



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Slava Isusu Christu!

Glory to Jesus Christ!

August 31, 2025

Slava vo viki!

Glory forever!

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

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 Fontana
by Kevin & Holly Hogan

Thirteenth Week after Pentecost

BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Mon. Sept 01 10:00 AM +Pat Cuccia by Michael and Emily Strickland

Fri. Sept. 05 10:00 AM +Malia &+Yousef Namour by Rafik & Lucie Carali

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. 7 9:00 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Sept 06 5:00 PM R. Maurice (L)

Sun. Sept. 07 9:00 AM A. Naccash (L), P. Cooke, J. Hughes, J. Ricca

USHERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Sept. 06 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Sept. 07 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 24, 2025

Adults	\$2875.00
Building Fund	\$1255.00
Holy Days	\$385.00
Candles	\$122.00
BCY	\$10.00
SOR	\$57.00
Seminary	\$220.00
Choir	\$20.00
St. Nicholas	\$67.00
TOTAL	\$5011.00

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 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.

Sacrament of Crowning in Marriage. We offer our prayers, congratulations, and best wishes to Niko Fedkin and Jasmine Zakout who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage Sunday, August 17th at Epiphany Church. May God grant them peace, health, and happiness for many years. Mnohaja l’ita!

Rite of Holy Communion. 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 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 are next.

The Rite of Holy Communion begins. St. Germanus reflects on the Our Father by explaining each of the seven petitions in turn. Specifically, he remarks that “give us this day our daily bread” means Holy Communion because the Body of Christ is the daily food we need in order to live.

Now, the priest says, “I am a sinner like you, and I do not know the sins of each of you. Behold, look: Here is God.” And the people confess: Yes, only “One is Holy, One is Lord, Jesus Christ,” for in the past Moses sprinkled the blood of animals and said to the people “This is the blood of the Covenant with God” But now, Jesus Christ has been sacrificed and He says: “This is My Body, This is My Blood, given you for the remission of sins.” And so, as Children of the New Covenant, we receive the Sacrifice upon ourselves to remit our sins.

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BINGO & FESTIVAL ANNOUNCEMENT. There will be no Bingo on Tuesday September 2nd as we will be thick in the throes 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 tomorrow Monday, September 1st. There will be refreshments starting at 7 pm, followed by the meeting at 7:30pm.

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.

<u>Mon. 9/1</u>	<u>Tues. 9/2</u>	<u>Wed. 9/3</u>	<u>Thurs 9/4</u>	<u>Fri. 9/5</u>
Office Closed	Lucie	Jamie	Lucie/Jamie	Jamie/Lucie

Parish Office Schedule. The Parish office will be closed Monday, September 1st, in observance of Labor Day, a Federal holiday. Office hours will resume Tuesday, September 2nd.

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, are being sent out this week. The invitations are for couples celebrating five-year anniversaries in years ending in 5 or 0. When you receive your invitation, please complete the response card and return it in the return addressed, self- stamped envelope as quickly as possible.

Labor Day Weekend Pilgrimage. This weekend our parishioners are at Mt. St. Macrina, Uniontown, PA for the 91st Annual Pilgrimage to the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. They have taken our pilgrimage cross, and they offer assurances that they will pray for us. Since 1934, pilgrims have come to the holy mount to venerate the icon of the Mother of God and to place before her all their needs, their hopes, their sorrows, and their joy into her hands.

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

MISSION**Mission Liturgy Schedule.**

Day	Date	Time	Celebrant
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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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.

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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 10, Collection \$715
Sunday, August 17 Collection \$210
Sunday, August 24 Collection \$170

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PARISH USTAV

**The Order for the Divine Liturgy
for
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
The Deposition of the Venerable Belt of the Most Holy Theotokos**

BLUE	p. 11	Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy
GREEN	p. 135	Resurrection Tone 3

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

1. The Divine Liturgy begins on page 11 BLUE
2. Sunday Antiphons
3. At the Troparia:
Troparion of the Resurrection Tone 3 pp. 135-136 GREEN
Optional: Troparion of the Theotokos, Tone 8
v. Glory....Now and ever....
Kontakion of the Resurrection Tone 3 pp. 136 GREEN
4. Scripture Readings
Prokeimenon Resurrection Tone 3 p. 137 GREEN
Epistle: I Corinthians 15:1-11
Alleluia Resurrection Tone 3 p. 137 GREEN
Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26
5. Communion Hymn of Sunday

Optional Troparion: Ever Virgin Mother of God and protection of the human race, * you gave the robe and cincture of your most pure body to your city as a powerful protection. * These garments remained incorrupt because of your virginal childbirth. * For in you, both time and nature have been renewed.* Therefore, we pray that you grant peace to the universe and great mercy to our souls.

September 1

THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Jesus Christ is the Central Figure of the Church Liturgical Year

Jesus Christ is the central figure of the Church Year, hence, in addition to the many holydays of the mysteries of our Lord's work or liturgy on earth, every Sunday is dedicated to our Divine Savior and His glorious Resurrection from the dead, and Pascha is the most solemn of these.

The weekly cycle is the oldest part of the liturgical year: Monday-commemorates the first-created, the angels; Tuesday-St. John the Baptist; Wednesday the Mother of God at the foot of the Cross; Thursday, the Apostles, and St. Nicholas; Friday-The Holy Cross; Saturday-All Souls and All Saints.

The holiest of all people, after our Lord, is the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, hence, we have many holydays in her honor.

The Liturgical Year presents the Work of Jesus Christ

The Liturgical Year is a method of re-presenting and re-living the life of Christ on earth—through, with, and in Christ and His Church. It is a Divine Drama in which we are not spectators, but, rather, we are the actors working with the Prime Actor, God the Father, God the Holy Spirit, and our Divine Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Calendar of the Saints in the Liturgical Year

The Saints are examples and helpers:

The saints prove everyone can and should become a Saint

Every day of the year is dedicated to a saint or several saints. They are Benefactors and Examples. They are benefactors since they intercede for us. They are examples for us to study and imitate as St. Paul instructs, "Be imitators of me, as I imitate Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1). "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, and so I may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death,¹¹ that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.¹⁷ Brethren, join in imitating me, and mark those who so live as you have an example in us." (Philippians 3:10, 11, 17).