



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Slava Isusu Christu!

Glory to Jesus Christ!

September 7, 2025

Slava vo v'iki!

Glory forever!

VIGIL OF THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

Sat. Sept. 06 5:00 PM +Jerry Mattingly by Epiphany Festival Workers

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

PRE-FESTIVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

Sun. Sept. 07 9:00 AM Intention of Parishioners

Fourteenth Week after Pentecost

NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS -SOLEMNITY

Mon. Sept 08 7:30 PM +John Stephen "Jack" Kepick by Marlene McCracken

Fri. Sept. 12 10:00 AM +Paul and +Helen Machaldo by Rebecca Machaldo

VIGIL OF SUNDAY – EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Sat. Sept. 13 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY – EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Sun. Sept. 14 9:00 AM +Anne Soyka by Children & Grandchildren

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Sept 13 5:00 PM R. Maurice (L)

Sun. Sept. 14 9:00 AM A. Naccash (L), P. Cooke, M. Hughes, J. Ricca

USHERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Sept. 13 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Sept. 14 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. This is a period of spiritual formation. Please see the priest or deacon. Details are available at the parish office.

Mysteries (Sacraments) of Initiation of Adults – follows a period of catechumenate.

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. Paroners 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, August 31, 2025

Adults	\$1748.00
Building Fund	\$670.00
Candles	\$43.00
SOR	\$62.00
Holy Water Bottles	\$12.00
Seminary	\$125.00
St. Nicholas	\$1.00
TOTAL	\$2661.00

Tithely July 2025- Total by Category

Offertory	\$2,388.80
Building Fund	\$00.00
<u>Less Bank Charge</u>	<u>\$82.20</u>
TOTAL	\$2,306.60

“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, September 16, 2025

Bingo Session Net Profit

8/19/2025 - \$6,031.00

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, Thomas Soyka, and Alfred Minichiello. 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, Larry Dowdy, and Natasha 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 Erik and Virginia Fejka & Family, Mary Katherine Ferrari & Family, Carol Ferson, Jeffrey Ferson, Alexa Fezuk, Kristina Fezuk, Monica Fezuk, and from the Mission, Nicholas Sesok.

Decree on the Sacrament of Penance. Bishop Kurt Burnette issued a Decree, dated May 1, 2025, regarding cell phones and the Sacrament of Penance (Confession). The Bishop orders: “All cell phones, both belonging to the priest or to a penitent must be left outside the confessional or be powered off. It is not enough to have it silenced.

Holy Communion and Post-Communion Thanksgiving. St. Germanus of Constantinople wrote a mystagogy on the Divine Liturgy titled Ecclesiastical History and Mystical Contemplation. The title reflects how this liturgical commentary examines the Divine Liturgy. The “History” part is the history of what Jesus did on earth as it is re-presented in the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The “Mystical Contemplation” part is looking at the Divine Liturgy from a different perspective—specifically that what we do on earth when we re-present Christ’s work on earth is actually participating in the eternal liturgy going on in heaven.

After commenting on the Liturgy of the Word, St. Germanus treats the Liturgy of the Eucharist. After we complete the anaphora or the Eucharistic Prayer by which our Gifts of Bread and Wine become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, preparations for us to receive the Divine Gifts begin with the prayer Our Father, in which the Daily Bread for which we pray is the Body of Christ which is the daily food we need to live.

After explaining the priest's admission: Holy Gifts to Holy People and the people's confession of their sins: "One is Holy, One is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory to God the Father. Amen" as the saving sacrifice offered "for the remission of our sins" St. Germanus also reflects on the people's confession of sins, "One is Holy" in terms of the second part of the formula to receive Holy Communion, that is "for life everlasting". Receiving Holy Communion unites us with the One Holy Lord Jesus Christ with the Holy Father, and Holy Spirit, and in the company of the holy angels, and holy men and women (saints) in the future gathering in heaven where the Holy God will continue to perfect us in holiness and we are given life everlasting.

Receiving the Holy Communion, it is the Food and Drink of the Mysteries that "digest" us and transform us to God by grace.

He concludes his commentary by commenting that the Food of the Divine Mysteries is called Communion because it bestows union with Christ and partakers of His Kingdom, which is, after all, how the Divine Liturgy began when our destination was announced, "Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever."

(From the Mystagogy of St. Germanus of Constantinople, +733)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Slavic American Festival is HERE! Today is the DAY!!!! Welcome everyone to Epiphany 's Slavic American Festival which begins today at 12:00 Noon and ends at 5:00 PM with a lot of fun, food, and good times in between. Please join us!

Transportation Needed. A donation of two single wooden bed frames has been made to the Mission by a parishioner of Epiphany, Annandale, but no one with a truck or large SUV is available to pick them up from Annandale and drive them up to the Mission. Fr. John has accepted the donation. All we need now is the transportation and the Mission house will have another room furnished. If you have a vehicle that fits this description and can help these beds arrive at their new home, please call Jamie, Epiphany's Administrative Assistant at 703 573 3986 or email to epiphanyofourlord3420@gmail.com ASAP, please.

Next Epiphany Men's Club (EMC) Meeting Sunday September 14th. The EMC September meeting is **Sunday, September 14, 2025.** The meeting will begin at the back of

the parish center **immediately following** the conclusion of 9 am Liturgy. Food and beverages will be provided. The meeting is taking place on the second Sunday of the month due to the Festival being on the 7th.

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 phone app.

Weekly Office Schedule.

<i>Mon. 9/8</i>	<i>Tues. 9/9</i>	<i>Wed. 9/10</i>	<i>Thurs 9/11</i>	<i>Fri. 9/12</i>
Jamie/Lucie	Lucie	Jamie	Jamie/Lucie	Jamie/Lucie

EPARCHIAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop's Appeal Reversion. Epiphany Church has received the 40% reversion for going over goal. A check for \$10,058 has been remitted to Epiphany Church. God bless you for your tithe to the Bishop's Appeal which assists our Eparchy gives humanitarian assistance to Ukraine as well as eparchial programs, and the reversion which benefits our parish

Mid-Atlantic States Syncellate Wedding Anniversary Celebration Invitations for the Middle Atlantic Syncellate Wedding Anniversary Celebration being held at Epiphany of our Lord October 11, 2025, were mailed last week. The invitations are for couples celebrating five-year anniversaries in years ending in 5 or 0. If you do not receive an invitation and were married validly in a year ending in a 5 or 0, please call Jamie at 703 573 3986. When you receive your invitation, please complete the response card and return it in the return addressed, self- stamped envelope as quickly as possible.

Byzantine Catholics in America Video. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJ_oVpBIPY

MISSION

Mission Liturgy Schedule.

Day	Date	Time	Celebrant
Sun.	Sept. 7	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.

Prayer Intentions: Louis Shanks, Rick Neimiller, Vince Kovalick, Marie Shanks, Michael Hamas, and Alfred Minichiello.

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Financials:

July 2025 Collection Total	July 2025 Expenses Total	Monthly Overage/Deficit
\$2,146.	\$2,151.76	(-5.76)
Tithely July 2025 – Total by Category		
Total Donations	\$179.43	
<u>Less Bank Charges</u>	<u>\$4.73</u>	
Net Donations	\$175.00	
Sunday, August 3, Collection \$550	Sunday, August 24, Collection \$ 170	
Sunday, August 10, Collection \$715	Sunday, August 31, Collection \$	
Sunday, August 17 Collection \$210	<i>“The king, however, replied: ‘I cannot sacrifice to the Lord my God offerings that cost me nothing.’ (2Samuel 24-24)</i>	

PARISH USTAV

**The Order for the Divine Liturgy
for
Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Prefestive Day of the Birth of the Theotokos**

BLUE	p. 11	Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy
GREEN	p. 141	Resurrection Tone 4
RED	p. 242	Prefestive Day of the Nativity of the Theotokos

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: D
EXCEPT: Our Father

1. The Divine Liturgy begins on page 11 BLUE
2. Sunday Antiphons
3. At the Troparia:
 - Troparion of the Resurrection Tone 4 p. 141 GREEN
 - Troparion of the Pre-Feast Tone 4 p.242 RED
 - Kontakion of the Pre-Feast Tone 3 pp. 242-243 RED
4. Scripture Readings
 - Prokeimenon of Sunday before the Exaltation Tone 6, p. 248 RED
 - Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18
 - Alleluia of the Sunday before the Exaltation Tone 1 p. 249 RED
 - Gospel: John 3:13-17
5. Communion Hymn of Sunday

BIRTH OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Theotokos is observed on September 8th at the very beginning of the Liturgical Year which begins on September 1st. Her most pure conception in the womb of her mother, St. Ann, is observed on December 8th, nine months earlier.

The details of her conception without sin and her birth nine months later are contained in *The Protoevangelium of St. James*, written about A.D.145. The Church did not consider that it is canonical like the four gospels, but that certain details contained in it are to be respected.

See the Catholic text web site New Advent for the text.

<https://www.newadvent.org/fathers/0847.htm>

The significance of observing her birthday is to affirm

- that the Blessed Virgin Mary was really born-she is an historical person, one of our race, because the human race is redeemed by her Son Who must take our human nature,
- that she was born of parents, Joachim and Ann, who were of Israel, descendants of Abraham and Sarah, and therefore inheritors of the promise God made to Abraham,
- that her parents were descendants of King David, and so the promise God made to David that the Messiah or Christ would be his descendant is fulfilled.

Observing the Birthday at home in the Domestic Church

1. Attend the Divine Liturgy of her feast as a family, if possible.
2. If the family has an icon of the Nativity, place it in the Icon Corner or in the center of the dining room table.
3. Review and teach the bullet points to the family.
4. Add the troparion of the feast to the prayers before dinner.
5. Make sure to have a Mary Cake, a birthday cake for the Blessed Virgin Mary, at dinner.
6. Read the appointed scripture readings as a family.

Troparion – Tone 4

Your birth, O Virgin Theotokos, heralded joy to the universe, for from you arose the Son of Justice, Christ our God. Removing the curse, He gave the blessing, and by destroying Death He gave us everlasting life.