



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory forever!

March 23, 2025

Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava na v'iki!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

VIGIL OF THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Sat. Mar. 22 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Sun. Mar. 23 9:00 AM +Mary Gaydos by Epiphany Men's Club

Fourth Week of the Great Fast

SOLEMN - ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS

Tues. Mar. 25 7:30 PM Vespers & Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
+Elizabeth Basarab by Her girlfriends in Christ

Mid-Lent

Wed. Mar 26 7:30 PM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Fri. Mar. 28 7:30 PM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

FOURTH ALL SOULS SATURDAY

Sat. Mar. 29 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy and Remembrance of the Departed

VIGIL OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GEAT FAST

Sat. Mar. 29 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Sun. Mar. 30 9:00 AM +Michael Hancher by Edward Strickland

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Mar. 29 5:00 PM Robert Maurice (L)

Sun. Mar. 30 9:00 AM R. Riley (L), J. Hughes, M. Hughes, J. Ricca

USHERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Mar. 29 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Mar 30 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 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 Deacon Peter Turko.

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 made 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 March 16, 2025

Adults	\$1740.00
Children	\$4.00
Building Fund	\$870.00
Holy Days	\$71.00
Candles	\$20.00
Flowers (Easter)	\$90.00
SOR	\$107.00
ECL	\$10.00
Mission Churches	\$60.00
St. Nicholas	\$641.00
	<u>\$3656.00</u>

Tithely Feb. 2025- Total by Category

Offertory	\$1,537.18
Building Fund	\$0.00
<u>Less Bank Charges</u>	<u>\$52.98</u>
TOTAL	\$1,484.20

*"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, March 18, 2025

Bingo Session Net Profit
3/4/2025 - \$4003.00

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, Michael Maskarinec, Michael Hamas, Michele Horosko, and Thomas Soyka. 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, Jayden Ramos Jimenez, James Bacigalupi, and Larry Dowdy.

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 Michele Soyka-Horosko, Erica and Matthew Spierenburg & family, Don and Mary Springer, Andrew and Caitlin Stafford, Peter and Elaine Starr, Nancy Stefan, Nancy Stegon, and from the Mission, John and Colleen Dolinish.

All Souls Saturdays. There are five All Souls Saturday’s each year, when our deceased relatives are remembered by name. This list, the Hramoty or Dyptychs, is read during a Panachida which follows the Divine Liturgy for the list your departed names. The fourth All Souls Saturday is Saturday, March 29th. The last All Souls Saturday will be June 7th.

Lenten Prayer. Presanctified Divine Liturgies are Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:30 PM during the Great Fast.

Veneration of the Holy Cross. On the Third Sunday of the Great Fast, the mid-point of the Great Fast, the image of the Holy Cross is placed in the middle of the church for veneration by Christ’s Faithful. Originally, there was a commemoration on March 6th of the finding of the true cross by St. Helen. This commemoration may have inspired observing the third Sunday with a special ceremony of veneration. The gospel appointed for this Sunday is our Lord’s appeal to his followers “whoever would come after me must take up his and follow me.’ We have been putting this into practice by our ascetic Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The commemoration is for six days. St. Sophronius, patriarch of Jerusalem, preached that the cross was venerated to encourage us in our spiritual Lenten fasting, to join our resurrection to the redemptive sufferings of Jesus Christ in order to share in His glorious resurrection, and as an assurance of the remission of sins.

Great Fast Fasting Prescriptions. The law of abstinence forbids the use of eggs and dairy products. All faithful of the Eparchy of Passaic who receive Holy Communion are obliged to abstain. Abstinence is to be observed on all Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast. Pastors and Administrators may, for a just cause, grant to the individual faithful and to individual families, dispensation or commutations of Abstinence and Strict Abstinence into other pious practices.

Pussy Willows. It is time to start watching your pussy willow plants if you have them. We have had some fairly extreme fluctuations in temperatures this past couple of weeks so keep an eye out for budding. Cut long stems and bring them to the chapel lower-level stairwell container.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

EMC Awards Club. Beginning this Sunday, March 23rd, there will be ten weekly drawings at 11:30 AM in the Parish Center. The drawing winners of weeks 1 through 9 will receive \$50. The winner of week ten will receive \$1000. All proceeds benefit the parish St. Nicholas Fund, which helps the needy. Contact Chris Braunlich if you have questions or require further information.

Announcing the Voskresenije (Resurrection) Choir! Men and Women cantors, and other interested singers, are invited to join together each month in a mixed choir to sing four-part plainchant (Prostopinije) one Sunday a month. A brief practice will be held on Sundays at 8:30 AM in the Chapel. The premier performance will be Thomas Sunday. If interested, please call, text, or email Michael Sirotniak at 703-776-0595 MichaelSirotniak@gmail.com

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

Lenten Dinners. Epiphany is 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 third Lenten Dinner will be served March 21 and continue every Friday through April 11. There is no Lenten Dinner Good Friday.

Lenten Dinner Parking. **1.** Carousel Day Care has six designated parking spaces for child drop off and pick up. The exclusive use of these parking spaces, which are clearly marked, is theirs until the close of the day care business day at 6:30 PM. **2. There is NO PARKING on the grass areas of the campus if it is raining.**

ELG Chocolates. Epiphany Ladies Guild will have chocolates for sale after Divine Liturgy on Sundays until Palm Sunday.

Young Adult Education/Discussion Group. We have been approached and have been entertaining the idea of creating a young adult/adult education/discussion group for the upcoming school year. We will go forward if there is enough interest to pursue such a venture. If anyone is interested, please contact Deacon Peter (703) 627-8649 or Robert Riley at Robert.e.riley1@gmail.com.

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.

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

Weekly Office Schedule.

<i>Mon 3/24</i>	<i>Tues 3/25</i>	<i>Wed. 3/26</i>	<i>Thurs 3/27</i>	<i>Fri. 3/28</i>
Lucie/Jamie	Lucie	Jamie	Lucie/Jamie	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, \$19,800. We have exceeded our goal! The parishioners have pledged \$21,395 to date to the Bishop's Appeal. Congratulations. 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 oblasts in Ukraine. The parish will receive 40% of the total goal in reversion.

MISSION

Mission Liturgy Schedule.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Celebrant</u>
Sun.	Mar. 23	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.
Sun.	Mar. 30	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.
Sun.	Apr. 6	10:00 AM	Father Daniel Grigassy, O.F.M.

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 \$3100. 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 oblasts in Ukraine.

Open House. Attention Byzantine Catholics living in Montgomery County and the city of Frederick, MD. Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Mission is holding an Open House, TODAY, Sunday March 23, 2025. Beginning with Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM and an open house to follow until 2:00 PM. Place: Epiphany of Our Lord Mission house 9301 Warfield Rd. Gaithersburg, MD. 20882. For more information visit our website colmission.com and Facebook page. Finger foods will be provided

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

Financials:

January 2025 Collection total	January 2025 Expenses total	Monthly deficit
\$1,440	\$3,742.23	(2,302.23)
February 2025 Collection total	February 2025 Expenses total	Monthly deficit
\$2,326	\$5,372.85*	(\$2,866.85)

*(Pepco Electric bill for February is \$2,003.96)

Sunday, February 2 Collection \$719	Tithely Feb.2025 – Total by Category	
Sunday, February 9 Collection \$480	Total Donations	\$185.88
Sunday, February 16 Collection \$807	<u>Less Bank Charges</u>	<u>\$5.88</u>
Sunday, February 23 Collection \$320	Net Donation	\$180.00
Sunday, March 2 Collection \$800		
Sunday, March 9 Collection \$520		
Sunday, March 16 Collection \$220		

'The king, however, replied 'I cannot sacrifice to the Lord my God offerings that cost me nothing.' (2 Sammuel 24:2)

PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy
of
Third Sunday of the Great Fast
Veneration of the Holy Cross

PLACE RIBBONS AT:

BLUE p. 11 Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy
GREEN p. 130 Resurrection Tone 3
RED p. 223 Third Sunday of the Great Fast

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: C

EXCEPT:

Cherubic Hymn
We Praise You
Communion Hymn All A

Veneration of the Holy Cross

1. The Great Doxology is chanted not sung on p. 457
 2. At the conclusion of the Great Doxology Holy God A p. 27 is sung three times without Glory:
now and ever: during the procession
 3. The priest says: "Wisdom! Be attentive!" We sing the troparion of the Holy Cross 3 times p. 223
 4. The priest sings "We bow to Your cross" p. 32 once and we sing it twice.
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1. The Divine Liturgy begins on p. 11 BLUE
 2. Typica and Beatitudes pp. 16-17, 23-24 BLUE
 3. At the Troparia
Troparion of the Resurrection Tone 3 pp. 135-136 GREEN
Troparion of the Cross Tone 1 p. 223-224 RED
Kontakion of the Cross Tone 7 p.224 RED
 4. *Instead of* "Holy God..." We bow to Your Cross B p. 33 BLUE
- 5 Scripture Readings:
- Prokeimenon of Sunday Tone 6 p. 224 RED
Epistle: Hebrews -4:14-5:6
Alleluia Tone 8 p. 225 RED
Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1
5. Anaphora of the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great pp. 96-100 BLUE