



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory forever!

Slava Isusu Christu!

Slava na v'iki!!

January 4, 2026

VIGIL OF SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

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

SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

Sun. Jan. 04 9:00 AM +Kathleen Halston by Robert Gerardi Family

Thirty-first Week after Pentecost

VIGIL EVE OF THEOPHANY

Mon. Jan. 05 10:00 AM Royal Hours

7:30 PM Great Vespers & Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
Health & God's Blessings on Mark Sikora by Mary
Sikora

THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD – OBLIGATION

Tues. Jan. 06 10:00 AM Intention of Parishioners

Synaxis of St. John the Baptist

Wed. Jan. 07 10:00 AM Funeral Divine Liturgy +Marlene Dana

VIGIL OF SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

Sat. Jan. 10 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

Sun. Jan. 11 9:00 AM +Joseph Koshuta by Monica Koshuta & Family

Sat. Jan. 10 5:00 PM R. Maurice

Sun. Jan. 11 9:00 AM A. Naccash (L), M. Hughes, J. Ricca, R. Riley

Sat. Jan. 10 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Jan. 11 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 before Theophany

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January 4, 2026

TITHING & GIVING

Sunday, December 28, 2025

Adults	\$9352.00
Children	\$25.00
Building Fund	\$2830.00
Holy Days	\$330.00
Candles	\$102.00
SOR	\$2.00
Christmas	\$5835.00
<u>St. Nicholas</u>	<u>\$2036.00</u>
	\$20,447.00

Tithely November 2025 Total by Category

Offertory	\$2236.84
Building Fund	\$0
Eastern Cath. Life	\$18.48
Less Tithely 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. 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 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, 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 Dr. Thomas Krisztinicz, Thomas Krisztinicz, John and Matilda Kuklish, Natalie Kuklish, Theodore and Carla Kutzlo, Martha Lamb, Jennifer and Jose Lara Lopez & Family, and from the Mission, Steven Krempasky..

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.

Theophany of our Lord. In the Byzantine Church, the Nativity of our Lord and the Baptism of our Lord were originally observed as one great feast of God’s Theophany or Manifestation: Nativity as the Manifestation of God as truly one of us, and the Baptism as the Manifestation of Jesus of Nazareth as truly God, and God manifest as Holy Trinity. When the feasts were separated, each was observed with a Paramony or Eve with Royal Hours, Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil, and on the feast day, the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. Water will be blessed at the church and at the mission on January 6th at the Divine Liturgy.

Holyday of Obligation. Theophany or Epiphany of our Lord is a holyday of obligation for all Eastern Catholics as legislated by the *Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches* promulgated in 1990 by Pope St. John Paul II. There are two Divine Liturgies at Epiphany church, Monday

evening 7:30 PM and Tuesday morning 10:00 AM, and one afternoon Divine Liturgy at Epiphany Mission at 3:00 PM.

Divine Liturgy Intentions. The Divine Liturgy Daybook for 2026 is 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 Glenn John, Gerard, and Geoffrey Dana and their family upon the death of their mother, Marlene Plasha Dana, who died Christmas Eve, December 24th. Funeral Divine Liturgy will be at Epiphany of our Lord Church Wednesday, January 7th at 10:00AM. Interment at future date. May God grant His departed servant +Marlene, peaceful repose. Vicnaja jej pamjat'.

Condolences. We offer condolences to Martha Lamb upon the death of her daughter, +Mary Catherine Bishop, who died Christmas Eve, December 24th. Funeral arrangements were not known at the time of this printing. May God grant His departed servant +Mary Catherine, peaceful repose. Vicnaja jej 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

Invitation for Deacon El Ordination Anniversary Liturgy and Luncheon. On January 18th, Deacon El Pekarik will be celebrating his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Diaconate. All faithful of Epiphany Church are cordially invited to attend the Divine Liturgy at 9:00 AM followed by a Luncheon in the Parish Center. The Pekarik family will be providing the Luncheon. To have an accurate count of attendees, please call the Church Office to confirm your attendance. Your presence at this celebration will be our only gift from you.

Epiphany Men's Club (EMC) Meeting - Today Sunday January 4th. The EMC January meeting is **today Sunday, January 4th**. The meeting will begin in the back of the Hall **immediately following** the conclusion of 9 am Liturgy. Food and drink will be provided.

Epiphany Holy Supper. Sunday, January 11th following the Sunday Divine Liturgy.

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

Weekly Office Schedule.

<u>Mon. 01/05</u>	<u>Tues.01/06</u>	<u>Wed. 01/07</u>	<u>Thurs 01/08</u>	<u>Fri. 01/09</u>
Jamie & Lucie	Office Closed	Jamie & Lucie	Jamie& Lucie	Jamie & Lucie

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.	Jan. 4	10:00 AM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.
Tues.	Jan. 6	3:00 PM	Father Jerome Wolbert, O.F.M.
Sun.	Jan 11	10:00 AM	Father Daniel Grigassy, 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	Dec. 21 Collection \$248.00	
Tithely November 2025 – Total by Category		
Offertory \$155.00 Less Fees \$5.29 Net Amount \$150.00		
<i>"The king, however, replied: 'I cannot sacrifice to the Lord my God offerings that cost me nothing.' (2Samuel 24-24)</i>		

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The Order for the Divine Liturgy for The Sunday before Theophany

BLUE	p. 11	Mark and Follow Ordinary Parts of the Divine Liturgy
GREEN	p. 146	Resurrection Tone 5
RED	p. 309	Sunday before Theophany

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: A

**EXCEPT: Cherubic Hymn, We praise You p. 292, 293
Our Father Tone 5 p. 70**

1. The Divine Liturgy begins on page 11 BLUE
2. At the Troparia:
 - Troparion of the Resurrection Tone 5 p. 146 GREEN
 - Troparion of the Pre-feast Tone 4 p. 309 RED
 - Kontakion of the Pre-feast Tone 4 p. 310 RED
3. Scripture Readings
 - Prokeimenon of the Sunday before Theophany Tone 6 p. 311 RED
 - Epistle: 2Timothy 4:5-8
 - Alleluia of the Sunday before Theophany, Tone 8 p. 311 RED
 - Gospel: Mark 1:1-8
4. Communion Hymn of Sunday (Psalm 148:1) (music found on p. 305)

Here are few things happening at the Mission:

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Liturgy Schedule:

Date		Time	Happenings	Collections
January 4th	Liturgy	10am	Social Hour	Food
January 6th	Liturgy	3pm	Theophany	Food
January 11	Liturgy	10 am		Food