



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Christ is Risen!
Indeed He Is Risen!**

May 3, 2026

**Christos Voskrese!
Voistinnu Voskrese!**

VIGIL OF THE SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Sat. May 02 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Sun. May 03 9:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on Fr. John
by Epiphany Parishioners

FIFTH PASCHAL WEEK

Tues. May 05 10:00 AM +John Kuklish by Epiphany Men's Club

Holy and Glorious Apostle and Evangelist John

Fri. May 08 10:00 AM +Mary and +Peter Gaydos by Nephews & Families

VIGIL OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

Sat. May 09 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

Sun. May 10 9:00 AM All Living and Deceased Mothers

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Sat. May 09 5:00 PM R. Maurice

Sun. May 10 9:00 AM J. Ricca (L), P. Cooke, J. Hughes, M. Hughes

USHERS SCHEDULE

Sat. May 09 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. May 10 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

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, 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 office.

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

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May 3, 2026

TITHING AND GIVING

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Adults	\$2390.00
Building Fund	\$1385.00
Candles	\$30.00
BCY	\$5.00
SOR	\$5.00
Flowers	\$10.00
Catholic Missions	\$280.00
St. Nicholas	\$71.00
	<u>\$4 176.50</u>

Tithely March 2026 Total by Category

Offertory	\$2762.56
Less Bank Charges	<u>\$87.08</u>
	\$2675.48

"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 April 7 is \$6751.00 Next Session Tuesday, May 5, 2026 .

LITURGY AND LIFE

Please remember in prayer: Msgr. George, Deacon Peter Turko, Ed Gubanich, Caroline Zurun, John Vernoski, Marge Rusnak, Steve Seman, Damon Seman, Jessica Polink, John Anthon, Kimberly Snow, Michael Maskarinec, 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, Steve Anderson, and Gerry Schalestock.

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 Christopher and Andrea Pullella & Family, Joanne and Randall Borden , David and Virginia Rapavi, Paulina Rapavi, Dennis and Marta Reuter, Melanie Reuter, Nicholas Reuter and , from the mission, Michon Kretchmaier

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

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...”.)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

Weekly Office Schedule

<u>Mon. 05/04</u>	<u>Tues.05/05</u>	<u>Wed. 05/06</u>	<u>Thurs 05/07</u>	<u>Fri. 05/08</u>
Jamie/ Lucie	Lucie	Jamie	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 first published, 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. We have been informed just this week, that two of these plots have been sold. However, we have been again graced with the availability of two additional plots in the same area. So again, Epiphany has (7) seven plots in the same area together available for purchase for a limited time. If you are thinking of looking into one or more of these plots, it is so important to act with haste.

EMC Mothers' Day Breakfast. Epiphany Men's Club sponsors a monthly Communion Breakfast, usually on the third Sunday of each month following the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy. However, in celebration of Mother's Day, the Communion Breakfast will be held next weekend, specifically on May 10th, 2026. Breakfast is free for all women.

EMC May Meeting. The next EMC meeting is today, Sunday, May 3rd. The meeting will begin in the back of the hall immediately following the conclusion of the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Food and drinks will be provided.

EMC Awards Club. The winner of the EMC Awards Club 8th drawing is Tony Fazio, 195. The next drawing will take place today at 11:30 AM in the parish hall.

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 through 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 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. "What shall I render to the Lord for all his good to me? I will lift up the Chalice of Salvation and call upon the name of the Lord." (Psalm 116:2)
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!

SEEK2027. Bishop Kurt wants every parish to send their college students and young adults to SEEK2027. SEEK is annually sponsored by FOCUS, Fellowship of Catholic University Students, and is the largest world-wide gathering of college students and young adult Catholics in the world. SEEK2026 was attended by 21,000+. SEEK2027 will be held at Columbus, OH, January 1-5, 2027. Registration fees: College students and seminarians: \$545; Regular registration: \$575, Premium: \$2,500. (Premium includes three meals per day. Housing and travel expenses not included in registration fees.) At SEEK2027 "Ever Ancient, Ever New" expect to encounter Jesus Christ through prayer, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Scripture study, receptions of the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion; experience fellowship with fellow Catholics, inspiration through choosing which motivational speakers' sessions interest you, and entertainments each day of the conference. Bishop Kurt encourages the parishes to begin fund raising events and requesting parishioners who will sponsor a college student's costs.

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.

Christendom College invites you to a weekend of intellectual renewal at this year's summer conference, "**Faith and Science: From Wonder to Human Genius.**" Leading Catholic thinkers—including **Stephen Barr, Fr. Tad Pacholczyk, David Deavel, John Cuddeback**, and others—will explore the profound harmony between faith and science. Together, we'll contemplate the wonder of creation and consider how human genius, rightly ordered, can serve truth, culture, and the dignity of the human person. Enrich your mind, renew your spirit, and celebrate our Catholic Faith. Join us for the day on **August 8th** or enjoy extended access with the special 3-day VIP access ticket from **August 7-9th!** **Register and learn more at conference.christendom.edu.**

MISSION

Mission Liturgy Schedule.

Day	Date	Time	Celebrant
Sun.	5/3	10:00 AM	Fr. Jerome
Sun.	5/10		
Sun.	5/17	10:00 AM	Fr. Dan
Sun.	5/24	10:00 AM	Fr. Dan

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. Social Hour is this Sunday, April 19th. Come join us for Christian fellowship after the Divine 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: March Deposits \$2,516.00; March Expenses (\$5,706.55); March Deficit (\$3,190.55) Tithely \$160

Sunday, April 5- \$605.

Sunday, April 12 - \$865.

Sunday April 19 – \$245.

Sunday April 26 - \$710.

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(2Samuel 24-24)

PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy for *SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN*

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

RED p `181 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: B

EXCEPT:

Our Father Paschal Tone p.167

1. Hymn during incensation Christ is risen B p. 171
2. Sunday Antiphons
3. At the Troparia
 - Troparion of the Resurrection Tone 4 p, 186 RED
 - Troparion of Mid-Pentecost Tone 8 p. 186 RED
 - Kontakion of the Samaritan Woman Tone 8 p. 187 RED
 - Kontakion of Mid -Pentecost Tone 4 p. 187 RED
4. Scripture Readings
 - Prokeimenon of Samaritan Woman Tone 3 p. 188 RED
 - Epistle: Acts 11:19-26 &29-30
 - Alleluia of Samaritan Woman Tone 4 p .188 RED
 - Gospel: John 4:5-42.
5. Instead of... ” *It is Truly Proper...* ” **The angel exclaimed...**” (music p.167)
6. Communion Hymn of Pascha then of Sunday p. 168-169 RED
7. Instead of... ” ” “We have seen the true light light...,” and “Glory now and ever...”in the dismissal, the Paschal Troparion is sung
8. 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 3

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
April 19	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy Fr. Daniel	Food Collection Social
April 26	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy	Food Collection
May 3	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy Fr. Jerome	
May 10	TBD		
May 17	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy' Fr. Dan	Social