



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Glory to Jesus Christ!		Slava Isusu Christu!
Glory forever!	January 18, 2026	Slava na v'iki!

VIGIL OF THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS

Sat. Jan. 17 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Sun. Jan. 18 9:00 AM Deacon Elmer Pekarik 25th Anniversary of Ordination

Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving by Sally Pekarik

Thirty-third Week after Pentecost

Tues. Jan. 20 10:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on John J. Montelione by
Joseph Stone

Thurs. Jan. 22 8:00 PM Compline at the Basilica of the National Shrine

Fri. Jan. 23 9:15 AM Divine Liturgy at the Basilica of the National Shrine
of the Immaculate Conception

VIGIL OF SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

Sat. Jan. 24 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

Sun. Jan. 25 9:00 AM +Mary Ellen Kepick by Frank Polink, Jr.

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Jan 24 5:00 PM R. Maurice

Sun. Jan 25 9:00 AM C. Noffsinger (L), P. Cooke, J. Hughes, J. Ricca

Sat. Jan. 24 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Jan. 25 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

32nd Sunday after Pentecost

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January 18, 2026

TITHING AND GIVING

Sunday, January 11, 2026

Adults	\$1579.00
Children	\$20.00
Building Fund	\$1295.00
Candles	\$93.50
SOR	\$10.00
Holy Days	\$480.00
St. Nicholas	\$2.00
	\$3489.50

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	<u>\$115.03</u>
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, January 20, 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 Joyce LaVacca, Shelby Lee & Bryce Ballard, Carol Little, Dolores Logoyda, Honora Logsdon Kent and Michelle Logsdon, William Logsdon, and from the Mission, Henry & Roselyn Kretschmaier.

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.

Sunday of Zacchaeus. As the Lord Jesus traveled from Galilee through the northern part of Samaria then crossed the Jordan to Perea, He then crossed the Jordan into Judea and arrived at Jericho, like another Joshua who marched around the walls of the old Jericho site. There Jesus gave sight to a blind man who the crowd tried to silence because he called Jesus, “Son of David.” Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector who, like the blind man, could not see Jesus but in his case because he was short and the crowd blocked him, climbed a sycamore tree. The call of the Lord, “I must stay at your house today” implies this is an imperative in God’s plan. After Zacchaeus confesses, repents, and does penance, Jesus pronounces the “Today, salvation has come to this house.” We are to remember that the name Jesus (Joshua) means God is

salvation. Really seeing/meeting Jesus this Fast can bring Jesus' salvation to us, but we need to overcome our own barriers, and the obstacles people and society set up.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Epiphany Ladies Guild Meeting. The next ELG Meeting is **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!

ELG Nut Roll Baking. Our parish Nut Roll Baking Day is set for **Saturday, February 7th**. This is a great opportunity to learn how those delicacies are made and to help the ELG offer this wonderful product at upcoming Lenten Dinners. We'll be making all three varieties: nut, poppyseed, and apricot. 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. Your participation, whether you can come for an hour or two, or stay all day, is needed and much appreciated.

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

Dishwashing takes place all day. Please consider helping with this task, even for an hour or two. We have an industrial-size dishwashing machine, and we will train!

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. Come learn ... and in the process help Epiphany continue this treasured ethnic culinary tradition! Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! 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>.

Debt Service. The 4th Quarter 2025 Interest payment of \$4,022.12 was paid. The balance on the loan for the new church remains at \$536,282.67. For 2026, three quarterly interest payments of \$4,022.12 each are due, then the payment on principal of \$75,000 in September 2026, followed by the fourth quarter interest payment of \$3,459.62. After the 2026 principal payment, the balance at the end of 2026 will be \$461,282.67. Looking forward to 2027, the balance after that year's payment will be reduced to \$386,282.67.

Weekly Office Schedule

<i>Mon. 01/19</i>	<i>Tues. 01/20</i>	<i>Wed. 01/21</i>	<i>Thurs 01/21</i>	<i>Fri. 01/22</i>
Office Closed	Lucie	Jamie	Jamie & Lucie	Lucie & Jamie

Office Schedule. The Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 19th, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a federal holiday. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 20th.

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 \$16,175.00.

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). 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.

Right-to Life Vigil and Liturgy. Father Timothy Kennedy, director of Passaic's Respect Life Office, invites parishioners from Epiphany Church and mission to join with other Catholics at the Vigil for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine, Thursday, January 22nd. Mass at the Great Upper Church 5:00 PM. Byzantine Compline led by Bishop Kurt Burnette with Epiphany Cantors at 8:00 PM. Ushers are needed. Please see Father John. Divine Liturgy at the Byzantine Ruthenian Chapel offered by Bishop Kurt Burnette, Friday, January 23rd at 9:15 AM.

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.	1/18	No Divine Liturgy at Mission today. All are invited to Epiphany Church for Deacon El’s 25 th anniversary.	
Sun.	2/1	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 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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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
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY OF ZACCHAEUS

BLUE p. 11 Mark and Follow Parts of the Divine Liturgy

GREEN p. 156 Resurrection Tone 7

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 7. pp. 156-157 GREEN
 - Kontakion of Resurrection Tone 7 pp. 157 GREEN
4. Scripture Readings
 - Prokeimenon of the Resurrection Tone 7 p. 158 GREEN
 - Epistle: I Timothy 4:9-15
 - Alleluia of Sunday Tone 7 p. 158 GREEN
 - Gospel: Luke 19:1-10
5. Communion Hymn of Sunday

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Liturgy Schedule:

Date	Time	Happenings	Collections
February 2	10:00	Fr. Jerome	Social