



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Slava Isusu Christu!

Glory to Jesus Christ!

November 16, 2025

Slava vo v'iki!

Glory forever!

VIGIL OF THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sat. Nov. 15 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

APOSTLE MATTHEW

Sun. Nov. 16 9:00 AM +William Charles and +Katherine Sikoryak
by Kevin & Holly Hogan

Twenty-fourth Week after Pentecost

Tues. Nov. 18 10:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on Eleni and Danny Yasmine
by Rafik & Lucie Carali

Wed. Nov. 19 Aliturgical Day

Thurs. Nov. 20 7:30 PM Great Vespers for the Solemn Feast of the Entrance of
the Mother of God

ENTRANCE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD - SOLEMN

Fri. Nov. 21 10:00 AM Intention of Parishioners

VIGIL OF THE TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sat. Nov. 22 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sun. Nov. 23 9:00 AM +Gene and +Jean Hogan by Kevin

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Nov. 22 5:00 PM R. Maurice

Sun. Nov. 23 9:00 AM J. Hughes (L), M. Hughes, J. Ricca, R. Riley

USHERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Nov. 22 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Nov. 23 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

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

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

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November 16, 2025

TITHING & GIVING

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Adults	\$2273.00
Building Fund	\$1451.00
Candles	\$68.00
SOR	\$57.00
BCY	\$5.00
Holy Days	\$410.00
<u>Catholic Charities</u>	<u>\$60.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4334.00

Tithe 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, November 18, 2025

Bingo Session Net Profit

11/4/2025 - \$5328.00

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, 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 Sharon and Glenn Kaup, Allan and Christine Kellmell, David Kellmell, Erik Kent, Kevin Kepick, Michael and Cindy Kernich, James Koenig, and from the Mission, Daniel Gresh.

Decree on the Sacrament of Penance. Bishop Kurt Burnette decrees: “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.

Christmas Fast. The forty-day Christmas Fast began November 15th, the day after the feast of St. Philip. For that reason, it is also called the Philip’s Fast (Filipovka). The gospel passage appointed for the feast of St. Philip (John 1:43-51) narrates the call of St. Philip by the Lord Jesus. After The Lord calls him, Philip in turn calls Nathaniel, informing him, “We have found the one Moses spoke of, the prophets too” and when Nathaniel responds skeptically, Philip replies, Come, and see.” When Nathaniel is brought to Jesus by Philip, the Lord reveals to him, “You will see the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.” Our thoughts are directed that at the birth of our Lord in Bethlehem, angels were ascending and descending on Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man. A shepherd says to the others, Come, let us go over to Bethlehem and see. Philip reminds us through Nathaniel that “We have found the one Moses spoke of, the prophets too.” During the Christmas Fast prophets are

commemorated. This week it is the prophet Obadiah on November 19th, which is, therefore, an aliturgical day, no Divine Liturgy. The Book of Obadiah is short, only one chapter with 21 verses. Obadiah announces that the Lord is coming, “Near is the day of the LORD against all the nations! As you have done, so will it be done to you, your conduct will come back upon your own head”.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Epiphany Ladies Guild Christmas Party. Saturday, December 13th 6:30 PM at Epiphany Parish Center. Raffle to benefit St. Michael Apostolate Fund. Ladies are complimentary. Guests - \$10. Appetizers, Dinner, Refreshments, Dessert Bar, Live string Quartet.

EMC Meeting EMC Communion Breakfast. Epiphany Men's Club sponsors a monthly Communion Breakfast following the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy. All are invited to attend. The Communion Breakfast is today, **Sunday November 16th.**

Epiphany Men's Club (EMC) Meeting Sunday November 16th. The EMC November meeting is today, **Sunday, November 16, 2025.** The meeting will begin in the back of the Hall **immediately following** the conclusion of 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Food and drink will be provided as part of our regular **EMC Communion Breakfast**, also to be held this Sunday.

Epiphany Men's Club 300 Awards Club. The Fall EMC Awards Club Raffle has begun. The drawing takes place every Sunday for ten weeks. The holder of the winning ticket of each of the first nine drawings is awarded \$50. The winner of the tenth and final drawing takes home \$1000. Only 300 tickets are sold. The winning tickets of each week's drawing are returned to the hamper for a chance to be selected again. Winners are: first week's drawing on October 19 was Victoria Bartram, #188. Second week, Olga Osterberg, #137, Third week, Sally Green, #268. Nancy Hencken, #036 was the fourth week's winner. The next drawing will be held today, Sunday, November 16th.

St. Nicholas Celebration Casting Call. 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* (literally, Manger Visitors) 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. There are a mix of parts still available: a shepherd, a few angels, general singers, and the family that the shepherds address. These are fairly light roles to prepare for and a rehearsal after Divine Liturgy on Sunday 11/23 and 11/30 are anticipated (pending availability since that follows Thanksgiving).

Epiphany Church Web Site. The parish address is now <https://eolbcc.com>.

Weekly Office Schedule.

<i>Mon. 11/17</i>	<i>Tues. 11/18</i>	<i>Wed. 11/19</i>	<i>Thurs 11/20</i>	<i>Fri. 11/21</i>
Jamie & Lucie	Lucie	Jamie	Jamie/Lucie	Lucie/Jamie

EPARCHIAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop's Appeal 2025. The Bishop's Appeal 2025 began October 2025. Parishioners should have received your Bishop's Appeal pledge cards. 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. To date, Epiphany Annandale parishioners have pledged \$8,425.00.

St. John Paul II the Great High School Presents. JP II Drama presents William Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*, from Friday, November 21st through Sunday, November 23rd. Purchase tickets online at <https://jpthegreat.booktix.com/>

MISSION

Mission Liturgy Schedule.

Day	Date	Time	Celebrant
Sun.	Nov. 16	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.
Sun.	Nov. 23	10:00 AM	Father Dan Grigassy, OFM
Sun.	Nov. 30	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.

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

Nativity Fast Retreat. Patronage of the Mother of God parishioners invite Epiphany parishioners to join in their retreat to prepare for Christmas, Sunday, December 6th the feast of St. Nicholas from 10 AM to 4 PM. Retreat director, Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M., will help us prepare for the Birth of our Lord, exploring Scripture, hymns and carols, and the prayers of the Byzantine Catholic Church. At the conclusion of the retreat, Divine Liturgy for the feast of St. Nicholas will be celebrated, followed by our annual St. Nicholas Celebration and pot-luck dinner. Please RSVP nbobby0116@gmail.com, by November 25th. Patronage Church, 1265 Linden Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21227.

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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:

October 2025 Collection total	October 2025 Expenses total	Monthly overage/deficit
\$2448.94	\$4114.87	(-\$1665.93)
Tithely October 2025 – Total by Category		
Net Donations	\$200.00	

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PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy for

Twenty-third Sunday after

Pentecost

Holy Apostle and Evangelist

Matthew

BLUE p. 11 Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy

GREEN p. 152 Resurrection Tone 6

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: B
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 6 p. 152 GREEN
 - Troparion of the Feast of the Apostle, Tone 3 See below.
 - Kontakion of the Resurrection Tone 6 p. 152 GREEN
4. Scripture Reading
 - Prokeimenon of the Resurrection Tone 6 p.153 GREEN
 - Epistle: Ephesians 2:4-10
 - Alleluia of the Resurrection Tone 6 p.153 GREEN
 - Gospel: Luke 10:25-37
5. Communion Hymn of Sunday.

Troparion of St. Matthew *Tone 3.* You rose from the tax collector's booth and you followed Christ in all earnestness. * He made you a blessing for all, a chosen apostle and evangelist for the world. * Therefore, we honor your sacred memory* and we ask you to beg God to forgive our sins.