



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Slava Isusu Christu!

Glory to Jesus Christ!

August 24, 2025

Slava vo viki!

Glory forever!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

VIGIL OF THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sat. Aug. 23 5 :00 PM Intention of Parishioners

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Blessed priest martyr, Method Dominic Trcka, C.S.s.R.

Sun. Aug. 24 9:00 AM +George and +Mary Nacik by Mary & Tony Fazio

Twelfth Week after Pentecost

Tues Aug. 26 10:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on Kevin & Alyssa Wegman
by Helen & Peter Wegman

BEHEADING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST - SIMPLE

Fri. Aug. 29 10:00 AM +Elizabeth Putsie by Donor

VIGIL OF TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sat. Aug. 30 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sun. Aug. 31 9:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on Anne Fontaine
by Kevin & Holly Hogan

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Aug. 30 5:00 PM R. Maurice (L)

Sun. Aug. 31 9:00 AM J. Ricca (L), P. Cooke, M. Hughes, R. Riley

USHERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Aug. 30 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Aug. 31 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 17, 2025

Adults	\$1969.00
Building Fund	\$2216.00
Candles	\$79.00
SOR	\$12.00
Seminary	\$50.00
St. Nicholas	\$537.00
TOTAL	\$5188.00

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, 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 Elizabeth Esser, Robert Esser, Jr., Rosann and Robert Esser, Anthony and Mary Fazio, Niko and Yasmine Fedkin, Joseph Fedorko, and from the Mission, Nancy 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.

Conclusion of the Anaphora. 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. Previously, the Offering of the Gifts of Bread and Wine at the Great Entrance, the Symbol of Faith, and the Anaphora or Eucharistic Prayer with the consecration of the Gifts to become the

Body and Blood of our Lord were treated. Now, after we sing “We praise You, we bless you, we thank You, and we pray to You our God”, comes the commemoration of the departed and the living.

Then comes the remembrance of those fallen asleep in “God of spirits and of all flesh” Who is “the God, not of the dead but of the living”. Here the souls of Christians fallen asleep are called to assemble with the prophets, apostles, hierarchs, and the Just, to recline at the Mystical Royal Throne of God in heaven with the blessed departed at the Royal Banquet in the Kingdom.

Having called on the departed to assemble, and now applying the salvific benefits of the Sacrifice for them and for us, we who are standing in the church building here on earth at the Divine Liturgy are now joined together with Christ and with the souls in heaven “asking for unity in the Faith and for Communion in the Holy Spirit” as we commit ourselves and one another to Christ our God, we discover that we are no longer on earth—we are in heaven. In heaven, together with the citizens of the Kingdom in heaven, we who are God’s sons and daughters by adoption can now call God of heaven our Father Who art in heaven.

St. Germanus then reflects on the Our Father by explaining each of the seven petitions in turn. He will then begin the Rite of Holy Communion, writing about the hymn “One is Holy”, and the reception of Holy Communion and its effects on those who communicate. Surprisingly, he abruptly concludes with reception of Holy Communion and its effects and does not deal with the post-Communion Thanksgiving Rites.

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

Condolences. We offer condolences to Judy Stallworth, niece of +Julia Zdynak, who died July 28, 2025, in Akron, Ohio. The funeral was August 1st at Anthony Funeral Homes Akron Chapel. Burial was from Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron, Ohio. May God grant His departed servant, +Julia, peaceful repose. Vicnaja jej pamjat’.

The Voskresenije (Resurrection) Choir! The choir will sing the fourth Sunday of each month. The Resurrection Choir will sing again today, August 24, 2025. If interested in becoming a member of the choir, please call, text, or email Michael Sirotniak at 703-776-0595 MichaelSirotniak@gmail.com.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BINGO & FESTIVAL ANNOUNCEMENT. There will be no Bingo on Tuesday September 2nd as we will be thick in the throws of preparing for the festival taking place the

following weekend. Be sure to come and bring your appetite! Look for all the ways you can have fun and help in the Festival News insert in today's bulletin.

ELG Meeting. There will be an Epiphany Ladies Guild meeting on Monday, September 1st. We'll have refreshments starting at 7pm, followed by the meeting at 7:30pm.

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. 8/25</i>	<i>Tues. 8/26</i>	<i>Wed. 8/27</i>	<i>Thurs 8/28</i>	<i>Fri. 8/29</i>
Jamie/Lucie	Lucie	Jamie	Lucie/Jamie	Jamie/Lucie

EPARCHIAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mid-Atlantic States Syncellate Wedding Anniversary Celebration The wedding anniversary Celebration for married couples observing their five-year anniversary. i.e. 5th, 10th, 15th, will be held October 11, 2025, at Epiphany of our Lord Church. If you are celebrating one of these five-year anniversaries, please notify Jamie so you may receive an invitation from the Eparchy. We will need to confirm your address, phone number, and marriage date. If you were married in a year that ends in five or zero, we need to hear from you now whether you know if you will attend or not so that Jamie can order the invitations.

Labor Day Weekend Pilgrimage. Sister Susan Sisko, provincial, and the Sisters of St. Basil the Great invite you to Mt. St. Macrina, Uniontown, PA, for the 91st Annual Pilgrimage to the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, August 29th - September 1st. Since 1934, pilgrims have come to the holy mount to venerate her icon and to place before her all their needs, their hopes, their sorrows, and their joy into her hands. Abundant opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance, Sacrament of Holy Anointing, and Divine Liturgy and reception of Holy Communion.

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

MISSION

Mission Liturgy Schedule.

Day	Date	Time	Celebrant
Sun.	Aug. 24	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.
Sun.	Aug. 31	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.
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, July 6, Collection \$795
 Sunday, July 13, Collection \$1,040
 Sunday, July 20, Collection \$311
 Sunday, July 27, Collection \$250

Sunday, August 3, Collection \$550
 Sunday, August 10, Collection \$715
 Sunday, August 17 Collection \$210

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PARISH USTAV

**The Order for the Divine Liturgy
for
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
The Holy Bishop-Martyr Eytches, Disciple of St. John the Theologian.
Blessed Priest-monk Methodius Dominic Trcka, C.Ss.R.**

BLUE	p. 11	Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy
GREEN	p. 130	Resurrection Tone 2

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: **B**
EXCEPT: Our Father

1. The Divine Liturgy begins on page 11 BLUE
2. Sunday Antiphons
3. At the Troparia:
 - Troparion of the Resurrection Tone 2 p. 130 GREEN
 - Kontakion of the Resurrection Tone 2 p. 131 GREEN
4. Scripture Reading
 - Prokeimenon Resurrection Tone 2 p. 132 GREEN
 - Epistle: I Corinthians 9:2-12
 - Alleluia Resurrection Tone 2 p. 132 GREEN
 - Gospel: Matthew 19:23-35
5. Communion Hymn of Sunday