



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Very Reverend John G. Basarab

Christ is Risen!

Indeed He Is Risen!

April 12, 2026

Christos Voskrese!

Voistinnu Voskrese!

VIGIL OF THOMAS SUNDAY

Sat. Apr. 11 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

THOMAS SUNDAY

Sun Apr. 12 9:00 AM +Edward Hospodar by Chris & Joe Brewer

THOMAS WEEK

VIGIL OF SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH—BEARERS

Sat. Apr. 18 5:00 PM Intention of the Parishioners

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS

Sun. Apr. 19 9:00 AM +Heike Emma Stucke by Kevin & Holly Hogan

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat. Apr. 18 5:00 PM R. Maurice

Sun. Apr. 19 9:00 AM P. Cooke (L), j. Hughes, M. Hughes, R. Riley

USHERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Apr. 18 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Apr. 19 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 n on the Theology of the Mystery (Sacrament). They are also required to attend Pre-Cana Conference. 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>

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

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

Thomas Sunday

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April 12, 2026

TITHING AND GIVING

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Adults	\$4780.00
Building Fund	\$3175.00
Holy Days	\$1145.00
Candles	\$65.00
Flowers	\$5.00
BCY	\$20.00
SOR	\$65.00
Easter	\$5710.00
ECL	\$18.00
Catholic Missions	\$10.00
—	\$14,993.00

Tithely February 2026 Total by Category

Offertory	\$2615.74
Building Fund	\$426.84
Holy water Bottles	\$10.61
Blessed Candles	\$31.20
Less Bank Charges	\$92.36
	\$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 21, 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, Louisa and James Donaldson, 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 Marjorie Pavliscak, Nora Peabody-Krisztinecz & Family, Dn El & Sally Pekarik, Brian and Mary Elizabeth Phillips, Stephen Plishka, Dennia and Catherine Pluchinsky, Dennis and Virginia Poindexter, and from the Mission. Louis and Marie Shanks.

All Souls Saturdays. The final All Souls Saturday is May 23rd.

Feast of St. George. Wednesday will be the final day Father Jason Dechanne will be with us. Father Jason will celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the feast of St. George Wednesday evening at 7:30PM. If you want to say farewell to Father Jason, please attend the Wednesday holyday Divine Liturgy.

Paschal Prescriptions. There is no kneeling for the fifty days from the Sunday of Pascha until Pentecost when kneeling resumes.

Paschal Rituals. We express our joy in the resurrection by several rituals during the forty days of Pascha: 1) As a sign of the joy that is ours in the resurrection, we do not kneel from Easter Sunday to Pentecost for any of the liturgical services, for the time of penance is completed, and joy now reigns. We stand instead of kneeling, and we stand whenever *Christ is Risen is sung*. 2) After Bright Week, commemorations for the living or for departed intentions are made, but with the proper response of “Many years...” or “Eternal memory...”.) The Artos (Greek: Bread) blessed and placed on the tetrapod on Pascha is broken and distributed today. Jesus said, “I am the living Bread that came down from heaven.” (John 6:51). The Artos is placed in the middle

of the churches “in full view of the faithful to serve as their same reminder of the invisible presence of the Lord with us.” (Bulgakov, Kiev, 1900)

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

Presbyteral Days. Fr. John will be attending Presbyteral Days with his fellow priests and Bishop Kurt this week. There will be no liturgies this week. Fr. John will celebrate Saturday Vigil Divine Liturgy at 5:00 PM and Divine Liturgy for Sunday at 9:00 AM.

Weekly Office Schedule

<i>Mon. 04/13</i>	<i>Tues. 04/14</i>	<i>Wed. 04/15</i>	<i>Thurs 04/16</i>	<i>Fri. 04/17</i>
Jamie/ Lucie	Jamie	Lucie	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. 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.

No Epiphany Men's Club (EMC) Meeting in April; Next Meeting May 3, 2026. Epiphany Men's Club will not have a monthly meeting in April. Emails will be sent as needed during April regarding EMC updates, requests for help, and other matters. The next meeting will be on Sunday May 3, 2026, after 9 am Liturgy. Have a great Easter Season!

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 fourth drawing held March 29th was won by Robert Riley, #085. The fifth drawing winner is Judith Hancher, #296. The next drawing will be today, April 12^h at 11:30 AM.

No April Epiphany Ladies Guild Meeting. There will be no ELG meeting in April. The next ELG meeting will be Sunday, May 3rd. The meeting will begin immediately following the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Come join us in the parish hall

EMC Communion Breakfast Next Sunday April 19, 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 April 19, 2026.**

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.

MISSION

Mission Liturgy Schedule.

Day	Date	Time	Celebrant
Sun	4/12	10:00 AM	Fr. Daniel
Sun	4/19	10:00 AM	Fr. Daniel
Sun.	4/26	10:00 AM	Fr. Daniel

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: Collections: March Deposits \$2,516.00; March Expenses (\$5,706.55); March Deficit (\$3,190.55) Tithely \$160

"The king, however, replied: 'I cannot sacrifice to the Lord my God offerings that cost me nothing.'" (2Samuel 24-24)

PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy

for

THOMAS SUNDAY

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

RED p. 175 Thomas Sunday

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: C

EXCEPT: Cherubic Hymn

Communion Hymn All D

Our Father – Paschal Melody p. 167

1. The Divine Liturgy begins on page 11 BLUE
2. Sunday Antiphons p.175 RED
3. At the Troparia
 - Troparion of Thomas Sunday Special Tone 7 p. 175 RED
 - Kontakion of Thomas Sunday Tone 8 p.176 RED
4. Scripture Readings
 - Prokeimenon of Thomas Sunday Tone 3 p. 176 RED
 - The Trisagion is sung.
 - Epistle: Acts 5:12-20
 - Alleluia of Thomas Sunday Tone 8 p.176 RED
 - Gospel: John 20:19-31
6. Instead of... ” *It is Truly Proper...* ” **The angel exclaimed...** ” (music p.164)
7. Communion Hymn of Thomas Sunday p.177 RED
8. Instead of... ” ” “We have seen a great light...,” Christ is risen from the dead!
By death...” (music 170)
9. Instead of...”Glory to the Father...” at dismissal, “Christ is risen from the dead!
By death...” *response by faithful* “ Christ is risen from the dead! By death...” “And
to us he granted life eternal. Let us bow before his resurrection on the third
day!”(music p. 170)
10. After dismissal, the priest says, “Christ is Risen,” and the faithful respond, “Indeed
He is Risen,” three times, and on is sung once by the priest and twice by faithful.
Special melodies p. 170

●**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 staple 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
April 12	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy Fr. Daniel	Food Collection
April 19	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy Fr. Daniel	Food Collection Social
April 26	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy	Food Collection

