



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Glory to Jesus Christ!		Slava Isusu Christu!
Glory forever!	February 1, 2026	Slava na v'iki!

VIGIL OF SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Sat. Jan. 31 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

Sun. Feb. 01 9:00 AM +Edward J. Hospodar by Chris & Joe Brewer

Meat-fare Week

ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON-SOLEMN

Mon. Feb. 2 10:00 AM +Anne Soyka by Children & Grandchildren

Synaxis of Ss. Simeon and Anna

Tues. Feb. 3 10:00 AM Funeral Divine Liturgy for +John Kuklish

Fri. Feb 6 10:00 AM +Jeffrey Kunuth by Helen & Peter Wegman

FIRST ALL SOULS SATURDAY

Sat. Feb. 7 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy and Remembrance of the Departed

VIGIL OF SUNDAY OF MEAT-FARE

5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY OF MEAT-FARE

SUNDAY OF THE LAST JUDGMENT

Sun. Feb. 8 9:00 AM +Peter Brahm by Robert Gerardi Family

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Feb 07 5:00 PM R. Maurice

Sun. Feb. 08 9:00 AM P. Cooke (L), A. Naccash, C. Nofsinger, J. Ricca

Sat. Feb. 07 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Feb. 08 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

Parish Office Staff

Jamie Bacigalupi, Administrative Assistant

Lucie Cantsilieris, Financial Assistant

Parish Office Hours: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Monday – Friday

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.

Prodigal Son Sunday

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February 1, 2026

TITHING AND GIVING

Sunday, January 25, 2026

Adults	\$
Initial Offering	\$
Building Fund	\$
Candles	\$
SOR	\$
BCY	\$
Holy Days	\$
Holy Water Bottles	\$
St. Nicholas	\$
	\$

Due to the weather on Sunday, there was no collection count for Sunday, January 25th.

Tithely December 2025 Total by Category

Offertory	\$3686.75
Building Fund	\$563.94
Candles	\$41.50
Christmas	\$103.94
Total	\$4396.13
Less Tithely Fees	\$115.03
TOTAL	\$4281.10

“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 Jan. 6: \$7,827.00

Next Session Tuesday, February 3, 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, Margaret Hospodar, John Ryaby III, Guillermina Donalson, Steve Smith, Caleb Joseph Lugo, Samuel Gauth, 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 Betty Mattingly, Robert Maurice, Marlene McCracken, Francis and Sandra MacDonnell & Family, Bobby McLean, Maggie McLean, Robert & Elizabeth McLean, and from the Mission, Jack & Lisabeth McLaurin.

All Souls Saturdays. There are five All Souls Saturdays a year, when our deceased relatives are remembered by name. This list, the Hramoty or Dyptychs, is read during a Panachida which follows the Divine Liturgy for the repose of our family members. If you have not already done so, please use the envelope in your envelope sets to list your departed names. The first All Souls Saturday is Saturday, February 7th. The following four All Souls Saturdays are: February 28th, March 7th, March 14th, and May 23rd.

Sunday of the Prodigal Son. Today is the second of the pre-Lenten Sundays, the Sunday of the Prodigal Son, a parable about the man with two sons, one of whom takes his inheritance and leaves the family estate while the older brother remains with his father. The Lord told this parable during the forty days between His transfiguration and His crucifixion. The parable is a perfect description of what sin is, the effects of sin, repentance as a return to one’s senses, the need not only for the thought of repentance but as requiring an action. The parable also reveals the attitude of God toward a repentant sinner, the “cost” of sin for God, and the proper attitude of everyone in God’s household toward a returning, repentant member of the family.

Blessing of Candles. Candles will be blessed tomorrow at the Divine Liturgy for the Meeting of our Lord with Simeon and Anna.

Condolences. We offer condolences to Matilda Kuklish upon the death of her husband and Natalie Kuklish upon the death of her father, +John Kuklish, who died Saturday, January 17, 2026. The viewing will be at Epiphany of our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church Monday, February 2nd, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM with Parastas at 7:30 PM. The Funeral Divine Liturgy will be celebrated Wednesday, February 3rd at 10:00 AM. Burial will be at Fairfax Memorial Park immediately following at 12:00 NOON. A Mercy Meal at Epiphany Parish Hall will follow the interment. May God grant His departed servant, +John Kuklish, eternal memory. Vičnaja jemu pamjat’.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Epiphany Ladies Guild Meeting. The next ELG Meeting is today, **Sunday, February 1st** immediately following the 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy. The meeting will be held in the parish hall. Please come! We have a lot of upcoming activities and events to discuss!

Epiphany Men's Club Party Free for All. EMC will host the annual Super Bowl party on **February 8th** in the parish center, starting at **5:30 PM**. Food, drinks and fun for all! EMC does not charge for viewing an NFL game. Come, join the party!

Epiphany Men's Club (EMC) Meeting – Today Sunday, February 1st, The EMC February meeting is today, **Sunday, February 1st**. The meeting will begin in the back of the Hall **immediately following** the conclusion of 9 am Liturgy. Food and drink will be provided. Please note that the Epiphany Ladies Guild will also be conducting its regular meeting at the same time in another part of the Hall.

ELG Nut Roll Baking. Our parish Nut Roll Baking Day is set for **Saturday, February 7th**. You can join in beginning around 7:30 am in the parish hall, but there are lots of jobs to be done throughout the day, so please arrive when convenient and stay as long as you are able. It helps to have 6-8 early-morning dough rollers and fillers, but we count on volunteers to be there throughout the day, ending when all the rolls have been boxed up and put in the freezers, usually around 5pm.

Dough rolling and filling takes place from about 7:30 to 1 or 2pm. **Dishwashing** takes place all day.

Bagging the finished (baked and cooled) rolls usually begins at noon and continues intermittently until about 5pm. Please contact Nancy Soyka or Kyra Gerardi with any questions and please RSVP regarding when you can volunteer. It helps us immensely to know how many volunteers we will have. Nancy: nsoyka@msn.com or 571.529.0318
Kyra: gerardisix@gmail.com or 571.733.7298.

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

Office Schedule & Weather. The parish office staff follows FCPS for opening and closings due to weather conditions.

Weekly Office Schedule

<i>Mon. 02/02</i>	<i>Tues. 02/03</i>	<i>Wed. 02/04</i>	<i>Thurs 02/05</i>	<i>Fri. 02/06</i>
Lucie/Jamie (late)	82 Lucie	Jamie	Jamie & Lucie	Lucie & Jamie

EPARCHIAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop's Appeal 2025. The Bishop's Appeal 2025 began in October 2025. Parishioners should have received their Bishop's Appeal pledge forms. 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 parishioners have pledged \$17,025.00.

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). What you can do: 1. Sign up to host the icon for one week. 2. Use the booklets to pray prayers for vocations each day. 3. Return the icon the following Sunday for the next person or family.

ByzanTEEN Rally. ByzanTEEN Rally 2026 will take place in Cleveland, Ohio, at John Carroll University, July 9-12 and hosted by the Eparchy of Parma. The theme is "Take Courage. I have overcome the world" John 13:3. The rally is for teens between the ages of 13 years through high school. Registration began in January.

MISSION

Mission Liturgy Schedule.

Day	Date	Time	Celebrant
Sun.	2/1	10:00 AM	Fr. Jerome
Sun	2/8	10:00 AM	Fr. Grigassey
Sun.	2/15	10:00 AM	Fr. Grigassey
Sun	2/22	10:00 AM	Fr. Jerome

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

Social Hour has returned! 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 do7nation basket will be available at the socials for those wishing to help fund 7these 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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Harvest Helpers. Acknowledgements and well done to the mission parishioners who have been Harvest Helpers and hosting the Pilgrim Vocation icon at their homes for one week.

Financials:

December 2025 Collection total	December 2025 Expenses total	Monthly
overage/deficit		
\$3,616.00	\$5,184.90	- (\$1,568.90)
Tithely December 2025 – Total by Category		
Offertory \$171.05	\$6.05	\$165.00

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PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy for THE PRODIGAL SON PRE-FESTIVE OF THE MEETING OF OUR LORD

BLUE	p. 11	Mark and Follow Parts of the Divine Liturgy
GREEN	p. 125	Resurrection Tone 1
RED	p. 216	Sunday of the Prodigal Son
YELLOW	p. 320	Prefestive of the Meeting of our Lord

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: **A** EXCEPT:

1. The Divine Liturgy begins on page 11 BLUE
2. Sunday Antiphons
3. At the Troparia:
 - Troparion of the Resurrection Tone 1 pp. 125 -126 GREEN
 - Troparion of the Pre-feast Tone 1 p. 320 YELLOW
 - Kontakion of the Prodigal Son Tone 3 p. 216 RED
 - Prokeimenon of the Resurrection Tone 1 p.127 GREEN
 - Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
 - Alleluia of Resurrection Tone1 p. 127 GREEN
 - Gospel: Luke 15:11-32
4. Communion Hymn of Sunday

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Liturgy Schedule:

Date	Time	Happenings	Collections
February 1	10:00	Fr. Jerome	Social/Food Collection
February 8	10:00	Fr. Daniel	Food Collection
February 15	10:00	Fr. Daniel	Social/Food Collection
February 22	10:00	Fr. Jerome	Food Collection