



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

3410 Woodburn Road

Annandale, VA 22003

Phone: 703-573-3986 Fax: 703-573-0344

Very Rev. John G. Basarab, Pastor

Slava Isusu Christu!

Glory to Jesus Christ!

October 26, 2025

Slava vo v'iki!

Glory forever!

VIGIL OF THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sat. Oct. 25 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Demetrius – Great Martyr

Sun. Oct. 26 9:00 AM +John and +Ann Powanda by Jane Powanda Morris

Twenty-first Week after Pentecost

Tues. Oct. 28 10:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on Sam Renaudo
by Turko Family

Blessed Theodore Romža-Martyr

Fri. Oct. 31 10:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on John J. Montelione
by Joseph Stone

VIGIL OF THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sat. Nov. 01 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sun. Nov. 02 9:00 AM Amy & Eric Schuster – 25th Wedding Anniversary

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Nov 01 5:00 PM R. Maurice

Sun. Nov. 02 9:00 AM P. Cooke (L), M. Hughes, J. Ricca, R. Riley

USHERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Nov. 01 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Nov. 02 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. 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.

20TH Sunday after Pentecost

CONTENTS

Liturgy and Life

- Byzantine Spirituality
- Bishop's Decree on Confessions

Parish Announcements

- Office Schedule
- Lost & Found
- St. Nicholas Celebration
- Parish Debt Service Update
- Fairfax Memorial Park Presentation

Eparchial and other Announcements

- Bishop's Appeal

Mission Announcements

- Correct Address
- Karam Icon Collection
- Bishop's Decree on Confessions
- Mission Financials

October 26, 2025

TITHING & GIVING

Sunday, Oct 19, 2025

Adults	\$1895.00
Building Fund	\$560.00
Candles	\$68.00
SOR	\$37.00
Holy Days	\$73.00
BCY	\$30.00
St. Nicholas	\$770.00
TOTAL	\$3433.00

Tithely August 2025- Total by Category

Offertory	\$2,030.04
Building Fund	\$323.54
<u>Less Bank Charge</u>	<u>\$72.90</u>
TOTAL	\$1,957.14

“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, October 21, 2025

Bingo Session Net Profit

10/07/2025 - \$5,597.00

LITURGY AND LIFE

Please remember in prayer: Msgr. George Dobes, Deacon Peter Turko, Ed Gubanich, Caroline Zurun, John Vernoski, Marge Rusnak, Steve Seman, Damon Seman, Jessica Polink, John Anthon, Kimberly Snow, Michael Maskarinec, 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, Natasha Bacigalupi, and Laurie Anderson.

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 Timothy and Abigail Hogan, Joseph Hughes, Brian and Gina Ignatz, Cesar Jaimes & family, Andrea Jaimes, Sophia Jaimes, Christopher Jennings, and from the Mission, Nicole Dolinish.

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.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wedding Anniversary Celebration. Sincere thanks to all who ensured the Wedding Anniversary for the Middle States Syncellate was a memorable time for the jubilarians: at church-Teresa Seay and the sacristans, the cantors, servers, and ushers; at the parish center-Marsha Puhak and Thom Soyka and the Epiphany Catering staff; to Cody Calvin, photographer, and to Jamie Bacigalupi for ordering the invitations, addressing them, follow-

up with the pastors of the syncellate parishes, calligraphy for the scrolls, and for all the post event details. May God bless all of you.

Lost and Found. If you belong to a black umbrella, one of two eye glass cases (without glasses), one of two pair of reader eyeglasses (without cases), a cell phone, a car key, or a Theotokos keyring with a key which looks suspiciously like a parish center key, please come to the parish office to claim them. They have been with us for six months to two years and are taking up valuable real estate. If not claimed by the end of October, all items will either be donated or discarded.

Expected Soon! Keep watching this space for the date of the 2025 Festival wrap up meeting!

St. Nicholas Celebration. Plans for the annual St. Nicholas Celebration are underway. Keep watching for information about the traditional *Jaslichkary* or Shepherds' Play from Jim Kotula. The *Jaslichkary* or shepherds, garbed in white long white garments with colorful ribbons across their chests and tall stove pipe hats, would visit every home where they presented a short play about keeping watch over their flocks when a group of angels, who arrive carrying a miniature church, inform them of the birth of the Savior. They make speeches and sing carols. Their solemnity was in sharp contrast to the accompanying *kubi* or *guba* who wore old clothes and sheepskin masks and carried wooden hatchets and created mayhem. Men and women, brush-up your acting skills, fine tune your voices, practice your axe swinging skills for the casting call.

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. 10/27</u>	<u>Tues. 10/28</u>	<u>Wed. 10/29</u>	<u>Thurs 10/30</u>	<u>Fri. 10/31</u>
Jamie	Lucie	Jamie	Jamie/Lucie	Lucie/Jamie

Loan Update. The 3rd Quarter interest payment of \$4,584 on the balance of \$611,282.67 was made in September. The annual payment on the principal of \$75,000 has been made to the Eparchy of Passaic who holds our loan. This payment on principal reduces the debt to \$536,282.67 and the interest payments to \$4,022.12. Looking ahead, the 2026 principal payment of \$75,000 will reduce the debt to \$441,282.67 and the interest payments to \$3,459.62. After 2027, a balloon payment is scheduled at the end to retire the debt.

Fairfax Memorial Park Presentation. Upcoming Educational Seminar – Sunday, November 9, 2025. We are pleased to welcome a representative from Fairfax Memorial Park on Sunday, November 9, 2025, for an Educational Seminar on the Importance of Pre-Planning. The seminar will take place after the service and will focus on how thoughtful planning can ease the burden on loved ones during difficult times. Fairfax Memorial Park has been honored to serve Epiphany of our Lord Church community for many years, and this seminar is an opportunity to learn more about the support and guidance available through their services. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. All are welcome to attend!

EPARCHIAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop's Appeal 2025. The Bishop's Appeal 2025 will begin in October 2025. Parishioners will receive your Bishop's Appeal pledge forms shortly. Pledges and payments will be accepted thorough June 30, 2026. Any contributions received after December 31, 2025, must be attributed to the 2026 tax year. Our goal for this year is \$19,800. It remains the same as last year. As last year and the past several years, if we reach or exceed our goal, the parish will receive a 40% refund of the total received. The refund will be calculated at the end of the fiscal year, and checks will follow.

Come and See Vocational Weekend. Do you think you may have a vocation to the priesthood? Are you a parishioner of a Byzantine Ruthenian Catholic parish? "Come and See" is a retreat weekend hosted by the Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The retreat includes sharing liturgical services and meals with the Seminary community, opportunities for confession, an introduction to the Seminary formation program, a tour of the Seminary, gatherings with the seminarians, witness talks about seminary life, discernment, and priesthood, a seminar, and a panel discussion. Friday evening (5:00 PM), November 7, 2025, through Sunday afternoon (4:00 PM), November 9, 2025. Registration is now closed. There is no more room for the November 2025 Retreat. If you are interested, please check our seminary resource about what you can do in the meantime: <https://bcs.edu/how-do-i-best-prepare/>

MISSION

Mission Liturgy Schedule.

Day	Date	Time	Celebrant
Sun.	Oct. 26	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, OFM
Sun.	Nov. 2	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, OFM
Sun.	Nov. 9	10:00 AM	Father Dan Grigassy, OFM

Sun	Nov. 16	10:00 AM	TBD
Sun	Nov. 23	10:00 AM	Father Dan Grigassy, OFM
Sun.	Nov. 30	10:00 AM	TBD

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

Bishop's Appeal 2025. The Bishop's Appeal 2025 will begin in October 2025. Parishioners will receive your Bishop's Appeal pledge forms shortly. Pledges and payments will be accepted thorough June 30, 2026. Any contributions received after December 31, 2025, must be attributed to the 2026 tax year. Our goal for this year is \$6000. It remains the same as last year. As last year and the past several years, if we reach or exceed our goal, the parish will receive a 40% refund of the total received. The refund will be calculated at the end of the fiscal year, and checks will follow.

Decree on the Sacrament of Penance. Bishop Kurt Burnette issued a Decree, dated May 1, 2025, regarding cell phones and electronic devices in locations where the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) is held. The Bishop orders: "All cell phones, both belonging to the priest or to a penitent, must be left out side the confessional or be powered off.

Karam Icon Collection. The icon collection that Maggie Karam bequeathed to Epiphany Mission consists of 450 icons, many are century-old vintage icons. All icons are being photographed for Catholic Mutual insurance purposes and also to prepare an icon catalogue. Future plans include holding an icon exhibition at the Mission House as a way to promote awareness of Epiphany Mission.

Financials:

September 2025 Collection total	September 2025 Expenses total	Monthly overage/deficit
\$1,650.	\$2,424.46	(-\$774.46)

Tithely September 2025 – Total by Category

Net Donations \$155.00

Sunday, Oct. 5 \$225

Sunday, October 12 \$420

Special Donation \$528.94

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

PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy for Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Demetrius-Great Martyr

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 pp. 14, 15, 22
3. At the Troparia:
 - Troparion of the Resurrection Tone 3 pp. 135-136 GREEN
 - Troparion of the Feast of the Great Martyr Tone 3 See Below
 - Kontakion of the Resurrection Tone 3 p. 136 GREEN
4. Scripture Readings
 - Prokeimenon of the Resurrection Tone 3 p. 137 GREEN
 - Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19
 - Alleluia of the Resurrection Tone 3 p. 137 GREEN
 - Gospel: Luke 16:19-31
5. Communion Hymn of Sunday

Troparion of Demetrius (Tone 3) O martyr, the world has seen you as a defender *of those imperiled and a conqueror of the nations. * In cutting down

the arrogance of Lyaeus, you bolstered Nestor by your courage. * O holy
Demetrius, pray to Christ our God to save our souls.