



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Byzantine Catholic Church
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Christ is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!	May 25, 2025	Christos Voskrese! Voistinnu! Voskrese!
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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

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 & God's Blessings on John Dvorak
by Helen & Peter Wegman

Sixth Paschal Week

LEAVE-TAKING OF THE FEAST OF PASCHA

Wed. May 28 10:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on Cody Calvin
by Nana & Baba

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD – OBLIGATION

Thurs. May 29 10:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on Fr. John Basarab
by Epiphany Parishioners
7:30 PM Intention of Parishioners

VIGIL OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Sat. May 31 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY OF THE FAHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Sun. June 01 9:00 AM +Michael George Koshuta
by Monica Koshuta & Family

Sat. May 31 5:00 PM Robert Maurice (L)

Sun. June 01 9:00 AM J. Hughes (L), M. Hughes, J. Ricca, R. Riley

USHERS SCHEDULE

Sat. May 31 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. June 01 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 May 18, 2025

Adults	\$3210.00
Building Fund	\$545.00
Holy Days	\$20.00
Candles	\$58.00
BCY	\$5.00
SOR	\$7.00
St. Nicholas	\$565.00
	<u>\$4410.00</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, JUNE 3, 2025

Bingo Session Net Profit

5/20/2025 - \$3736.00

- Mission Financials

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, Caroline Zurun, Mary Zurun, Joseph and Karen Adelman, David Alexander, Megan Anderson, Robert Anderson, Ryan Anderson, and from the Mission, Thomas Klimkosky.

1700th Anniversary. Bishop Kurt wishes to inform the Faithful of the Eparchy that last Tuesday, May 20th, the 1700th anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council at Nicea was observed. The Byzantine Churches observe the memory of the First Council annually on the Sunday after Ascension Thursday. Bishop Kurt points out that this Council established the calculations for the date of Pascha each year, legislated that kneeling was not permitted on the fifty days of Pascha and on Sundays, and issued the Nicene Creed (not the Creed the Church uses now. The Churches use the Symbol of Faith of the Second Ecumenical Council of 381, referred as the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed).

Holyday of Obligation. Ascension Thursday is a holyday of obligation for all Eastern Catholics. There is vigil Divine Liturgy on Wednesday at the mission and two Divine Liturgies Thursday at the church.

Paschal Rituals. 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 Many Years or Eternal Memory is only sung on weekdays.

Prayers for Graduates. If you are a 2025 graduate or the parent of a 2025 graduate of elementary, middle school, high school, college, or graduate school, please call or email the parish office with your child’s name and school from which they graduate. We will honor all of our graduates in the June 15th bulletin. **Be sure to have the information to us no later than June 8th.**

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. Motorola representative, Paula Weaver met with Jamie last Monday. The meeting was very productive. Only 5 channels were programmed on the radios before they were shipped. Having the radio set on a channel above 5 would not work. The radios are NOT to be holstered in the charger. If they are not being used, they do not need to be charged frequently. If they stay in the charger, it kills the battery. The radio remains in off position unless you are using it. Candy and church people, especially, let the office know you are working so that the office radio is on too so we can hear you if you need to contact us. When you arrive in the building, turn on your radio. All the radios must be on the same channel in order to communicate with each other. Our radios are set on channel 3. There are two radios in each of the four buildings. A. Church – 1. Ushers' room on the window ledge; 2. LL in the space occupied by the construction documents sitting on a little table on the right-hand wall. B. Chapel- 1. Sacristy-next to the sound system equipment. 2. Basement Kitchen – Passthrough counter. C. Parish Center – Upstairs Kitchen – shelf above cake cutting counter opposite walk-in freezer & back door. 2. LL Storage room on table next to interior wall about half the length of the room. D. Parish Office/Rectory – Both are in Jamie's Office because that is the only place that had enough outlets available. And where the counters are on Sundays should they need help. One of the two is a roaming radio to be used for the festival, for Fr. John in the rectory, or for anytime we need an extra radio not assigned. Each radio is labeled and assigned, so it is important to get it back to its proper home after use. Please direct any questions to Jamie at the Parish Office.

Epiphany Men's Club. Next Epiphany Men's Club (EMC) Meeting, Thursday June 12th. EMC's June meeting will be their annual **Father-Son Steak Dinner on Thursday, June 12th, at 6:30 pm** 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 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. Bill Fournier, #115, was the winner of the ninth drawing of the EMC Awards Club drawing, which took place on May 18th. The tenth and final drawing for the \$1000 will take place today, Sunday, May 25th at 11:30.

The Voskresenije (Resurrection) Choir! The choir will sing today, Sunday, May 25th. The next scheduled Sunday will be June 22nd. 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.

Weekly Office Schedule.

<i>Mon. 5/26</i>	<i>Tues. 5/27</i>	<i>Wed. 5/28</i>	<i>Thurs. 5/29</i>	<i>Fri. 5/30</i>
Office Closed	Lucie	Jamie	office Closed	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 \$22,045 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

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.

MISSION

Mission Liturgy Schedule.

Day	Date	Time	Celebrant
Sun.	May 25		
Wed.	May 28	7:30 PM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.
Sun.	June 1	10:00 AM	Father Daniel Grigassy, O.F.M.
Sun.	June 8	10:00 AM	Father Daniel Grigassy, O.F.M.
Sun.	June 15	10:00 AM	Father Daniel Grigassy, O.F.M.
Sun.	June 22	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.
Sun.	June 29	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.

Holyday of Obligation. Ascension Thursday is a holyday of obligation for all Eastern Catholics as confirmed by Pope St. John Paul II in his *Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches*. There will be a vigil Divine Liturgy Wednesday, May 28th at 7:30 PM.

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

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

Sunday, May 4, Collection
 Sunday, May 11 Collection \$420
 Sunday, May 18 Collection

'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 Man Born Blind

PLACE RIBBONS AT:

BLUE p. 11 Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy
GREEN p. 186 Samaritan Woman
RED p. 363 Common for St. John the Baptist

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. The Divine Liturgy begins on p.11 BLUE
2. Sunday Antiphons p. 14-15, 22 and BLUE
3. At the Troparia:
 - Troparion of Resurrection Tone 5 p. 189 GREEN
 - Troparion of the Baptist Tone 4 MAT 339 or Common Troparion p. 363 RED
 - Kontakion of the Man Born Blind Tone 4 p. 187 GREEN
 - Kontakion of Pascha Tone 8 pp. 189-190 GREEN
4. Scripture readings:
 - Prokeimenon of the Man Born Blind Tone 8 p. 190 GREEN
 - & then of the Baptist Tone 7 p. 365 without its versicle RED
 - Epistle: Acts 16:16-34
 - Alleluia of the Man Born Blind Tone 8, then of the Baptist p. 365 RED
 - Gospel: John 9:1-38
5. Instead of “*It is truly proper...*” “Anhel Vopijasce” or The Angel Exclaimed p. 167
6. Instead of “*We have seen the true light...*” “Christ is Risen” p. 171 B
7. *At dismissal...* “Christ is risen!”... “Indeed He is risen!” p.170