



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory forever!

March 30, 2025

Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava na v'iki!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

VIGIL OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT 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

Fifth Week of the Great Fast

Wed. Apr. 02 7:30 PM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Fri. Apr. 04 7:30 PM Akathist Hymn

AKATHISTOS SATURDAY

Sat. Apr. 05 10:00 AM +Eugene Lazor by Donor

VIGIL OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Sat. Apr. 05 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Sun. Apr. 06 9:00 AM +Mary Gaydos by Hryn Nephews & Families

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Apr. 05 5:00 PM Robert Maurice (L)

Sun. Apr. 06 9:00 AM P. Cooke, (L), M. Hughes, J. Ricca, R. Riley

USHERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Apr. 05 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Apr. 06 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 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 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

Parish Office Staff

Jamie Bacigalupi, Administrative Assistant
Lucie Cantsilieris, Financial Assistant

Parish Office Hours: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Monday – Friday

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.

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TITHING & GIVING

Sunday March 23, 2025

Adults	\$2884.00
Building Fund	\$1195.00
Holy Days	\$195.00
Candles	\$62.75
Flowers (Easter)	\$165.00
SOR	\$12.00
Easter	\$35.00
BLA	\$50.00
Mission Churches	\$10.00
St. Nicholas	\$70.00
	<u>\$4678.75</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, APRIL 1, 2025

Bingo Session Net Profit

3/18/2025 - \$5221.00

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 Timothy and Lecia Stock & family, Joseph Stone, Timothy Stottish, & family, Edward and Maria Strickland, Joseph and Heather Strickland & family, Mary Catherine Strickland, Michael and Emily Strickland & family, and from the Mission, Richard and Doris Fejka.

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 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.

Lenten Fast. Wednesdays and Fridays during the Great Fast are days of abstinence, that is, no meat or meat products are consumed. Those who have special needs should see the pastor who can mitigate the fast to pious practices or release from the precepts of the fast. St. Basil the Great gave the reason for the Fast: “If Eve had fasted from the Tree, we would not have to keep the fast now.” (About Fasting 2.2).

Guarding the Tomb. Each year on Great Friday and Great Saturday, parishioners guard the tomb of the Lord. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the Narthex. For questions, please see Ed Gubanich.

Resurrection Candles. If you would like to offer an Easter candle in remembrance of a departed loved one, the intention of a living loved one, or a special intention, please visit the Parish Office Monday through Friday 10-4, email your intentions to epiphanyofourlord3420@gmail.com, or call 703 573 3986. Most candles can be offered for \$10. A few candles are \$20. Checks or cash and your intention's request may be sent in a sealed envelope marked “Attention Jamie” and put in the collection basket. All requests for candles must be received no later than April 11, 2025.

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.

Fourth Sunday and Fifth Week. The Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast and the Fifth Week of the Great Fast are the penultimate Sunday and week of the Great Fast and it is an intense time of seven days in order to ensure that everyone is taking advantage of the spiritual purification of the Great Fast. The Fourth Sunday is the commemoration of St. John Climacus, the hegumen of the monastery of St. Catherine on Mt. Sinai, who is the author of *The Ladder of Divine Ascent* which is the source of his name, Climacus. The *Ladder of Divine Ascent* is read by monks and nuns during the Great Fast. Clergy and Faithful “living in the world” also can read the book to help in their spiritual life. The thirty steps of *The Ladder of Divine Ascent* are organized in three parts: 1. The Break with the World, steps 1-3; The Practice of the Virtues and the Fight against Vices (The Active Life), steps 4-26; and Union with God (The Contemplative Life), steps 27-30. On Thursday, Matins with the Canon of Repentance of St Andrew of Crete is prayed. The feature of this Canon is that a prostration is made after each troparion of all the odes which total over three hundred. St. Andrew of Crete is acknowledged as the organizer of the canon, a poetic composition. St. Andrew of Crete wrote the composition for himself. The troparia of the odes use the Bible as examples of repentance to follow or as behaviors to avoid. Often in parishes, this Matins is anticipated on Wednesday night. Finally, Saturday is Akathistos Saturday when the Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God is sung. The Akathist Hymn is written in the form of a kontakion that magnifies the Annunciation of the Mother of God. The first word of each of the twenty-four stanzas-a kontakion followed by its ikos-forms an acrostic of the Greek alphabet. The Akathist sings the great work of God in human history, the incarnation of God the Son at the Annunciation.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

EMC Awards Club. The first of the ten weekly EMC Awards Club drawings took place Sunday March 23rd at 11:30 AM in the Parish Center. The drawing winners of weeks 1 through 9 will receive \$50. The tenth winner will take home \$1000. The winner of the first drawing is Marilou MacDonnell, #235.

Epiphany Men’s Club (EMC) Meeting, April 6th. The next meeting of the EMC is **Sunday April 6, 2025.** The EMC meeting will begin at the back of the Hall **immediately following** the conclusion of Liturgy. Food and beverages will be provided.

The Voskresenije (Resurrection) Choir! Responses of men and women in our parish to the announcement to form a new choir demonstrate an interest in the parish. to 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.** 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 3/31</i>	<i>Tues 4/1</i>	<i>Wed. 4/2</i>	<i>Thurs 4/3</i>	<i>Fri. 4/4</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 \$21,595 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. 30	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.
Sun.	Apr. 6	10:00 AM	Father Daniel Grigassy, O.F.M.
Sun.	Apr. 13	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.
Tues.	Apr. 15	7:00 PM	
Fri.	Apr. 18	7:00 PM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.
Sun.	Apr. 20	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.

Open House. Last Sunday's Open House was excellent. Old friends and former parishioners visited, as well as one new person. Thanks to Deacon Peter and Mary and Teresa at Epiphany church, and John and Belinda, Jack, and Michon at Epiphany Mission. Special thanks to Jamie and Father Jason. Guest speakers from the scholars who hold doctorates in their fields from our Eparchy were proposed to invite people of northern Montgomery County and the City of Frederick, as well as several other ideas to promote the mission.

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.

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		
Sunday, March 23 Collection \$870		

'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
Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast
Venerable Father John Climacus

PLACE RIBBONS AT:

BLUE p. 11 Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy
GREEN p. 141 Resurrection Tone 4
RED p. 226 Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: D

EXCEPT:

Cherubic Hymn A

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 4 pp. 141 GREEN
 Troparion of St. John Climacus Tone 4 p. 226 RED
 Kontakion of St. John Climacus Tone 4 p. 226 RED
4. Scripture Readings:
 Prokeimenon of the Resurrection Tone 4 p. 142 GREEN
 And of St. John Climacus Tone 8 p. 226 RED
 Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20
 Alleluia Resurrection Tone 4 p. 142, then after the second verse,
 the versicle for St. John Climacus and “Alleluia” in Tone 4 p. 227
 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31
6. Anaphora of the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great pp. 96-100
7. Communion Hymn: Communion Hymn of Sunday and For a Venerable p. 227