



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory forever!

April 13, 2025

Slava Isusu Christu!

Slava na v'iki!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

VIGIL OF THE ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD, GOD, JESUS CHRIST INTO JERUSELEM

Sat. Apr. 12 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

THE ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD, GOD, JESUS CHRIST INTO JERUSELEM

PALM SUNDAY

Sun. Apr. 13 9:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on Peter Wegman by Wegman Family
Great Week

Mon. Apr. 14 7:30 PM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Tues. Apr. 15 7:30 PM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Wed. Apr. 16 7:30 PM Office of Holy Anointing

GREAT THURSDAY

Thurs. Apr. 17 7:30 PM Vespers & Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

GREAT FRIDAY

Fri. Apr. 18 10:00 AM Passion Matins

7:30 PM Vespers of the Lord's Burial

VIGIL OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Sat. Apr. 19 5:00 PM Vespers & Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD- THE GREAT DAY-PASKA

Sun. Apr. 20 8:00 AM Resurrection Matins

9:00 AM Easter Divine Liturgy

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Apr. 19 5:00 PM Robert Maurice (L)

Sun. Apr. 20 9:00 AM A. Naccash (L), J. Ricca, P. Cooke, M. Hughes

USHERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Apr. 19 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Apr. 20 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

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 April 6, 2025

Adults	\$1829.00
Children	\$4.00
Building Fund	\$535.00
Holy Days	\$20.00
Candles	\$73.50
Flowers (Easter)	\$35.00
SOR	\$27.00
Mission Churches	\$10.00
St. Nicholas	\$100.00
	<u>\$2633.50</u>

Tithely Mar. 2025- Total by Category

Offertory	\$2,646.05
Building Fund	\$523.54
Less Bank Charges	\$76.74
TOTAL	<u>\$3,092.85</u>

*“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, MAY 6, 2025

Bingo Session Net Profit
4/1/2025 - \$5397.00

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 Matthew Tanner, Stephen Tanner and Sophia Mellos-Tanner, Karen Taylor, Michael and Lynette Terpak, Natalie Terpak, Paul Terpak, Thomas Bradley, and from Mission, Daniel and Karen Gresh.

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.

Sacrament of Penance. The Sacrament of Penance will be available Great Monday and Great Tuesday after the Presanctified Liturgy and Great Wednesday after the Sacrament of Anointing.

Fasting Regulations. Great Wednesday and Great Saturday are days of abstinence, that is, no meat or meat products are consumed. Great Friday is a day of strict fast, that is, no meat or meat – milk or dairy products are consumed.

Blessed Palms and Pussy Willows. Blessed Palms and Pussy Willows should be kept in your home, usually at the icon corner or crucifix, as a witness to the Lord's presence in your life. Last year’s palms and pussy willows are blessed sacramental and should be destroyed by burning or burying them or bring them to the hall in the chapel basement and place them in the receptacle provided. ***Do not throw them in the trash!***

BCY Jerusalem Matins. The BCY members will pray Jerusalem Matins on Great Friday after Vespers and keep the first watch at the tomb from 10:00 PM until 11:00 PM. BCY invites parishioners to join them in praying Jerusalem Matins.

ECF-SOR Procession. Thank you to ECF-SOR students for the Palm Sunday procession today.

Resurrection Procession. Representatives of Epiphany Men's Club, Ladies Guild, BCY, and ECF-SOR will carry their respective banners in the procession before Resurrection Matins on Easter Sunday.

Traditional Blessing of Paschal Foods. Paschal foods will be blessed Great Saturday evening after the Easter Vigil Liturgy and Easter morning after the Divine Liturgy in the Parish Center.

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. 1. The winner of the first drawing is Marilou MacDonnell, #235; 2. The second drawing took place on March 30th and the winner was Fred Goodspeed, #014; 3. The winner of the third drawing on April 6th was Peter Kovalick, #026. The next drawing is today, April 13th, at 11:30 in the Parish Center.

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. 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.

ELG Chocolates. Epiphany Ladies Guild will have chocolates for sale. TODAY, Palm Sunday, is the last Sunday chocolates will be available.

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.

Weekly Office Schedule.

<i>Mon. 4/14</i>	<i>Tues. 4/15</i>	<i>Wed. 4/16</i>	<i>Thurs. 4/17</i>	<i>Fri. 4/18</i>
Lucie /Jamie	Lucie	Jamie	Lucie/Jamie	Closed

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.

Byzantine Seminary. The Byzantine Seminary of Ss. Cyril & Methodius announces summer courses for Degree Candidates, Non-Matriculating Students, and Auditors are online and completed in a 14 week semester. Summer Semester 20225 (May 12 to August 17): There are five classes being offered: *Documents of Vatican II*, Fr. Justin Rose; *History of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church in Antioch*, Fr. Justin Rose; *Problem of Evil and Demonology*, Fr. Stelvios Muksuriuis; *Ecumenism (Orientale Lumen)*, Fr. Sandra Collins; *Research Methods*, Dr. Sandra Collins and Fr. Christiaan Kappas.

MISSION

Mission Liturgy Schedule.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Celebrant</u>
Sun.	Apr. 13	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.
Tues.	Apr. 15	7:00 PM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.
Fri.	Apr. 18	7:00 PM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.
Sun.	Apr. 20	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.

Property Clean-Up. This past week clean-up yard work and beautification was done on the Mission property. Jack McLaurin, John and Belinda Radko are to be commended for power washing the upper deck, picking up fallen tree branches, limbs and sticks, and they weeded and planted beautiful flowers in the beds and planters. Now that the roll has started, who will join them for the clean out of the basement and garage? And get the gazebo ready for summer?

Pepco Energy Assessment. Teresa Rodock Seay has contacted PEPCO for an Energy Audit to investigate the high electric bills.

Open House Ideas. 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:

February 2025 Collection total	February 2025 Expenses total	Monthly deficit
\$2,326	\$5,372.85	(\$2,866.85)
March 2025 Collection total	March 2025 Expenses total	Monthly deficit
\$3,200	\$4,105.22	(\$905.22)
*(Pepco Electric bill for March is \$511.22)		

Sunday, March 2 Collection \$800	Tithely Mar.2025 – Total by Category	
Sunday, March 9 Collection \$520	Total Donations	\$164.97
Sunday, March 16 Collection \$220	<u>Less Bank Charges</u>	<u>\$4.97</u>
Sunday, March 23 Collection: \$870	Net Donation	\$160.00
Sunday, March 30 Collection \$630		
Sunday, April 6 Collection: \$130.		

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PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy
of
Entrance of Our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

PLACE RIBBONS AT:

BLUE p. 11 Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy

GREEN

RED p. 235 Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: A

EXCEPT:

1. The Divine Liturgy begins on p. 11 BLUE
2. First and Second Antiphons of Palm Sunday pp. 235-236 RED
3. Third Antiphon of Palm Sunday Tone 1 p. 236 RED
4. Entrance Hymn Troparion Tone 1 p. 237 RED
5. At the Troparia
 - Troparion of the Lazarus 230 Tone 1 p. 236 RED
 - Troparion of Palm Sunday Tone 4 pp. 237-238 RED
 - Kontakion of Palm Sunday Tone 6 p. 238 RED
6. Scripture Readings:
 - Prokeimenon of the Palm Sunday Tone 4 p. 239 RED
 - Epistle: Phillipians 4:4-9
 - Alleluia of Palm Sunday Tone 1 p. 239 RED
 - Gospel: John 12:1-18
7. *Instead of* “It is truly proper...” Magnification p. 239 and Irmos p. 240
8. Communion Hymn p. 241 A