



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

VIGIL OF THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Sun. Mar. 08 9:00 AM +Theresa Plaskon MacLeod
by Mary & Anthony Fazio

Fourth Week of the Great Fast

MID-LENT

Wed. Mar. 11 7:30 PM Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Fri. Mar. 13 7:30 PM Presanctified Divine Liturgy

FOURTH ALL SOULS SATURDAY

Sat. Mar. 14 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy and Remembrance of the Departed

VIGIL OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Sun. Mar. 15 9:00 AM +Patricia and +Tricia Martuccio

SERVERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Mar. 07 5:00 PM R. Maurice

Sun. Mar. 08 9:00 AM P. Cooke (L), C. Noffsinger, J. Ricca, R. Riley

USHERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Mar. 07 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. no later than 2:00 PM Wednesday.

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>

Third Sunday of Great Fast

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March 8, 2026

TITHING AND GIVING

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Adults	\$2287.00
Building Fund	\$12 10.00
Candles	\$86.00
Flowers	\$10.00
SOR	\$3.00
Mission Church	\$335.00
St. Nicholas	<u>\$192.00</u>
	\$4123.00

Tithely January 2026 Total
by Category

Offertory	\$2615.74
Building Fund	\$426.84
Holy Water Bottles	\$10.61
Blessed Candles	\$31.20
<u>Less Tithely Fees</u>	<u>\$92.36</u>

TOTAL \$2992.03

"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 Feb. 17 \$2755.00 Next Session Tuesday, March 17.

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 Michael and Laura O’Leary, Patrick O’Leary, Patricia Onufrak, Michael and Dolores Opachko, Juan Carlos and Theresa Orihuela, Warren and Olga Osterberg, Julia Paluch-Hammond & Family, and from the Mission. Richard and Anita Rhinehart.

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 Fourth All Souls Saturday is Saturday, March 14^h. The final All Souls Saturday is May 23rd.

The Cross at the Midpoint. At Mid-Lent the image of the Cross is placed in the middle of the churches, as are the words of the Lord Jesus, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.” This links with the epistle we heard as the Great Fast began, “Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.” For St. Paul mentors us, You have taken off the old self with its practices

and have put on the new self". During the Fast we are divesting ourselves of our sinful selves, preparing to offer our old, sinful self to Jesus as He goes to the cross as satisfaction for our sins so that, with St. Paul, we can say: I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me." In this way, we will share in the resurrection at Pascha. Let us give up and lose the old sinful self by confession of our sins and ask Jesus to nail the old self to the cross so our re-newed self can obtain a share in the resurrection.

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 over commutation of Abstinence and Strict Abstinence into other pious practices.

Pussy Willows. With warmer weather, please 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.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

EMC Communion Breakfast Sunday March 15, 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 Sunday, March 15, 2026.

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.

Weekly Office Schedule

<i>Mon. 03/09</i>	<i>Tues. 03/10</i>	<i>Wed. 03/11</i>	<i>Thurs 03/12</i>	<i>Fri. 03/13</i>
Jamie/Lucie	Jamie	Lucie	Jamie & Lucie	Lucie & Jamie

Cemetery plots in Original Section. Fairfax Memorial Park has informed us that there are seven additional plots available adjacent to our original section. In what is known as Section 4, a natural event caused a tree to be uprooted which created the availability of these additional (7) seven plots. This is by our older section and all seven plots are in a row. Each site is \$9,995.00. With a potential discount, the price per plot could be \$7,496.25. This is not an open-ended offer. At this time, it is unknown how long this offer will be valid.

EMC Awards Club. First drawing is today, March 8th. 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. To date, Epiphany parishioners have pledged \$20,350 and have exceeded our goal. Since we have exceeded our goal, as in past years, 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.

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. **"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain"** **"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me."** **Are you ready to take up your cross?** Consider the Priesthood. <https://www.eparchyofpassaic.com/vocations>

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 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.	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 staple 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.

Financials:

February 2, 2026 Collection	\$473	February 15, 2026 Collection	\$854
February 8 2026 Collection	\$140	February 22, 2036 Collection	\$1555
Tythely Feb. 2026 Donations by Category \$144.68			
Less Bank Charge \$4.68			
\$140.00			

Collections Feb. \$3,663.68 + transfer from savings \$8,000=\$11,663.68-expenses\$ 8,943.20=\$2720.48

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(2Samuel 24-24)

PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy for THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST Veneration of the Holy Cross

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

GREEN p. 152 Resurrection Tone 6

RED p. 223 Third Sunday of the Great Fast

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: B

EXCEPT: Cherubic Hymn, We Praise You, All A

Veneration of the Cross

1. The Great Doxology is chanted, not sung p.457
2. At the conclusion of the Great Doxology, Holy God A p. 27, 3 times without Glory: now and ever: during the procession
3. The priest says: Wisdom! Be Attentive! We sing the troparion of the Holy Cross 3 times p. 223
4. 4. The priest sings “We bow to your cross” p. 32 once and we sing it trice.

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 6 p. 152 GREEN
 - Troparion of the Cross Tone 1 pp.223-224 RED
 - Kontakion of the Cross Tone 7 p. 224 RED
4. Instead of Trisagion “We bow to your cross” p. 33 BLUE
5. Scripture Readings:
 - Prokeimenon of the Cross p. 224 RED
 - Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6
 - Alleluia of the Cross p. 225 RED
 - Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1
6. Anaphora of St. Basil, pp. 96-99 BLUE

●**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
March 8	10:00 Fr. Dan		Food
March 15	10:00 Fr. Jerome	Social Hour	Food
March 22	10:00 Fr. Dan		Food
March 29	10:00 Fr. Dan	Social Hour	Food
March 31	Holy Tuesday Fr. Jerome	Anointing	