



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church
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**Christ is baptized!
In the Jordan!**

January 5, 2025

**Christos Krestisja!
Vo Jordani!**

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

VIGIL OF SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

Sat. Jan. 4 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

VIGIL EVE OF THEOPHANY

Sun. Jan 5 9:00 AM +Helen Polink by Frank Polink, Jr.

Thirty-fourth Week after Pentecost

THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD - OBLIGATION

Mon. Jan. 6 10:00 AM Intention of Parishioners

7:30 PM +Mary Gaydos by Nephews & families

Fri. Jan. 10 10:00 AM +Nicholas and +Therese Cantsilieris by Lucie & Rafik Carali

VIGIL OF SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

Sat. Jan. 11 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD

Sun. Jan. 12 9:00 AM Dn. El Pekarik Anniversary of Ordination by Sally Pekarik

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Jan. 11 5:00 PM Robert Maurice (L)

Sun. Jan 12 9:00 AM J. Hughes (L), A. Naccash, J. Ricca, P. Cooke, M. Hughes

USHERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Jan. 11 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Jan. 12 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

Sunday before Theophany

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January 5, 2025

TITHING & GIVING

Sunday December 29, 2024

Adults	\$6899.00
Children	\$60.00
Initial Offering	\$5.00
Building Fund	\$3160.00
Holy Days	\$160.00
Candles	\$344.00
BCY	\$10.00
Christmas	\$3900.00
ECL	\$18.00
St. Nicholas	\$337.00
	<u>\$15,065.00</u>

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

Next Session Tuesday, Jan.7, 2025

Bingo Session Net Profit

12/17/2024 - \$8306.00

LITURGY AND LIFE

Please remember in prayer: Msgr. George Dobes, Ed Gubanich, Justine Ferrari, Caroline Zurun, 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, Stephen and Shannon Rodock, Teresa Rodock-Seay, Stuart Rothenberg & Elaine Rusinko-Rothenberg, Marge Rusak, Charles and Helen Russo, Hunter Ryan, Logan Ryan, and from the Mission, Coleman McLaurin.

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.

Theophany of our Lord. Theophany of our Lord is the second part of the two feasts of God's Epiphany or manifestation: the Nativity of our Lord on December 25th and the Theophany of our Lord on January 6th. On Christmas, it was manifested that God the Son united with the human race completely as, after nine months in the womb of the ever-Virgin Mary, He was born in a cave in Bethlehem. On the Eighth Day He was circumcised to manifest that He was completely united to the Chosen People as from Abraham. Then, when He was eternal as God and in His thirtieth year as man, He, although sinless, joined Himself to the lot of sinful mankind and was baptized by St. John the Baptist, cleansing the nature of water and making it a remedy by establishing baptism for the forgiveness of Sin. On that occasion, God the Holy Trinity was revealed.

Holyday of Obligation. Theophany of our Lord is a holyday of obligation for all Eastern Catholics as legislated by Pope St. John Paul II in the *Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches*. There are two Divine Liturgies at the church and one Divine Liturgy at the mission. Water will be blessed at Epiphany Church at the 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy and available after both Divine Liturgies. Water will be blessed at the mission 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy.

Condolences. We offer condolences to Rita Allengenger upon the death of her husband, +Phillip Hudock, a long-time parishioner of Epiphany parish until his retirement, who died Wednesday, December 11th. Philip Hudock and his brother Robert Hudock, served as parish attorney in the initial land purchase and first decades of Epiphany Church. The funeral will be January 11th from Our Lady of Victory Roman Catholic Church, Centerville, Cape Cod, Mass. May God grant His departed servant, +Phillip, peaceful repose. Vicnaja jemu pamjat’.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Schedule. The parish office will be closed Monday, January 6 in observance of Theophany of the Lord, a holy day of obligation for all Eastern Catholics. It is also the Patronal Feast of Epiphany of our Lord Parish. Happy Feast Day from Lucie and Jamie!

Epiphany Men’s Club Meeting. The next EMC meeting will be next Sunday, January 12 after the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy. The meeting will be held in the parish hall where food and fellowship will be provided.

Epiphany Men’s Club 300 Awards Club. The following are the ten winners of the EMC FALL AWARDS Club Drawing: Week 1, 10/20 : #212, Charles Russo; Week 2, 10/27, #276, Marsha Puhak, . Week 3, 11/ 3: #218, Daniel Palenski; Week 4, 11/10: #242, Marsha Puhak; Week 5, 11/ 17: #054, David Andrejcek. Week 6 11/ 24: #223, Martha Lamb; Week 7 12/1: #12/1, Anne Marie and Chuck Neary. Week 8 12/ 8: #121, Anne and Chuck Neary. Week 9 12/ 15: #202, Bill Fournier. Week 10: #122, Anne Marie and Chuck Neary! Congratulations!!!!

Epiphany Ladies Guild Meeting. The next ELG meeting will take place on **Monday, Jan. 13th**. Note: this is a change from our usual meeting day of the first Monday of the month. Monday, January 6 is a holy day of obligation, with a Divine Liturgy scheduled at 7:30pm. Please plan to attend the meeting on the 13th. There will be refreshments at 7pm followed by the meeting at 7:30pm.

Church Mortgage. The fourth quarter 2024 interest payment of \$4,584.62 on the loan for the new church has been paid to the Eparchy of Passaic. The balance of the loan remains \$611,282.67. For 2025, the first three quarter interest payments will be \$4,584.62 each quarter. The principal payment of \$75,000 is due in September which will lower the balance in 2025 to \$536,282.67. The fourth quarter 2025 interest payment will be only \$4,022. Looking to the future, the principal payments will reduce the debt in 2026 to \$461,282.67 and in 2027 to \$386,282.67. There is a balloon payment at the end which will fully amortize the debt service

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 1/6</u>	<u>Tues 1/7</u>	<u>Wed. 1/8</u>	<u>Thurs 1/9</u>	<u>Fri. 1/10</u>
Office Closed	Lucie	Jamie	Lucie/Jamie	Lucie

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>
Sun.	Jan. 5	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.
Mon.	Jan. 6	7:00 PM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.
Sun.	Jan. 12	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.

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2025 Calendars. The 2025 liturgical year calendars are available in the chapel 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. This very helpful calendar has the references for the scripture readings for each day of the year. Also, the fast days prescriptions, whether they are strict fast, abstinence or a Day of Penance.

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

Sunday, December 1 Collection: \$865

Sunday, December 8 Collection: \$400

Sunday, December 15 Collection: \$600

Sunday, December 22 Collection: \$845

Sunday, December 29 Collection: \$200

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PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy
for
Sunday before Theophany

PLACE RIBBONS AT:

BLUE	p. 11	Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy
GREEN	p. 161	Resurrection Tone 8
RED	p. 309	Sunday before Theophany

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: C

EXCEPT: Christmas Melody

Cherubic Hymn, We Praise You, Communion Hymn

1. Sunday Antiphons pp. 14, 15, 22 BLUE

2. At the Troparia:

Troparion of Resurrection Tone 8 p. 161 GREEN

Troparion of the Vigil of Theophany Tone 4 p. 310 RED

Kontakion of the Vigil of Theophany Tone 4 p. 311 RED

3. Scripture Readings

Prokeimenon Sunday before Theophany Tone 6, p. 311 RED

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:5-8

Alleluia of the Vigil of Theophany Tone 8, p. 311 RED

Gospel: Mk.1:1-8