



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Slava Isusu Christu!

Glory to Jesus Christ!

December 14, 2025

Slava vo v'iki!

Glory forever!

VIGIL OF THE SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS

Sat. Dec. 13 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS

Sun. Dec. 14 9:00 AM +Michael George Koshuta by Monica Koshuta & Family

Twenty-eighth Week after Pentecost

Tues. Dec. 16 Aliturgical Day

St. Daniel the Prophet

Wed. Dec. 17 10:00 AM +Daniel Green by Sally Green

Thurs. Dec. 18 Aliturgical Day

Fri. Dec. 19 Aliturgical Day

VIGIL OF SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Sat. Dec. 20 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Sun. Dec. 21 9:00 AM +Jack Kepick by Frank Polink, Jr.

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Dec. 20 5:00 PM R. Maurice

Sun. Dec. 21 9:00 AM P. Cooke, (L), A. Naccash, C. Noffsinger, J. Ricca

Sat. Dec. 06 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Dec. 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. 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

2th Sunday after Pentecost

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December 14, 2025

TITHING & GIVING

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Adults	\$3107.00
Building Fund	\$1665.00
Candles	\$69.35
SOR	\$57.00
BCY	\$5.00
Flowers	\$20.00
Christmas	\$100.00
Holy Days	\$800.00
Retired Religious	\$115.00
<u>St. Nicholas</u>	<u>\$1046.30</u>
TOTAL	\$7064.65

Tithe November 2025 Total by Category

Offertory	\$2236.84
Building Fund	\$0
Eastern Cath. Life	\$18.48
Less Tithe Fees	\$76.67
<u>Less Bank Charge</u>	<u>\$92.38</u>
TOTAL	\$2178.65

“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

The net profit of Dec. 2: \$7,729.00

Next Session Tuesday, December 16, 2025

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, Alfred Minichiello, and Betty Mattingly. 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. Please remember Jennifer Kost, John Kost, John Kost, Laura Nicole Kost, Mark and Cathy Kost, Thomas Kost, Frank and Mary Sue Kotula, and from the Mission, Thomas Klimsosky.

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 and family 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.

Holy Supper Booklets. The ritual booklets for Holy Supper on Christmas Eve are available in the narthex.

Church Calendars for 2026. Church Calendars for 2026 are available in the narthex. The calendar lists the saint of the day, the Sundays and feasts, fast days, and has a brief synaxarion of each saint of the month on the back of the month.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nativity Candles. If you would like to offer a candle or candles for your family or a loved one, you may do so by calling the parish office beginning Monday, December 1, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. The candles will be lit for the first Divine Liturgy of Christmas and be lit for every liturgy through the Christmas Season.

Epiphany Ladies Guild Christmas Candy. ELG will be selling Christmas candy for the next two Sundays after the Divine Liturgy in the parish hall while supplies last.

EMC Meeting. EMC December meeting is today **Sunday, December 14, 2025.** The meeting will begin in the back of the Hall **immediately following** the conclusion of 9 am Liturgy. Food and drink will be provided. After the meeting, Lector **Jack Figel**, EMC VP, will be speaking on **his recent meeting with our Church's new first American Pontiff.** All the people in the Hall are welcome to attend this informative presentation. The EMC meeting is taking place on the second Sunday of the month due to the Saint Nicholas Celebration on the first Sunday (December 7).

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.** **The December Communion Breakfast is free of charge.**

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. The ninth Awards Club winner is Victoria Bartram. #183. The next drawing will be held today, Sunday, December 14th.

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

Weekly Office Schedule.

<i>Mon. 12/15</i>	<i>Tues. 12/16</i>	<i>Wed. 12/17</i>	<i>Thurs 12/18</i>	<i>Fri. 12/19</i>
Jamie & Lucie	Lucie (11 :30)	Jamie (late)	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.	Dec. 14	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, OFM
Sun	Dec. 21	10:00 AM	Father Daniel Grigassy, OFM

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

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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.

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Financials:

October 2025 Collection total	October 2025 Expenses total	Monthly overage/deficit
\$2448.94	\$4114.87	(-\$1665.93)

Tithely November 2025 – Total by Category

Offertory \$155.00 Less Fees \$5.29 Net Amount \$150.00

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PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy for Sunday of the Forefathers

BLUE	p. 11	Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy
GREEN	p. 130	Resurrection Tone2
RED	p. 281	Sunday of the Forefathers

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: B
EXCEPT: Cherubic Hymn, We praise You p. 292, 293

1. Hymn during Incensation Christmas Carols
2. The Divine Liturgy begins on page 11 BLUE
3. Typica and Beatitudes pp. 16-17, 23-24 BLUE
4. At the Troparia:
 - Troparion of the Resurrection Tone 2 130 GREEN
 - Troparion of the Sunday of the Forefathers Tone 2 p. 281 RED
 - Kontakion of the Forefathers Tone 6 pp. 281-282 RED
5. Scripture Readings
 - Prokeimenon of the of the Forefathers Tone 4 p. 282 RED
 - Epistle: Col. 3:4-11
 - Alleluia of the Forefathers Tone 4 p. 127 GREEN
 - Gospel: Luke 14:16-24
6. Communion Hymn of Sunday and of the Forefathers

Here are few things happening at the Mission:

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- **Salvation Army Angel Tree Donations:** *Between now and December 7th*, we will be collecting winter clothing for the Germantown Angel Tree Program. We will be doing this in lieu of the toys for tots collection we've done in prior years. They are in need of the following:
 - Coats in small sizes especially toddler coats (sizes 24 months, 2T, 3T, 4T, 5T and 6)
 - Hats for all ages (toddler through 18 years old)
 - Gloves for all ages (toddler through 18 years old)
 - Socks for all ages (toddler through 18 years old)
- **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
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	