



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory forever!

March 2, 2025

Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava na v'iki!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

VIGIL OF SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE

Sat. Mar. 01 5:00 PM +John Lichvarcik by Fr. John

SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE

Sun. Mar. 02 9:00 AM Intention of Parishioners

5:00 PM Forgiveness Vespers for the Beginning of the Great Fast

First Week of the Great Fast

Wed. Mar 05 7:30 PM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Fri. Mar. 07 10:00 AM Funeral +Michael Hancher

7:30 PM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

VIGIL OF THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Sat. Mar. 08 5:00 PM +Tim and +Kathy Ryan by Ed & Patty Bogash

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

SUNDAY OF THE RESTORATION OF THE HOLY ICONS

Sun. Mar.09 9:00 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Mar. 8 5:00 PM Robert Maurice (L)

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

USHERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Mar. 8 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Mar .9 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 2, 2025

Adults	\$1976.40
Building Fund	\$1045.00
Holy Days	\$40.00
Candles	\$81.50
S OR	\$72.00
St. Nicholas	\$170.00
	<u>\$3385.24</u>

Tithely

January 2025 – Total by Category

Offertory	\$2438.40
Building Fund	\$879.70
Less Tithely Fees	<u>\$87.10</u>
	\$3231.00

*“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 4, 2025

Bingo Session Net Profit

2/4/2025 - \$3980.00

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, 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, Jayden Ramos Jimenez, and James Bacigalupi.

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 Stephen Seman, Aiden Semanco, David Semanco, Janet Semonick, Joseph and Linda Serafin, Andrew and Luann Serafin. & family, Anna Sikora, and from the Mission, Adele Spinder.

Condolences. We offer our condolences to the Hancher family upon the death of +Michael Hancher who passed away February 21st. Visitation will be Thursday, March 6th at Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home from 6-8 PM. Parastas will be prayed at 7:30 PM. The Office of Christian Burial will be Friday, March 7th at Epiphany of our Lord Church. Interment to follow at Fairfax Memorial Park. May God grant to His departed servant, +Michael, peaceful repose. Vičnaja jemu pamjat’.

Cheesefare Sunday. The title of the final Sunday before the start of the Great Fast is a reminder that in the traditional fast prescription, this was the last day to consume dairy products before Easter. The prayers of this day recall the expulsion of Adam and Eve from Eden because they did not fast. In fact, the traditional fasting prescriptions, a vegetarian menu, recall what foods God gave to the first humans in the Garden: “God said, ‘Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.’” As the Lord Jesus fasted in the desert for forty days where He triumphed over the temptations of the evil one, so He accompanies us into the desert of the Great Fast as we fight against the evil one and his temptations. While fasting from food and from sin we are fed Holy Communion at Presanctified Liturgy as God fed the Chosen People for forty years in the desert. Likewise, we accompany the Lord Jesus in the forty days from His Transfiguration to His crucifixion—fasting, praying, giving charity—so that we will not betray Him or deny Him. In this way, we will arrive at the foot of the Tree of Life, His cross, that is the antidote for the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden, and then we can arrive at the Garden where the tomb is and where the Risen Lord will greet

us. In order to start this forty-day journey to the cross from which comes forgiveness of sins, we hear the Lord's words in the gospel today that if we forgive others our heavenly Father will forgive us. To facilitate this the Great Fast begins with Forgiveness Vespers and the ritual of forgiveness.

All Souls Saturdays. There are five All Souls Saturday's 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 repose of our family members. If you have not already done so, please use the envelope in your envelope sets to list your departed names. The second All Souls Saturday is Saturday, March 15. The following three are March 22nd, March 29th, and June 7th.

Lenten Prayer. Forgiveness Vespers is today at 5:00 PM. Presanctified Divine Liturgies are Wednesdays and Fridays at 7:30 PM during the Great Fast.

Strict Fast. Tomorrow Monday, March 3rd, the first day of the Great Fast, is a day of Strict Fast. The law of strict fast prohibits the use of meat, eggs, and dairy products. All adults of the Eparchy of Passaic who receive Holy Communion are obliged to observe Strict Abstinence. Great Friday, April 18th, is also a day of Strict Fast.

Great Fast. The law of abstinence forbids the use of meat, permitting 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.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Epiphany Men's Club Meeting. This Sunday, March 2nd, after the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy. The meeting will be held in the parish center hall. Lunch will be served.

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.

Parish Organization Calendar. All parish organization Presidents and/or Secretaries, please make sure you have informed Marsha Puhak, the Hall Manager, of any planned activities your organization may have upcoming in 2025. **If you have to reschedule your activity, please inform Marsha of the change to avoid any conflicts.** If the dates and times have not been reserved on the Chapel Hall or Parish Center calendar, your activity will not happen. All activities have to be cleared and transferred to the parish office calendar to prevent conflicts of scheduling.

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 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.**

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 3/3</u>	<u>Tues 3/4</u>	<u>Wed. 3/5</u>	<u>Thurs 3/6</u>	<u>Fri. 3/7</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. We have exceeded our goal! The parishioners have pledged \$20,895 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. 2	10:00 AM	Father Daniel Grigassy, O.F.M.
Sun.	Mar. 9	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.
Sun.	Mar. 16	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.
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 \$3,100. 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.

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

Sunday, February 9 Collection \$480

Sunday, February 16 Collection \$807

Sunday, February 23 Collection \$320

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PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy
of
Sunday of Cheese-fare

PLACE RIBBONS AT:

BLUE	p. 11	Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy
GREEN	p. 161	Resurrection Tone 8
RED	p. 218	Sunday of the Cheese-fare

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: D EXCEPT:

1. Sunday Antiphons pp. 14-15 BLUE
- 2 At the Troparia:
 - Troparion of Resurrection Tone 8 pp. 161 GREEN
 - Kontakion of the Cheese-fare, Tone 6 p. 218 RED
- 3 Scripture Readings:
 - Prokeimenon of Cheese-fare Tone 8 p. 219 RED
 - Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4
 - Alleluia of Cheese-fare Tone 8 p. 219 RED
 - Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21