$1680.00	Bldg Fnd	\$2705.00
Candles	\$98.25	Holy Days	\$185.00
Flowers	\$65.00	Candles	\$119.00
School of Religion	\$5.00	BCY	\$10.00
Rel. Retirement	\$210.00	SOR	\$87.00
<u>St. Nicholas</u>	<u>\$177.00</u>	Christmas	\$170.00
	\$5727.25	ECL	\$18.00
		Ret. Fund	\$450.00
		<u>St. Nicholas</u>	<u>\$52.00</u>
			\$7414.00

Theses figures correctly reflect the full collection for December 8, 2024 and the collection for December 15, 2024.

Tithely

November 2024 – Total by Category

Nov. 2024 - Total by Category

Offertory \$1,457.96

Building Fund \$303.33

Less Tithely Fees \$53.12

\$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

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, David and Gayle Prokopchak & family, John Prokopchak, Gregory and Marsha Puhak, Jennifer Puhak, Sarah Puhak, Christopher and Andrea Pullella & family, Joanne Radko-Borden and Randall Borden, and from the Mission, Henry and Roselyn Kretschmaier.

Christmas Eve 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 Tuesday, December 24th, the Paramony (Navečerije) of Christmas (Christmas Eve). The church calendar for the Byzantine Ruthenian Metropolitan Church in the United States indicates December 24th is a fast day. Simple abstinence from meat may be observed.

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. On Christmas Eve, Royal Hours are celebrated. The four Hours of Prayer-the First Hours (7 AM), Third Hour (9 AM), Sixth Hour (12 Noon), and Ninth Hour (3 PM), are prayed every day. However, on Christmas Eve, these short services which consist of three psalms, three prayers, and the troparion and kontakion of the day, are expanded with three stichera, and three readings from the Bible-one of the Old Testament, one epistle, and one gospel. These Hours are called Royal Hours because the emperor and the court would attend as a sign that Christ is the true King and the emperor is the steward or agent of Christ on earth and must act in accord with the law of Christ.

Fast Free Week. The days from December 25th to January 4th are fast free days including Friday, December 27th and Friday, January 3rd. There is no fasting during the Christmas post-festive.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Candles. If anyone would like to offer one or more candles for loved ones or family members, living or deceased, you may do so by calling the parish office at 703-573-3986 or email to epiphanyofourlord3420@gmail.com before Thursday, December 26, with the following information: name of the person(s) for whom the candles is being offered, whether they are living or deceased, by whom the candles is being offered, and your contact information. You may leave a voicemail. Candles will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Only the Anointing Oils, Icon Screen candles, and the candle at the top of each of the Manualia candlelabra are \$20. All the other candles, whether they are on the Altar Seven Branch Candlelabra or the Manualia are \$10 and will be lit for every Divine Liturgy during the Christmas Season. Payment may be mailed to the parish office, brought to the parish office, or put in an envelope marked: “Attention: Jamie” and put into the collection basket this week or next.

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. TODAY!**

Chocolate Candy. A small amount of chocolate candy will be available for sale this Sunday, December 22, after the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy in the parish center.

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 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.

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 Andrejczak. 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. Week Nine December 15: #202, Bill Fournier. 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 12/23</u>	<u>Tues 12/24</u>	<u>Wed. 12/25</u>	<u>Thurs 12/26</u>	<u>Fri. 12/27</u>
Jamie/Lucie	Closed	Closed	Closed	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.

New Biography. Dr. Elaine Rusinko of our parish, has authored a new book published November 2024, by the University of Pittsburgh Press: *Andy Warhol's Mother: The Woman behind the Artist*. Dr. Rusinko, professor emerita at the University of Maryland Baltimore County, has authored a number of works in the area of Carpatho-Rusyn nationality and culture: *Straddling Borders: Literature and Identity in Subcarpathian Rus'*, *"God is a Rusyn:" An Anthology of Contemporary Carpatho-Rusyn Literature*, a translation and critical edition of Father Alexander Duknovych *Virtue is more important than Riches*, and was one of the authors of articles in *Encyclopedia of Rusyn History and Culture*, Dr. Paul Magosci and Ivan Pop, editors. See <https://upittpress.org/authors/elaine-rusinko/>

MISSION

Mission Liturgy Schedule.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	
<u>Celebrant</u>			
Sunday	Dec 22	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.
Wed.	Dec. 25	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.
Sun.	Dec. 29	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, December 1 Collection: \$865
Sunday, December 8 Collection: \$400
Sunday, December 15 Collection: \$600

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

PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy
for
Sunday of before Christmas – of the Ancestors

PLACE RIBBONS AT:

BLUE	p. 11	Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy
GREEN	p. 152	Resurrection Tone 6
RED	p. 285	Sunday before Christmas

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: B

EXCEPT: D

Cherubic Hymn, We Praise You, Communion Hymn

1. Typica and Beatitudes pp. 16-17, 23 BLUE

2. At the Troparia:

Troparion of Resurrection Tone 6 p. 152 GREEN

Troparion of the Ancestors Tone 2 p. 285 RED

Troparion of the Pre-feast Tone 4 pp. 283 RED

Kontakion of the Pre-feast Tone 2 pp. 284-285 RED

4. Scripture Readings

Prokeimenon of the Ancestors Tone 4 p. 287 RED

Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10 & 17-23 & 32-40

Alleluia of the Ancestors Tone 4 p. 287 RED

Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25