



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Glory to Jesus Christ!	February 22, 2026	Slava Isusu Christu!
Glory forever!		Slava na v'iki!

VIGIL OF FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Sat. Feb. 21 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST COMMEMORATION OF THE PROPHETS RESTORATION OF THE HOLY ICONS

Sun. Feb. 22 9:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on William & Rhonda Bond
by Kevin & Holly Hogan & Family

Second Week of the Great Fast

Wed. Feb. 25 7:30 PM Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Fri. Feb. 27 7:30 PM Presanctified Divine Liturgy

SECOND ALL SOULS SATURDAY

Sat. Feb. 28 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy and Remembrance of the Departed

VIGIL OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Sat. Feb. 28 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Sun. Mar. 01 9:00 AM +John Lichvarcik by Fr. John Basarab

SERVERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Feb 28 5:00 PM R. Maurice

Sun. Mar. 01 9:00 AM J. Hughes (L), P. Cooke, C. Noffsinger, J. Ricca

USHERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Feb. 28 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Mar 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.

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>

Epiphany does not conduct pastoral business on the website. Submissions to the website are made through the parish office.

Parish Office Staff

Jamie Bacigalupi, Administrative Assistant

Lucie Cantsilieris, Financial Assistant

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

Mission Website: <https://eolmission.com>

First Sunday of Great Fast

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February 22, 2026

TITHING AND GIVING

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Adults	\$2287.00
Building Fund	\$1360.00
Holy Days	\$5.00
Candles	\$105.00
SOR	\$73.00
ECL	\$36.00
Mission Church	\$10.00
Retirement	\$50.00
St. Nicholas	<u>\$501.00</u>
	\$4427.00

Tithe January 2026 Total

by Category

Offertory	\$3214.00
Building Fund	\$536.15
Christmas	\$51.80

Less Tithe Fees \$119.00

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, Hramoty, 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. 20: \$5445.00 Next Session Tuesday, March 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 Gaush, Joshua Bacigalupi, Dr. John Feola, Lisa Fazio Rhodes, Jayden Ramos Jimenez, James Bacigalupi, Larry Dowdy, Natasha Bacigalupi, Laurie Anderson, James Donalson, and Steve Anderson.

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 Jeffrey and Victoria Nashwinter, Anne and Charles Neary, Christina and Doug Nevitt, Riley Nevitt, Sydney Nevitt, Carl Noffsinger, David and Laura Norod, and from the Mission., James Radko.

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

Great Fast. The law of abstinence forbids the use of meat, permitting the use of eggs and dairy products. All faithful of the eparchy of Passaic who receive Holy Communion are obliged to abstain. Abstinence is to be observed on all Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast. Pastors and Administrators may, for a just cause, grant to the individual faithful and to individual families, dispensation ovr commutation of Abstinence and Strict Abstinence into other pious practices.

Pussy Willows.--We remain ever hopeful that this snow will disappear, and warmer temperatures will prevail before Easter. So, with that hope, watch your pussy willows if you have them. Budding is what to look for. Cut long stems and bring them to the chapel lower-level stairwell container. Palm Sunday is early this year, March 30th.

ECF-SOR Icon Sunday. Today, 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

Lenten Dinner Sign-up. Lenten Dinners began February 20th. The sign-up sheet is in the Parish Center for folks to sign up to help with the Lenten Dinners. There are still slots that need volunteers. Please help out when you can! We need many hands to help make these dinners a success!

Lenten Dinners. Epiphany is serving savory, meatless, Eastern European meals Fridays during Lent from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM, for carry-out and limited dining-in sponsored by Epiphany Ladies Guild. Pirohi (potato and cheese filled dumplings), halushki (sauteed noodles with cabbage), vegetarian soups and homemade desserts. Meal items priced separately. Presanctified Liturgy will be celebrated at 7:30 PM. Lenten Dinners will be served Fridays February 20th to March 27th. There is no Lenten Dinner Good Friday.

Lenten Dinner Parking. 1. Carousel Day Care has six designated parking spaces for child drop off and pick up. The exclusive use of these parking spaces, which are clearly marked, is theirs until the close of the day care business day at 6:30 PM. 2. There is NO PARKING on the grass areas of the campus if it is raining.

EMC Communion Breakfast Sunday, TODAY, February 22, 2026. Epiphany Men's Club sponsors a Communion Breakfast once a month following the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy. All are invited to attend. The next Communion Breakfast is **today** Sunday, February 22.

Weekly Office Schedule

<u>Mon. 02/23</u>	<u>Tues. 02/24</u>	<u>Wed. 02/25</u>	<u>Thurs 02/26</u>	<u>Fri. 02/27</u>
Jamie/Lucie	Lucie	Jamie	Jamie & Lucie	Lucie & Jamie

Deleted:

Awards Club tickets remaining: A lot of folks were distracted by the snow fall and have not yet purchased their Awards Club tickets ... with the result that we have about 60 still unsold. You can purchase them by texting Chris Braunlich at 571-212-0058 and putting in your order, sending your order to him at 7011 Dreams Way Court/Alexandria, VA 22315, or handing him your order next time you see him. Chris will be at Sunday Liturgy February 22 and March 1, and at Lenten Dinners working the kielbasa table on February 20 and 27 and March 6. First drawing is March 8. As a reminder, the tickets are \$10 each, good for ten drawings (the first 9 for \$50 and the last one for \$1,000)!

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 \$17,350.00.

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. 4. If you have a vocation, say "yes" to Jesus Christ. **"Our weapons are not of this world, and we love a good fight."** Consider the Priesthood. <https://www.eparchyofpassaic.com/vocations>

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.stmarybyzantinetreton.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.

Young Adult Summer Convocation. *The Heart of the God-Bearer* at the 2026 Byzantine Catholic Young Adult Convocation, July 31st to August 2nd at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsborough, New Jersey. Young adults ages 18-35 will gather for fellowship, communal praying of the Liturgy of the Hours, and talks from speakers Join us for three days of faith, friendship, and transformation. For more information, go to <https://www.heartofthegodbearer.org/>. Online registration is open from now until June 30th! Not a young adult? Contact us if you're interested in helping sponsor scholarships to help the young adults in our Church grow and share their faith!

MISSION

Mission Liturgy Schedule.

Day	Date	Time	Celebrant
Sun	2/22	10:00 AM	Fr. Jerome
Sun	3/1	10:00 AM	Fr. Jerome
Sun.	3/8	10:00 AM	Fr. Dan
Sun.	3/15	10:00 AM	Fr. Jerome

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

Social Hour. There is a social hour on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month following Liturgy.

Food Pantry Donations: *Every week* there is 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.

Bishop's Appeal 2025. The Bishop's Appeal 2025 began in October 2025. Our goal for this year is \$6000, 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 Mission parishioners have pledged \$2,290.

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:

February 2, 2026 Collection	\$473	February 15, 2026 Collection	\$854
February 8 2026 Collection	\$140		

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(2Samuel 24-24)

PARISH USTAV

**The Order for the Divine Liturgy
for
*FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY
MEMORY OF THE HOLY PROPHETS***

BLUE	p. 11	Mark and Follow Parts of the Divine Liturgy
GREEN	p. 141	Resurrection Tone 4
RED	p. 220	First Sunday of the Great Fast

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: D
EXCEPT: Typica and Beatitudes A

1. The Divine Liturgy begins on page 11 BLUE
2. Typical Psalms and Beatitudes, pp. 16-17, 23-24 BLUE
3. At the Troparia:
 - Troparion of the Resurrection Tone 4 p. 141 GREEN
 - Troparion of the Holy Icons Tone 2 p. 220 RED
 - Kontakion of the Holy Icons Tone 8 pp. 220-221 RED
4. Scripture Readings:
 - Prokeimenon of First Sunday of the Great Fast Tone 4 p. 221 RED
 - Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26,32-12:2
 - Alleluia of the First Sunday of the Great Fast Tone 4 p. 221 RED
 - Gospel: John 1:43-53.
5. Anaphora of St. Basil, pp. 96-100 BLUE
6. Communion Hymn of Sunday and of the prophets p. 222 RED

●**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. The Socials will be noted on the schedule below.

- 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.

Liturgy Schedule:

Date	Time	Happenings	Collections
February 22	10:00	Fr. Jerome	Food Collection
March 1	10:00	Fr. Jerome	
March 8	10:00	Fr. Dan	
March 15	10:00	Fr. Jerome	

DIRECTIVES FOR THE GREAT FAST

FASTING REGULATIONS

† Our Tradition is to abstain from meat after Meatfare Sunday and from dairy products after Cheesefare Sunday until Easter. *The following are the minimum requirements:*

† All who receive Communion in the Eparchy of Passaic are required to abstain from meat, on Wednesdays and Fridays during the Great Fast.

† All adults who receive Communion in the Eparchy of Passaic are required to abstain from meat, eggs, and milk products on the first day of Lent, Monday, February 16, and on Great and Holy Friday, April 3.

Dispensations

† Pastors and Administrators may, for a just cause, grant to the individual faithful and to individual families, dispensations or commutations of the fasting rules into other pious practices.

LITURGICAL REGULATIONS

The Divine Liturgy of Saint Gregory, the Pope of Rome, is also called the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts.

† All pastors and Administrators are encouraged to celebrate the Divine Liturgy of Saint Gregory on Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast.

† On other weekdays during the Great weekdays, Holy Communion may be distributed at other liturgical services.

Please pray for all the victims of war, refugees, and those in the military serving our country throughout the world.