



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Glory to Jesus Christ!		Slava Isusu Christu!
Glory forever!	January 25, 2026	Slava na v'iki!

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.

Thirty-fourth Week after Pentecost

Tues. Jan. 27 10:00 AM +John Sirotniak by Epiphany Cantors

THREE HOLY HIERARCHS- Simple

Fri. Jan. 30 10:00 AM +Elizabeth Basarab by Fr. John

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

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Jan. 31 5:00 PM R. Maurice

Sun. Feb. 01 9:00 AM P. Cooke (L), A. Naccash, C. Noffsinger, J. Ricca

Sat. Jan. 31 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Feb. 01 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.

34TH Sunday after Pentecost

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January 25, 2026

TITHING AND GIVING

Sunday, January 18, 2026

Adults	\$8362.00
Initial Offering	\$10.00
Building Fund	\$795.00
Candles	\$127.00
SOR	\$75.00
BCY	\$10.00
Holy Days	\$20.00
Holy Water Bottles	\$10.00
<u>St. Nicholas</u>	<u>\$1052.00</u>
	\$10,497.00

Tithely December 2025 Total by Category

Offertory	\$3686.75
Building Fund	\$563.94
Candles	\$41.50
Christmas	\$103.94
Total	\$4396.13
<u>Less Tithely Fees</u>	<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, 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 Patricia Loomis, Marilou and David MacDonnell, Christine Male & Family, Mark and Christina Malm & Family, Michael and Nancy Maskarinec & Family, Michael and Valerie Matei, Karen Matlaga, and from the Mission, Michon Kretschmaier.

Fast-free Week. There is no fasting the week of the Publican and Pharisee so that we may not be like the Pharisee who boasted that he fasted twice a week.

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.

Publican and Pharisee. The Pre-Lenten preparation Sundays begin today. Our Lord’s parable of the Tax Collector and the Pharisee is read, teaching disciples of Christ to cultivate the virtue of humility and avoid the opposite vice of pride. The character of the pharisee had no need of a Redeemer because he thought of himself as his own savior, hence, he is termed self-righteous. Hymns from the liturgical book of the Great Fast, the Triodion, begin to be prayed

today. Additionally, the special hymn of the Great Fast begins at Sunday Matins today and continues for eight weeks, “Open to me the doors of repentance, O Giver of Life. For my spirit rises early in the morning to Your holy temple, bearing the temple of my body all defiled. But as You are compassionate, purify it by Your compassionate mercies.”

Three Holy Hierarchs. While St. Basil the Great, St. John Chrysostom, and St. Gregory the Theologian are commemorated on their own feast days in January, they are commemorated together on January 30th as a lesson in how Christ’s disciples settle disputes. Constantinople in the 11th century was such a special place that people argued over which saint was the greatest. The three bishops appeared to Bishop John Mauropous of Euchaita in the year 1084 and said that they were equal before God: "There are no divisions among us, and no opposition to one another." A feast commemorating all three began to be observed in the year 1100.

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!

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 - Sunday February 1st, The EMC February meeting is **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**. 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>.

Weekly Office Schedule

<i>Mon. 01/26</i>	<i>Tues. 01/27</i>	<i>Wed. 01/28</i>	<i>Thurs 01/29</i>	<i>Fri. 01/30</i>
Lucie	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 \$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.

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

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.

Condolences. We offer our condolences to Adam Haba and Amanda Nickerson and their families upon the death of their father, +Andrew Haba, who passed away January 2, 2026. Mr. Haba was a parishioner of St. Gregory of Nyssa, Beltsville, MD and then for many years of Epiphany Mission. The funeral was Thursday, January 15th from St. Ignatius Church, Ijamsville, MD and interment at Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Frederick, MD. May God grant His departed servant, +Andrew, peaceful repose. Vičnaja jemu pamjat’.

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 SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE

BLUE	p. 11	Mark and Follow Parts of the Divine Liturgy
GREEN	p. 161	Resurrection Tone 8
RED	p. 215	Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee

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

1. The Divine Liturgy begins on page 11 BLUE
2. Sunday Antiphons
3. At the Troparia:
 - Troparion of the Resurrection Tone 8 p. 161 GREEN
 - Kontakion of the Publican & Pharisee p. 215 RED
 - Prokeimenon of the Resurrection Tone 8 p.162 GREEN
 - Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15
 - Alleluia of Resurrection Tone 8 p. 163 GREEN
 - Gospel: Luke 18:10-14
4. Communion Hymn of Sunday

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Liturgy Schedule:

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