



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Glory to Jesus Christ!		Slava Isusu Christu!
Glory forever!	February 8, 2026	Slava na v'iki!

VIGIL OF SUNDAY OF MEAT-FARE

Sat. Feb. 07 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY OF MEAT-FARE

Sun. Feb. 08 9:00 AM +Peter Brahm by Robert Gerardi Family

Cheese-fare Week

Tues. Feb. 10 10:00 AM +Patricia Cuccia by Michael & Emily Strickland

Wed. Feb. 11 Aliturgical Day

Thurs. Feb 12 10:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on Peter & Helen Wegman
by Wegman Family

Fri. Feb. 13 Aliturgical Day

VIGIL OF SUNDAY OF CHEESE-FARE

Sat. Feb. 14 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY OF CHEESE-FARE

Sun. Feb. 15 9:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on Vincent Apostolico, Sr.
by Joseph Stone

5:00 PM Forgiveness Vespers for the beginning of the
Great Fast

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Feb 14 5:00 PM R. Maurice

Sun. Feb. 15 9:00 AM J. Ricca (L), P.Cooke, J. Hughes, M. Hughes

USHERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Feb. 14 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Feb. 15 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.

Meat-fare Sunday

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February 8, 2026

TITHING AND GIVING

Sunday, February 1, 2026

Adults	\$2617.00
Building Fund	\$1690.00
Holy Days	\$170.00
Candles	\$116.00
SOR	\$50.00
St. Nicholas	\$22.00
<u>Holy Water Bottles</u>	<u>\$25.00</u>
	\$4836.90

Tithely January 2026 Total by Category

Offertory	\$3214.00
Building Fund	\$536.15
Christmas	\$51.80
<u>Less Tithely Fees</u>	<u>\$119.00</u>
TOTAL	\$3682.03

“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 10, 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

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 Mary Michaels, Gabrielle Miller, Joshua Miller, Kenneth & Dolores Miller, Zachary Miller, Ryan Moore, Georgette Moss, and from the Mission, Alfred Minchiello.

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 second All Souls Saturday is Saturday, February 28th. The following three All Souls Saturdays are: March 7th, March 14th, and May 23rd.

Meat-Fare Sunday. Meat-fare Sunday according to the traditional fast was the last day that meat was consumed until Easter. The Church Slavonic name, Mjasopustnaja (Meat dismissal) is reflected in the Latin word Carnevale, that is, carne (meat) vale (farewell), or carnival. This Sunday is also called the Sunday of the Last Judgment because the gospel from Matthew 25 part of a long passage in which the Lord Jesus speaks about the end of the universe and His Second Coming. The portion that is appointed to be read is about the Final Judgment in which every person will pass judgment on themselves based on their relationship with and treatment of Jesus Christ. The prayers of the Lenten Triodion for this Sunday are a lengthy reflection on the frightful moment when each person will have to stand in judgment before the King. During the week, Wednesday and Friday are days when the Divine Liturgy is not observed, and the Lenten order of Vespers and Matins is prayed to gradually prepare for the Great Fast.

ECF-SOR Icon Sunday. February 22nd is the first Sunday of the Great Fast. Traditionally, the Divine Liturgy includes a blessing of icons on this day. Parishioners who would like to have one of their own icons blessed are invited to join ECF-SOR students and parents during the Little Entrance of the Divine Liturgy.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Epiphany Men's Club Party Free to All. EMC will host the annual Super Bowl party **TODAY (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 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. 02/09</i>	<i>Tues. 02/10</i>	<i>Wed. 02/11</i>	<i>Thurs 02/12</i>	<i>Fri. 02/13</i>
Lucie/Jamie	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 \$17,325.00.

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.

Come and See: Drawn into the Sacred Mysteries. A three-part series during the Great Fast, exploring the history, spirituality, and liturgical seasons of the Byzantine Catholic tradition. This series is part of the "Come and See" workshop, inviting prayer, learning, and reflection

that culminates in the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. Suggested donation \$10. Visit www.stmarybyzantinetrenton.org.

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.

Save-the-Date - John Paul the Great Open House on March 5th Planning for high school? Join us at John Paul the Great for a special Preview Open House for younger students on Thursday, March 5th from 4:00-5:30 PM! Learn more about our rigorous college-preparatory curriculum, competitive athletics, inspiring visual and performing arts, and abundant extracurricular opportunities! [Click here to register!](#)

MISSION

Mission Liturgy Schedule.

Day	Date	Time	Celebrant
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..

Condolences. We offer condolences to Roselyn Kretschmaier and her family upon the death of her husband +Henry Kretschmaier, who passed away Wednesday, February 4th. The funeral arrangements had not been completed at the time of bulletin printing. May God grant His departed servant, +Henry, peaceful repose. Vicnaja jemu pamjat’.

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:

January 2026 Collection Total	January Expenses total	
\$1,601.00	(2,341.82)	
Transfer from savings		
\$2,000.00		
		Monthly overage/deficit
		\$1259.18

Tithely January 2026– Total by Category

Offertory \$196.30	charge \$6.30	\$190.00
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PARISH USTAV

**The Order for the Divine Liturgy
for
MEAT-FARE SUNDAY**

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

GREEN p. 130 Resurrection Tone 2

RED p. 217 Meat-fare Sunday

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 2 p. 130 GREEN
 - Kontakion of Meat-fare Tone 1 p. 217 RED
4. Scripture Readings:
 - Prokeimenon of Meat-fare Tone 3 p. 217 RED
 - Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2
 - Alleluia of Meat-fare Tone 8 p. 218 RED
 - Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46
5. Communion Hymn of Sunday

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Liturgy Schedule:

Date	Time	Happenings	Collections
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