



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church
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Christ is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!	April 27, 2025	Christos Voskrese! Voistinnu! Voskrese!
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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

VIGIL OF THOMAS SUNDAY

Sat. Apr. 26 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

THOMAS SUNDAY

Sun. Apr. 27 9:00 AM +Helen, +Joseph, & +Gary Kodman
by Helen & Peter Wegman

Thomas Week

VIGIL OF SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT - BEARERS

Sat. May 03 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT- BEARERS

Sun. May 04 9:00 AM +Daniel Green by Sally Green

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Sat. May 03 5:00 PM Robert Maurice (L)

Sun. May 04 9:00 AM J. Hughes (L), M. Hughes, J. Ricca, R. Riley

USHERS SCHEDULE

Sat. May 03 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. May 04 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 20, 2025

Adults	\$2065.00
Building Fund	\$1905.00
Holy Days	\$1168.00
Candles	\$25.00
Flowers (Easter)	\$25.00
SOR	\$100.00
Mission Churches	\$30.00
Flowery Sunday	\$4910.00
Easter	\$130.07
St. Nicholas	\$50.00
	<u>\$10316.00</u>

Tithely Mar. 2025- Total by Category

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

*“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, Mia Tysarzyk, Michael and Amy Tysarzyk & Family, Lawrence and Johanna Urgo & Family, Jennifer and David Valeck, Lynn Valko-Blumenthal, John Vernoski, Mary Elizabeth Vieira, and from Mission, Michael Hamas.

Paschal Prescriptions. There is no kneeling for the fifty days from the Sunday of Pascha until Pentecost when kneeling resumes.

Paschal Rituals. We express our joy in the resurrection by several rituals during the forty days of Pascha: 1) As a sign of the joy that is ours in the resurrection, we do not kneel from Easter Sunday to Pentecost for any of the liturgical services, for the time of penance is completed, and joy now reigns. We stand instead of kneeling and we stand whenever *Christ is Risen* is sung. 2.) After Bright Week, commemorations for the living or for the departed intentions are made, but with the proper response of “Many years...” or “Eternal memory” .) The Artos (Greek: Bread) blessed and placed on the tetrapod on Pascha is broken and distributed today. Jesus said, “I am the living Bread that came down from heaven.” (John 6:51). The Artos is placed in the middle of the churches “in full view of the faithful to serve as their same reminder of the invisible presence of the Lord with us.” (Bulgakov, Kiev, 1900).

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Great Week and Pascha. Father John, Deacon El, and Deacon Peter, acknowledge all who labored intensively for the Divine Services and Divine Liturgies of Great Week and of the Great Day of Pascha—to our sacristans, cantors, BCY who prayed Jerusalem Matins, altar servers, ushers, those who carried banners, candles, myrrh and aloes, the instruments of the Passion, those who kept vigil at the Tomb, those

who set up the parish center for the blessing of Paschal foods, and to the office staff, Jamie and Lucie, and to all who helped in any way. May the Risen Lord bless you and your families.

Saint Thomas Sunday Breakfast. On Sunday, April 27, the feast of the appearance of our Lord to St. Thomas, Epiphany celebrates with a parish meal that includes the food we have abstained from during the Great Fast. We will celebrate the feast with the traditional Easter foods like those that were blessed in the baskets on Easter. This event will take place after the Sunday 9AM Liturgy in the parish social hall. We welcome and encourage all to join us for the feast. This no-cost meal is provided courtesy of the parish.

Presbyteral Days. Fr. John will be attending Presbyteral Days this week with his fellow priests and Bishop Kurt. There will be no liturgies this week. Fr. John will celebrate Saturday Vigil Divine Liturgy at 5:00 PM and Divine Liturgy for Sunday at 9:00 AM.

County Police Grant. Through the Fairfax County Police Grant, we have purchased eight Motorola R2 radios for the four buildings to establish interconnectivity between the buildings as directed by the police. A radio is installed on each floor of the church, chapel, and parish center. Please do not move them from their current locations. They are high-functioning equipment. Use only as directed.

Next Epiphany Men's Club (EMC) Meeting, May 4th. The **next meeting** of the EMC is **Sunday May 4, 2025**. The EMC meeting will begin at the back of the Hall **immediately following** the conclusion of Liturgy. Food and beverages will be provided. Also, members please note that the EMC will host its annual **Father-Son Steak Dinner on Thursday evening, June 12th**, so please save the date!

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 fourth winner of the EMC Awards Club drawing is Mary Michaels, #028, drawn on Sunday, April 13th. The winner of the fifth drawing of April 20th was Diane Hendricks, #009. The next drawing will take place Thomas Sunday, April 27th at 11:30 AM.

ELG Meeting! The next Epiphany Ladies Guild meeting is coming up on Monday, May 5th in the social hall. Please plan on attending. Hear the "after-action report" on the Lenten Dinners and find out what's happening next! There will be light refreshments beginning at 7pm, followed by the meeting at 7:30pm.

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 today, Thomas Sunday. If interested, please call, text, or email Michael Sirotniak at 703-776-0595 MichaelSirotniak@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.

Lenten Dinners Generosity. I am happy to inform you Lenten dinners were a wonderful success for the Sisters of St Basil the Great. Sales for the Sisters of St. Basil the Great were \$3304.00, which were the best I have ever collected. It was wonderful to experience the generosity and kindness of the people who visited the Lenten dinners. Sincerely yours, Barbara Koltas

Weekly Office Schedule.

<i>Mon. 4/28</i>	<i>Tues. 4/29</i>	<i>Wed. 4/30</i>	<i>Thurs. 5/01</i>	<i>Fri. 5/02</i>
Jamie	Lucie	Jamie	Lucie/Jamie	Jamie/Lucie

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 Catholic Seminary Lecture. The Byzantine Seminary of Ss. Cyril & Methodius announces the 25th annual Academic Lecture at the close of the academic year and graduation. The lecture will be delivered by Father Khaled Anatalios, PhD, S.T.L., M.A. at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 6th. The topic is "The Nicene Confession of the Lordship of Christ." All are welcome to attend the lecture online at the seminary website www.bcs.edu. Father Anatalios is a priest of the Melkite Greek Catholic Eparchy of Newton, MA and is a professor at Notre Dame University and a Fellow of the Tantur Ecumenical Institute, Jerusalem, Israel. His primary field of study is the history of Christianity with specific training in Early Christian Doctrine, Theological Method, and Biblical Exegesis.

MISSION

Mission Liturgy Schedule.

Day	Date	Time	Celebrant
Sun.	Apr. 27		
Sun.	May 4		
Sun.	May 11	10:00 AM	Father Daniel Grigassy, O.F.M.
Sun.	May 18		
Sun.	May 25		
Wed.	May 28	7:30 PM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M

Invitation. This Sunday, Thomas Sunday, the mission parishioners are invited by the church parishioners to attend Divine Liturgy at Epiphany Church and partake of the Thomas Sunday Luncheon. Hope to see you in Annandale.

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

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.
 Sunday, April 13 Collection \$330
 Sunday, April 20 Collection \$720

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PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy

of

Thomas Sunday

PLACE RIBBONS AT:

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

GREEN p. 164 Thomas Sunday

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: Festal Tones

EXCEPT : Cherubic Hymn

We Praise You

Communion Hymn **All D**

Our Father – Paschal Melody p. 167

1. Hymns during incensation *Christ is Risen* p. 171 B
2. The Divine Liturgy begins on p. 11 BLUE
3. Sunday Antiphons and Entrance Hymn p. 14-15, 22 and 25 BLUE
4. At the Troparia:
 - Troparion of Thomas Sunday Tone 7 p. 175 GREEN
 - Kontakion of Thomas Sunday Tone 8 p. 176 GREEN
5. Scripture readings:
 - Prokeimenon of Thomas Sunday Tone 3 p. 176 GREEN
 - Epistle: Acts 5:12-20
 - Alleluia of Thomas Sunday Tone 8 p. 176 GREEN
 - Gospel: John 20:19-31
6. Instead of “*It is truly proper...*” “Anhel Vopijasce” or The Angel Exclaimed p. 167
7. Instead of “*We have seen the true light...*” “Christ is Risen” p, 171 B
8. At dismissal “Christ is Risen p. 170 GREEN