



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Slava Isusu Christu!

Glory to Jesus Christ!

November 23, 2025

Slava vo v'iki!

Glory forever!

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 and Holly Hogan

Twenty-fifth Week after Pentecost

Wed. Nov. 26 7:30 PM Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving

VIGIL OF THE TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sat. Nov. 29 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FEAST OF ST. ANDREW THE FIRST-CALLED APOSTLE

Sun. Nov. 30 9:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on Laurie Anderson
by Frank Polink, Jr.

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Nov. 29 5:00 PM R. Maurice

Sun. Nov. 30 9:00 AM J. Hughes (L), M. Hughes, J. Ricca, R. Riley

USHERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Nov. 29 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Nov. 30 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

24th Sunday after Pentecost

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November 23, 2025

TITHING & GIVING

Sunday, November 16, 2025	
Adults	\$3682.00
Building Fund	\$1950.00
Candles	\$119.00
SOR	\$102.00
BCY	\$5.00
Flowers	\$20.00
Holy Days	\$150.00
Catholic Charities	\$50.00
St. Nicholas	\$707.00
TOTAL	\$6785.00

Tithely September 2025- October 2025	
Total by Category	
Offertory	\$2400.00
	\$2795.44
Building Fund	\$0.00
	\$323.54
Less Bank Charge	\$80.15
	<u>\$92.38</u>
TOTAL	\$2319.93
	\$3026.60

“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, December 2, 2025

Bingo Session Net Profit

11/18/2025 - \$7006.00

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.

Divine Liturgy Intentions. The Divine Liturgy Daybook for 2026 is now available to schedule dates for your Divine Liturgy intentions. Please do not submit nicknames or diminutive names but only a person’s baptismal name.

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). During the Christmas Fast prophets are commemorated, those who awaited the coming of the Messiah. The prophet commemorations are aliturgical days, when no Divine Liturgy is offered as we reflect that the prophets waited for the coming of the Savior as we wait for the next divine Liturgy when our Lord will give Himself to us as Holy Communion. We are in the post-festive

of the Entrance of the Mother of God in the Temple. The time of the Temple building is completed and the Blessed Virgin is being prepared to be the True and Living Temple. Because of this feast's connection with Christmas, the Canon of Christmas begins to be sung at Matins from this time. Father Dr. Athanasius Pekar, OSBM, wrote that in the past, in the Eparchy of Mukachevo, children began rehearsing Christmas Carols at this feast. November 24th is the feast of the Great-Martyr Catherine of Alexandria, a young noble woman who was schooled in Philosophy, Literature, and Medicine. Equally, her soul was formed in sanctity. After besting pagan scholars in debate, the Emperor Maxentius had her tortured and then beheaded. Her body reposes on Mt. Sinai at St. Catherine Monastery built by Emperor Justinian.

Sacraments of Christian Initiation. We welcome into the Mystical Body of Christ Winona Laura Schmitt, daughter of Nicholas Frank and Andra Maria Schmitt, baptized, chrismated and received First Holy Communion, Sunday, November 2nd. May God grant Winona Laura a pure Profession of the Faith all the days of her life. Mnohaja l'ita.

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 next Communion Breakfast will be on **Sunday December 21st**.

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 fifth winner is Thomas Rector, 260. The next drawing will be held today, Sunday, November 23rd.

St. Nicholas Celebration. St Nicholas is coming, and we are preparing to set up! Does your family have a favorite ornament (or a few) to hang on the Epiphany Christmas tree? Personal

decorations are welcome to show off our Christmas spirit. Bring on St Nicholas' Feast Day on Sunday, 12/7/25, and recollect on Sunday, 1/4/26.

St. Nicholas Celebration. Sunday, December 7th after the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy. All parishioners are invited. Jaslichkary Play, Christmas Carols. Also, a visit from St. Nicholas is planned. Luncheon will be served.

St. Nicholas Celebration Rehearsals. Plans for the annual St. Nicholas Celebration are underway. The traditional *Jaslichkary* (literally, Manger Visitors) or Shepherds' Play is under the direction of Jim Kotula. 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 today, Sunday 11/23, and next Sunday, 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.

<u>Mon. 11/24</u>	<u>Tues. 11/25</u>	<u>Wed. 11/26</u>	<u>Thurs 11/27</u>	<u>Fri. 11/28</u>
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 \$12,775.00.

MISSION

Mission Liturgy Schedule.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Celebrant</u>
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.

Social Hour is returning! There will be a social hour on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month following Liturgy. The Mission will provide light snacks (bagels, donuts, etc.), coffee, and tea for those who wish to partake. A donation basket will be available at the socials for those wishing to help fund these events.

Food Pantry Donations: *Every week* there will be a collection of pantry stable foods (beans, rice, soup, peanut butter, mac and cheese, pasta, cereal, etc). The food will be donated to a local food pantry. As you are probably aware from the news and other sources, there is great need in and around our area. A collection box will be in the kitchen each Sunday.

Day of Recollection for Christmas Preparation. Today, Sunday, November 23rd offered by Father Daniel Grigassy, O.F.M. Lunch will be served after the Divine Liturgy.

Nativity Fast Retreat. 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 of the Mother of God Church, 1265 Linden Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21227.

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Financials:

October 2025 Collection total	October 2025 Expenses total	Monthly overage/deficit
\$2448.94	\$4114.87	(-\$1665.93)
Tithe October 2025 – Total by Category		
Net Donations	\$200.00	
Nov 2 nd	\$361.00	
	Nov. 9 th	\$158.00

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PARISH USTAV

**The Order for the Divine Liturgy
for
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Post-festive Day of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple**

BLUE	p. 11	Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy
GREEN	p. 156	Resurrection Tone 7
RED	p. 268	Entrance of the Theotokos

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: C
EXCEPT: Cherubic Hymn, We Praise You, B
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 7 p. 156 GREEN
 - Troparion of the of the Feast Tone 4 p. 268 RED
 - Kontakion of the Feast Tone 4 p. 268 RED
4. Scripture Reading
 - Prokeimenon of the Resurrection Tone 7 p. 158 GREEN
 - Epistle: Ephesians 2:14-22
 - Alleluia of the Resurrection Tone 7 p. 158 GREEN
 - Gospel: Luke 12:16-21
5. Instead of “It is truly proper” Magnification of the Entrance p. 269 RED
6. Communion Hymn of Sunday and of the feast of the Entrance.

Here are few things happening at the Mission:

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- **Holiday Reflection:** Father Jerome and Father Dan have each offered to host a Holiday Reflection prior to Christmas. The event will take place after a Sunday Liturgy. A lunch will be served between Liturgy and the Reflection. Once we have a date, details will be sent out.

Liturgy Schedule:

Date		Time	Happenings	Collections
November 16th	Liturgy	10am	Social Hour	Food /Tree gift
November 23rd	Liturgy	10am	Lunch followed by Christmas Reflection	Food/Tree gift
November 30th	Liturgy	10am		Food /Tree gift
December 7th	Liturgy	10am	Social Hour	Food
December 14th	Liturgy	10am		Food
December 21st	Liturgy	10am	Social Hour	Food

December 25th	Liturgy 10am	Christmas	
December 28th	Liturgy 10am		Food
January 4th	Liturgy 10am	Social Hour	Food
January 6th	Liturgy 3pm	Theophany	