



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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Christ is Risen!

Indeed He Is Risen!

May 18, 2025

Christos Voskrese!

Voistinnu! Voskrese!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

VIGIL OF SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Sat. May 17 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Sun. May 18 9:00 AM +Michael Hancher by Epiphany Men's Club

Fifth Paschal Week

Tues. May 20 10:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on Fr. John Basarab
by Cody Calvin

Fri. May 23 10:00 AM Health, Life Success, & God's Blessings
on Eleni Carali by Rafik & Lucie Carali

VIGIL OF SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

Sat. May 24 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

Sun. May 25 9:00 AM Health, Life Success, & God's Blessings
on Eleni Carali by Rafik & Lucie Carali

Sat. May 24 5:00 PM Robert Maurice (L)

Sun. May 25 9:00 AM A. Naccash, (L), P. Cooke, M. Hughes, J. Ricca

USHERS SCHEDULE

Sat. May 24 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. May 25 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 May 11, 2025

Adults	\$2345.00
Building Fund	\$1245.00
Holy Days	\$45.00
Easter	\$200.00
Candles	\$98.25
BCY	\$15.00
SOR	\$82.00
Cath. Missions	\$50.00
St. Nicholas	\$234.05
	<u>\$4314.30</u>

Tithely Mar. 2025- Total by Category

Offertory	\$2,506.02
Easter	\$515.24
Less Bank Charge	\$100.26
TOTAL	\$2,921.85

*"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 20, 2025

Bingo Session Net Profit
5/6/2025 - \$5533.00

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, Robert Wiesner, Mary Wisdo, Jonathan Wolosky, Dorothy Woods, Charles and Alicia Zekan, Jade Zekan, Nia Zekan, and from the Mission Elizabeth and Kevin Keyes & family.

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" .)

Ordination to the Diaconate. We offer our prayers, best wishes and congratulations to Brother Ryan Schmeltzer, OFM Cap., who was ordained to the diaconate Saturday, May 3rd at the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine through the imposition of hands of Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington. Deacon Ryan will serve as deacon at the Divine Liturgy this Sunday prior to reporting to his assignment. Please continue to remember him in your prayers during his diaconal year as he is being prepared for sacred ordination to the Holy Priesthood. Axios, Axios, Axios!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Silent Auction Items Needed. The Annual Epiphany Silent Auction will be held during the Slavic American Festival, Sunday, September 7, 2025. *Donations are being accepted now until August 17.* Donations received after August 17 cannot be accepted for the 2025 Silent Auction. The more items in the silent auction the more successful the auction will be. Thinking what you can donate? Silent auction donations *must* have a value of a minimum of \$30 and can be professional services, memorabilia, restaurant and store gift cards, dinners, overnight stays, week vacations, collectibles, event or sporting tickets, theme baskets, handcrafted items, wine, household services, etc. Have a donation? Contact Terry Matlaga Bell @ tmatlaga@yahoo.com or text (703) 606-2937 and bring your donation to the Chapel Basement. Place your donation on the table labeled Silent Auction Donations. Thank you in advance for your support.

Radio Use Information Session. The radio information session at 6:00 PM was very informative. It informed those of us in attendance that we need a representative of the company to demonstrate the use of the radios. The radios did not come with an operating manual and have greater functionality than was initially expected. Contact has been made with the company representative, who has expressed a desire to relieve our concerns. More information will follow.

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 sixth winner of the EMC Spring Awards Club is Terry Abell, #091. The winner of the seventh drawing is Maryanne Smith, #149, drawn on Sunday, May 4, 2025. The eighth winner, drawn on Sunday, May 11th, is Clarence L. Thomason, #214. The next drawing will take place today Sunday, May 18th at 11:30 AM.

Epiphany Ladies Guild Presents Spring Dance. Join us for an evening of dancing and fun! Heavy appetizers, dessert bar, coffee, tea, sodas, beer, and wine. Door prizes! Tickets (\$20; \$15 for students) are available at the door OR reserve tables by calling 703-255-2221 and leaving a message. The event is at the parish center. **Saturday, June 7, 2025, 7:30-10:30 pm Featuring the Fairfax Swing Band.**

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)

fourth Sunday of the month. A brief practice will be held on Sundays at 8:30 AM in the Chapel. The premier performance was Thomas Sunday. The next time the choir will sing is May 25th. If interested, please call, text, or email Michael Sirotniak at 703-776-0595 MichaelSirotniak@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 for 2025. **If you have to reschedule your activity, please inform Marsha of the change.** If the dates and times have not been reserved on the Chapel or Parish Center calendar, your activity will not happen. All activities have to be cleared and transferred too the parish office calendar to prevent conflicts in scheduling.

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. 5/19</i>	<i>Tues. 5/20</i>	<i>Wed. 5/21</i>	<i>Thurs. 5/22</i>	<i>Fri. 5/23</i>
Jamie	Lucie	Jamie	Lucie/Jamie	Jamie/Lucie

EPARCHIAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop's Appeal. The Bishop's Appeal continues. 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 \$21,945 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.

Eparchial Summer Camps. Plan Now. Camps are at the eparchial camp grounds, Carpathian Village.

Camp Theodore Tyro. (Co-ed Teen Camp, ages 13-17) July 6-10

Camp Theotokos (Girls Camp, ages 6-17) July 13-17

Altar Server Congress (Boys Camp, ages 6-17, with priest's permission) July 20-24

Camp St. Nicholas (Pre-teen Co-ed Camp, ages 6-12) August 10-14

We are in need of **chaperones** for all camps *except* the Altar Server Congress, where chaperone space is limited. All chaperones must be Safe Environment certified with the Eparchy prior to the start of the camp.

If pastors or your parishioners have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me, Jon Aponick, directly at 717-991-5204 or passaicyouthcamps@gmail.com.

Thank you for helping us share these life-giving experiences with the young members of your parish.

MISSION

Mission Liturgy Schedule.

Day	Date	Time	Celebrant
Sun.	May 18		
Sun.	May 25		
Wed.	May 28	7:30 PM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.

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 \$3500. 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:

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		

April 2025 Collection Total	April 2025 Expenses Total	Monthly Deficit
\$3,291.13	\$3,621.49	(\$330.36)

Sunday, April 6 Collection: \$130.
 Sunday, April 13 Collection \$330
 Sunday, April 20 Collection \$720
 Sunday, April 27, Collection \$500

Sunday, May 4, Collection
 Sunday, May 11 Collection \$420

Tithely Apr. 2025 – Total by Category	
Total Donations	\$577.50
<u>Less Bank Charges</u>	<u>\$18.37</u>
Net Donation	\$559.13

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

PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy
of
Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

PLACE RIBBONS AT:

BLUE p. 11 Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy
GREEN p. 186 Samaritan Woman
RED p. 183 Mid-Pentecost

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 Resurrection Matins Odes and Christ is Risen B p. 171
2. The Divine Liturgy begins on p.11 BLUE
3. Sunday Antiphons p. 14-15, 22 and BLUE
4. At the Troparia:
 - Troparion of Resurrection Tone 4 p. 186 GREEN
 - Troparion of Mid-Pentecost Tone 8 p. 186 RED
 - Kontakion of the Samaritan Woman Tone 8 p. 187 GREEN
 - Kontakion of Mid-Pentecost Tone 4 p. 187 RED
5. Scripture readings:
 - Prokeimenon of the Samaritan Woman Tone 3 p. 188 GREEN
 - Epistle: Acts 11:19-25 & 29-30
 - Alleluia of the Samaritan Woman Tone 4 p. 188 GREEN
 - Gospel: John 4:5-42
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!”... “Indeed He is risen!” p.170