



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Glory to Jesus Christ!

Glory forever!

March 29, 2026

Slava Isusu Christu!

Slava na v'iki!

VIGIL OF THE ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

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

THE ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM – PALM SUNDAY

Sun. Mar. 29 9:00 AM +Mary and +Peter Gaydos by Nephews & Families

GREAT WEEK

Mon. Mar. 30 7:30 PM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Tues. Mar. 31 7:30 PM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Wed. Apr. 01 7:30 PM Office of Holy Anointing

GREAT THURSDAY

Thurs. Apr. 02 7:30 PM Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

GREAT FRIDAY

Fri. Apr. 03 10:00 AM Passion Matins

7:30 PM Vespers of the Lord's Burial

GREAT SATURDAY

VIGIL OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Sat. Apr. 04 5:00 PM Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD – PASCHA

Sun. Apr. 05 8:00 AM Resurrection Matins

9:00 AM Easter Divine Liturgy

Sat. Apr. 04 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Apr. 05 9:00 AM Volunteers

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Sat. Apr. 04 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Apr. 05 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

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>

Palm Sunday

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March 29, 2026

TITHING AND GIVING

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Adults	\$2412.50
Initial Offering	\$5.00
Building Fund	\$1010.00
Holy Days	\$150.00
Candles	\$97.00
Flowers	\$50.00
BCY	\$30.00
SOR	\$68.00
St. Nicholas	<u>\$107.00</u>
	\$3929.50

Tithely January 2026 Total

by Category	
Offertory	\$2615.74
Building Fund	\$426.84
Holy Water Bottles	\$10.61
Blessed Candles	\$31.20
Less Tithely Fees	<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 March 3 \$4687.00 Next Session Tuesday, April 7.

LITURGY AND LIFE

Great Week. After we commemorate our Lord's entrance into Jerusalem today, on the first three days of Great Week we prepare for our Lord's fearsome Second Coming in glory at the End Times as we sing the troparion "Behold, the Bridegroom is coming at Midnight." On Great Wednesday evening as we remember the anointing of our Lord by Mary, we receive the Sacrament of Holy Anointing for healing of soul and body and the forgiveness of sins so that we can be purified to be a communicant at Holy communion on Great Thursday at the Lord's Supper—the ritual anticipation of His sacrifice on the Cross. Great Friday we are witnesses of His voluntary crucifixion and burial for our redemption, offering ourselves to Him so that we can say, "With Christ, I am nailed to the Cross" (Galatians 2:19).

Guarding the Tomb. Each year on Great Friday and Great Saturday, parishioners guard the tomb of the Lord. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the Narthex. For questions, please see Ed Gubanich or Deacon El.

Sacrament of Penance. The Sacrament of Penance will be available Great Monday and Great Tuesday after Presanctified Liturgy and Great Wednesday after the Sacrament of Anointing.

Fasting Regulations. Great Wednesday and Great Saturday are days of abstinence, that is, no meat or meat products are consumed. Great Friday is a day of strict fast, that is, no meat or meat products—milk or dairy products are consumed.

Blessed Palm and Pussy Willows. Blessed Palms and Pussy Willows should be kept in your home, usually at the icon corner or crucifix, as a witness to the Lord's presence in your life. Last year's palms and pussy willows are blessed sacramentals and should be destroyed by burning or burying them or bring them to the hall in the chapel basement and place them in the receptacle provided. *Do not throw them in the trash!*

ECF-SOR Procession. On Palm Sunday, traditionally, the Divine Liturgy includes a procession and blessing of palms and pussy willows on this day. Parishioners are invited to join ECF-SOR students and parents during the Great Entrance of the Divine Liturgy to receive the blessing. Attention: Parents of infants and small children. We need you for the procession! In the 4th century the Nun Egeria wrote about the procession in Jerusalem that "there are very many children in these places—including those who cannot walk on foot and are to be carried by their parents."

Traditional Blessing of Paschal Foods. Paschal foods will be blessed Great Saturday evening after the Vigil Liturgy and Easter morning after the Divine Liturgy in the Parish Center.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saint Thomas Sunday Breakfast. On Sunday, April 12, the feast of the appearance of our Lord to St. Thomas, Epiphany celebrates with a parish meal that includes the food we have abstained from during the Great Fast. We will celebrate the feast with the traditional Easter foods like those that were blessed in the baskets on Easter. This event will take place after the Sunday 9AM Liturgy in the parish social hall. We welcome and encourage all to join us for the feast. This no-cost meal is provided courtesy of the parish.

- In Christ, Yasmine

Weekly Office Schedule

<i>Mon. 03/30</i>	<i>Tues. 03/31</i>	<i>Wed. 4/1</i>	<i>Thurs 4/2</i>	<i>Fri. 4/3</i>
Lucie/Jamie	Lucie	Jamie	Jamie & Lucie	Office closed

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. Since last Sunday, Epiphany parishioners have called the cemetery expressing interest in the plots. The cemetery will now hold the plots for Epiphany. If you are interested in purchasing one of these seven plots, you are urged to contact Fairfax Memorial Park quickly at 703 988 1071.

EMC Awards Club. The first drawing for the Spring EMC Awards Club Raffle was held last Sunday, March 8th. The winner of the first drawing is Mary Sikora #186 The winner of the second drawing held March 15th was Deacon El Pekarik, 083. Donna Reid, 063, was the winner of the third drawing held March 22. The next drawing will be today, March 29th at 11:30 AM.

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 \$21,100 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.

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 vacations 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. **“Come after me. I will make you Fishers of Men.” New men for crew of Barque of Peter needed. Complete training and nets provided. Expect turbulent seas, rough conditions, life-long voyage, life-preservers for people you catch on nautical rescue mission, best Captain in this or the next world.** 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!

Cathedral Corporation Envelopes. Cathedral Corporation, the company which produces our Collection envelopes has informed us that their printer has malfunctioned, and church envelopes will be delayed. While their employees are working overtime and weekends to catch up, you may experience some delay in receiving your envelope packet in the mail. Meanwhile, you may use a plain envelope and write your name, your envelope number and any designation, e.g. Building Fund, Offertory, Easter, and place it in the collection basket or mail to the church office

MISSION

Mission Liturgy Schedule.

Day	Date	Time	Celebrant
Sun.	3/29	10:00 AM	Fr. Daniel

Tues.	3/31	6:30 PM	Fr. Jerome
Fri.	4/3	3:00 PM	Fr. Jerome
Sun.	4/5	10:00 – Pascha	Fr. Jerome
Sun	4/12	10:00 AM	Fr. Daniel

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

Sacrament of Penance. Father Jerome will be available to hear confessions after the Sacrament of Holy Anointing on Great Tuesday evening.

Blessing of Paschal Foods. Blessing of Easter Baskets with Paschal Foods will take place at the Mission House after the Divine Liturgy of Pascha.

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.

Financials:

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

Collection: Mar. 1: \$740.00

Collection: Mar. 8: \$355.00

Collection Mar. 15 \$450.00

Collection March 22: \$466.00

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(2Samuel 24-24)

PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy for ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM

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

RED p 235 Entrance of Our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

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

1. The Divine Liturgy begins on page 11 BLUE
2. First and Second Antiphon of Palm Sunday p. 235-236 RED
3. Third Antiphon of Palm Sunday p. 237 RED
4. Entrance Hymn Troparion Tome 1 p. 237 RED
5. At the Troparia
 - Troparion of Lazarus Tone 1 p. 236 RED
 - Troparion of Palm Sunday Tone 4, pp.237-238 RED
 - Kontakion Palm Sunday Tone 6 p. 238 RED
6. Scripture Readings
 - Prokeimenon of Palm Sunday Tone 4 p. 239 RED
 - Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9
 - Alleluia of Palm Sunday Tone 1 p. 239 RED
 - Gospel: John 12:1-18
7. Instead of... " *It is Truly Proper...* " **Magnification** p. 239 and Irmos p. 240 RED
8. Communion Hymn p. 241 A

Hymns before Divine Liturgy Holy, Holy, Holy p. 35 & Rejoice Today with All Your Heart
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• **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 29	10:00 Fr. Dan	Social Hour	Food
March 31	Holy Tuesday Fr. Jerom	Anointing	
April 3	Great & Holy Friday Fr. Jerome	Great Vespers of the Entombment	
April 5	Resurrection Fr. Jerome		

