



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Christ is born!
Glorify Him!**

December 28, 2025

**Christos raždajetsja!
Slavite Jeho!**

VIGIL OF SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sat. Dec. 27 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sun. Dec. 28 9:00 AM +Peter Brahm by Robert Gerardi Family

Thirtieth Week after Pentecost

Tues. Dec. 30 10:00 AM +John Basarab by Fr. John G. Basarab

CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD – SOLEMN

Thurs. Jan. 01 10:00 AM Intention of the Parishioners

VIGIL OF SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

Sat. Jan. 03 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

Sun. Jan. 04 9:00 AM +Peter Brahm by Robert Gerardi Family

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Jan. 03 5:00 PM R. Maurice

Sun. Jan. 04 9:00 AM J. Ricca (L), P. Cooke, J. Hughes, A. Naccash

Sat. Jan. 03 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Jan. 04 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

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.

Sunday after Christmas

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December 28, 2025

TITHING & GIVING

Sunday, December

Adults	\$13,337.00
Building Fund	\$3970.00
Holy Days	\$160.00
Candles	\$125.00
BCY	\$10.00
SOR	\$47.00
Christmas	\$1210.00
Retired Religious	\$720.00
Retired Priests	\$20.00
St. Nicholas	\$792.00
	<u>\$20,391.00</u>

Tithely November 2025 Total by Category

Offertory	\$2236.84
Building Fund	\$0
Eastern Cath. Life	\$18.48
Less Tithely Fees	\$76.67
Less Bank Charge	\$92.38
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. 16: \$10,146.00

Next Session Tuesday, January 6, 2026

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 Maskariniec, Michele Horosko, Alfred Minichiello, Betty Mattingly and Marlene Dana. 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, Laurie Anderson, and James Donalson.

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 Kristina Kovch, Mary-Ann Kovch-Jozwiak, Gregory and Jullie Kowalski, Matthew and Julie Kranik & Family, David Krek, Julia Krek, and Nicole Krisztinicz, and from the Mission, Vincent and Joni Kovalick.

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.

Fast-free Period. The time from Christmas to the Eve of Theophany are fast-free days.

Sunday after Christmas. The post-festive of Christmas continues for an octave of eight days. The Sunday after Christmas is dedicated to the memory of the human relatives of Jesus Christ, King David, our Lord’s foster father, St. Joseph, and St. James. For those who have been baptized and adopted into the family of the Lord Jesus Christ, these provide models for us in King David’s love and zeal for God, St. Joseph’s obedience and protection, and St. James, first bishop of Jerusalem, as a model of leadership and faithfulness even to death.

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.

Condolences. We offer our condolences to Deacon student Christopher Pullella and his family upon the passing of his father, Joseph Pullella, who passed away Friday, December 19th. The funeral was December 23rd from St. Mary Magdalene Byzantine Catholic Church, Fairview Park, OH, and interment at Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Cemetery, Parma, OH. May God grant His departed servant, +Joseph, peaceful repose. Vičnaja jemu pamjat'.

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

Epiphany Men's Club 300 Awards Club. The Fall EMC Awards Club Raffle has concluded. The drawings took place every Sunday for ten weeks. The holder of the winning ticket of each of the first nine drawings was 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 tenth and final winner of the EMC Awards Club Raffle is Bill Fournier, #019, winner of the \$1000. 9. Scott Hald; 8. Victoria Bartram, #183; 7. Anne Marie & Chuck Neary; 6. Clarence Thomason, #202; 5. Thomas Rector, #260; 4. Nancy Hencken, #036; 3. Sally Green, #268; 2. Olga Osterberg, #137; 1. Victoria Bartram, #188. Congratulations to all the winners of this year's Fall EMC Awards Club.

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

Weekly Office Schedule.

<i>Mon. 12/29</i>	<i>Tues. 12/30</i>	<i>Wed. 12/31</i>	<i>Thurs 01/01</i>	<i>Fri. 01/02</i>
Jamie & Lucie	Lucie & Jamie	Jamie & Lucie Office closes early	Office Closed	Office Closed

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 \$13,175.00.

Harvest Helpers. "When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:36-38). The Inter-eparchial Vocations Commission has begun a program of prayer to the Lord of the Harvest to call vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and for men and women monastics. Each parish has been given an icon of the Call of the Disciples with the intention that parishioners would take turns keeping the icon at their homes each week and praying the prescribed prayers for vocations from a booklet supplied for that purpose. Thanks to the Society of Ss. Cyril and Methodius, the Greek Catholic Union, and the Council of Hierarchs for funding the program.

MISSION

Mission Liturgy Schedule.

Day	Date	Time	Celebrant
Sun	Dec. 28	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.
Sun.	Jan. 4	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.
Tues.	Jan. 6	3:00 PM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.

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

November 2025 Collection total	November 2025 Expenses total	Monthly overage/deficit
2,871.00	\$2,901.64	(-\$30.64)

Dec. 7 Collection \$646.00

Dec. 14 Collection: \$415.00

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
The Sunday after Christmas
Memory of the Holy and Just Joseph Husband of Mary; of David,
Prophet and King; and of Holy Apostle James, Brother of the Lord**

BLUE	p. 11	Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy
GREEN	p. 141	Resurrection Tone 4
RED	p. 302	Sunday after Christmas

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: A
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. Antiphons 1 and 2 of the Feast of Christmas, and
3rd Antiphon and Entrance Hymn p. 302 RED
4. At the Troparia:
 - Troparion of the Resurrection Tone 4 p. 141 GREEN
 - Troparion of Christmas Tone 2 p. 303 RED
 - Troparion of the Saints, Tone 2 p. 303
 - v. Kontakion of the Saints, Tone 3 p. 284-285 RED
5. Scripture Readings
 - Prokeimenon of the Resurrection Tone 4 p. 142, GREEN,
and of the Saints, Tone 4 p. 304 RED
 - Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19
 - Alleluia of the Saints Tone 4 p.304 RED
 - Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23
6. Instead of “It is truly proper” Magnification of Christmas p. 304 RED
7. Communion Hymn of Sunday and of the Relatives of Jesus p. 305 RED

Here are few things happening at the Mission:

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Liturgy Schedule:

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