



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory forever!

February 9, 2025

Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava na v'iki!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

VIGIL OF THE SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

Sat. Feb. 08 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE.

Sun. Feb. 09 9:00 AM +Mary Ellen Kepick by Frank Polink, Jr.

Thirty-third Week after Pentecost

Tues. Feb 11 10:00 AM +Samir Namour by Rafik & Lucie Carali

The Passing of Cyril, Apostle to the Slavs

Fri. Feb 14 10:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on Helen & Peter Wegman
by Children & Grandchildren

VIGIL OF SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Sat. Feb. 15 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Sun. Feb. 16 9:00 AM +Mary Ellen Kepick by Frank Polink, Jr.

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Feb. 15 5:00 PM Robert Maurice (L)

Sun. Feb. 16 9:00 AM J. Hughes (L), R. Riley, J. Ricca, M. Hughes

USHERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Feb. 15 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Feb. 16 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

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TITHING & GIVING

Sunday February 2, 2025

Adults	\$6710.00
Initial Offering	\$5.00
Building Fund	\$2375.00
Holy Days	\$265.00
Candles	\$56.10
BCY	\$30.00
SOR	\$82.00
ECL	\$184.00
Holy Water Bottles	\$15.00
St. Nicholas	\$2 .00
	<u>\$9724.10</u>

Tithely

December 2024 – Total by Category

Offertory	\$5069.07
Building Fund	\$406.29
Less Tithely Fees	<u>\$148.53</u>
	\$5326.82

*“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, February 18, 2025

Bingo Session Net Profit

1/21/2025 - \$2963.00

Jan. 7 Bingo cx due to inclement weather

LITURGY AND LIFE

Please remember in prayer: Msgr. George Dobes, Ed Gubanich, Caroline Zurun, John Vernoski, Marge Rusnak, Steve Seman, Damon Seman, Jack Figel, Jessica Polink, John Anthon, Kimberly Snow, Mike Hancher, Michael Maskarinec, Michael Hamas, and Michele Horosko. 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 several parishioners in our daily prayers each week. This week please remember parishioners Joseph and Linda Serafin, Andrew and Luann Serafin, Sr. & family, Anna Sikora, David and Valerie Sikora, Mark Sikora, Mary Sikora, Michael and Amy Sikora, and from the Mission, Nancy Sesok.

Fast Free Week. There is no fasting during the week following the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee. In the parable, the Pharisee boasts that he fasts twice a week. Therefore, to cultivate humility and avoid self-righteousness, the Church prescribes that Christ’s Faithful do not fast even on Friday of this week as the pre-Lenten Sundays begin.

Blessing of Candles. Candles were blessed for the feast of the Meeting of the Lord with Simeon and Anna last Saturday and Sunday. In the gospel according to St. Luke, the elder Simeon declares that the Divine Infant Simeon holds in his arms is the “Light of revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people, Israel.” Candles are blessed on this feast for Christ’s Faithful to take to their homes and to the cemeteries.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Epiphany Men's Club. Epiphany Men's Club will host the annual Super Bowl party TODAY in the parish center, starting at 5:30 PM. Food, drinks and fun for all! Food will include chili, Italian sausage, snacks and more. FREE. EMC does not charge for viewing an NFL game. Come join the party!

EMC Communion Breakfast February 16th. Epiphany Men's Club sponsors a monthly Communion Breakfast following the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy. All are invited to attend. The next Communion Breakfast is **February 16, 2025.**

Lenten Dinner Sign-up. Lenten Dinners start March 7th!!! The sign-up sheet is in the Parish Center for folks to start signing up to help with the Lenten Dinners. Please help out when you can! We need many hands to help make these dinners a success!

Lenten Dinners. Epiphany will be serving savory, meatless, Eastern European meals Fridays during Lent from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM, for carry-out and limited dining-in sponsored by Epiphany Ladies Guild. Pirohi (potato and cheese filled dumplings), halushki (sauteed noodles with cabbage), vegetarian soups, and homemade desserts. Meal items priced separately. **Pre-Sanctified Liturgy will be celebrated at 7:30 PM.** The first Lenten Dinner will be served March 7 and continues every Friday through April 11. There is no Lenten Dinner Good Friday.

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><i>Mon 2/10</i></u>	<u><i>Tues 2/11</i></u>	<u><i>Wed. 2/12</i></u>	<u><i>Thurs 2/13</i></u>	<u><i>Fri. 2/14</i></u>
Lucie/Jamie	Lucie	Jamie	Lucie/Jamie	Lucie/Jamie

Weather Related Office Hours. The staff working in the office at Epiphany of our Lord follows FCPS policy for weather related delays and closures.

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, \$19,800. The parishioners have pledged \$18,475 to date to the Bishop's Appeal. God bless you for your generosity to the eparchy and so that our eparchy can offer financial help to the Eparchy of Mukachevo as they labor to care for refugees from other oblast's in Ukraine.

Fairfax Memorial Park. Several years ago, members of Epiphany Byzantine Church purchased grave sites, in either direction from Fairfax Memorial Park or indirectly through the church. The cemetery also gave the church an option for future sites which were put on hold for purchase at a later date. The plan was to have a dedicated portion of the cemetery for Byzantine Catholics to be laid to rest.

Epiphany congregants have since been laid to rest in some of those sites, and there are still approximately 20-30 still on hold. These sites officially were put on hold for the church several years ago, but it has come to the attention of the cemetery that this particular section has been almost sold out and very few were purchased through our church. As a result, and because demand from families of other churches, these sites will very soon be taken out of the “hold” status and offered to the general public.

The cemetery has been more than fair in holding these sites for our congregation. We are now at a point where we should ask our members if they have any immediate interest in any of these sites.

It is a beautiful location surrounded by trees, shrubs and flowers as well as mausoleums and columbarium buildings. Fairfax Memorial is offering our members a promotion put in place until January 31st. Each site purchased will receive a 10% discount up to a maximum of 25% for the purchase of (4) sites, suitable for a small family.

They will also give up to (5) years’ financing with a nominal amount of down payment. Remember that grave sites will double in price every (10) years. If this is something you have immediate interest in pursuing, you may contact:

Deacon Peter Turko (703) 627-8649 or our cemetery representative
Kevin Cooper (571) 213-5513 or kevinc@fmpark.com

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MEMORIAL PARK

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Advanced Planning Specialist
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[Pre-plan Your Arrangements](#)

MISSION

Mission Liturgy Schedule.

Day	Date	Time	Celebrant
Sun.	Feb. 2	0:00 AM	Father Daniel Grigassy, O.F.M.
Sun.	Feb. 9	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.
Sun.	Feb. 16	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.
Sun.	Feb 23	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.

Fairfax Memorial Park. The special offer for cemetery plots in the Byzantine Catholic reserved area of Fairfax Memorial Park also applies to Epiphany Mission parishioners. Please see the letter in this week's bulletin.

Fast Free Week. There is no fasting during the week following the Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee. In the parable, the Pharisee boasts that he fasts twice a week. Therefore, to cultivate humility and avoid self-righteousness, the Church prescribes that Christ's Faithful do not fast even on Friday of this week as the pre-Lenten Sundays begin.

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 Mission remains \$6,000. Mission parishioners have pledged or donated \$2,850. God bless you for your generosity to the eparchy and so we can supply the needs of the Eparchy of Mukachevo in Ukraine as they labor to care for refugees from other oblast's in Ukraine.

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

December 2024 Collection total \$2,920	December 2024 Expenses total \$6,018.48	Monthly deficit (3,098.48)
January 2025 Collection total \$1,440	January 2025 Expenses total \$3,742.23	Monthly deficit (2,302.23)

Sunday, February 2 Collection \$719

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PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy
of
Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee
Leave-taking of the Feast of the Encounter

PLACE RIBBONS AT:

BLUE	p. 11	Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy
GREEN	p. 146	Resurrection Tone 5
RED	p. 215	Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee
YELLOW	p. 321	Feast of the Meeting

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: A

EXCEPT: Cherubic Hymn, We praise You, E

1. Sunday Antiphons pp. 14-15 BLUE

2 At the Troparia:

Troparion of Resurrection Tone 5 p. 146 GREEN

Troparion of the Encounter Tone 1 p. 321 YELLOW

Kontakion of the Publican & Pharisee, Tone 3 p. 215

3 Scripture: Readings

Prokeimenon of the Resurrection Tone 5 p. 148 GREEN

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15

Alleluia of Resurrection Tone 5 p. 148 GREEN

Gospel: Luke 18:10-15

Winter Nut Roll Baking Day is set for **Saturday, February 22.**

Here's an opportunity to learn how those delicacies are made and to help the ELG offer this wonderful product at Lenten Dinners and for the Pascha season. We'll be making all three varieties: **nut, poppyseed, and apricot**, and this is your opportunity to learn the process!

You can join us **beginning around 7:30 am** in the parish hall, but there are lots of jobs to be done throughout the day, so please arrive when convenient and stay as long as you are able!

It helps to have 6-8 early-morning **dough rollers and fillers**, with more arriving steadily throughout the morning (ideally 20 to 25). You'll learn how to mix the dough, roll, when to tell if they're done, and how to manage the cooling process – all helpful to keep the rolls moist and flavorful.

Help is also needed early and mid-afternoon with **dishwashing** and with **bagging rolls, boxing** them up and putting them in the **freezers**, usually ending by 5 pm. You can stay for an hour, or stay all day.

Please contact Nancy Soyka or Kyra Buchko Gerardi with any questions and please RSVP regarding when you can volunteer. Come learn ... and in the process help Epiphany continue this **treasured ethnic culinary tradition!**

Please Note: if you can't come on the 22nd, consider helping us prepare the fillings. We will be mixing the walnut filling this coming Saturday, Feb. 7th, starting at noon. Date(s) for mixing the apricot and poppyseed filling are still TBD, but most likely will be on Sunday, Feb. 16th, after Divine Liturgy.

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

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