



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Glory to Jesus Christ!

Slava Isusu Christu!

May 17, 2026

Glory forever!

Slava na v'iki!

VIGIL OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Sat. May 16 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Sun. May 17 9:00 AM +Kathleen Halston by Kyra & Robert Gerardi

SEVENTH PASCHAL WEEEEK

Wed. May 20 11:00 AM Funeral Divine Liturgy - +John Anthon

FIFTH ALL SOULS SATURDAY

Sat. May 23 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy and Remembrance of the Departed

VIGIL OF PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sat. May 23 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sun. May 24 10:00 AM Health & God's Blessings on
Christian Monte's by Turko Family

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Sat. May 23 5:00 PM R. Maurice

Sun May 24 9:00 AM J. Hughes (L), P. Cooke, C. Noffsinger, J. Ricca

USHERS SCHEDULE

Sat. May 23 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. May 24 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

Fathers of the 1st Council

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May 17, 2026

TYTHING & GIVING

Sunday, May 10, 2026

Adults	\$1415.00
Building Fund	\$910.00
Holy Days	\$50.00
Candles	\$68.25
BCY	\$25.00
SOR	\$20.00
St. Nicholas	\$70.00
	<u>\$2552.25</u>

Tithely April 2026 Total by Category	
Offertory	\$4238.01
Bldg. Fund.	\$574.04
Cabbles/Holy Table	
Collection	\$62.10
Less Bank Charges	\$125.90
<u>Less Failed transactions</u>	<u>\$62.73</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, 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 Stephen and Shannon Rodock, Teresa Rodock-Seay, Elaine Rusinko – Rothenberg and Stuart Rothenburg, Marge Rusnak, Charles and Helen Russo, Cyrus Ryan Hunter Ryan and, from the mission, Jack and Alfred Minichiello.

Nine Days for Preparation. “And I, when I am lifted up, will draw all men to myself.” (John 12:32). The Lord Jesus’s ascension is the completion of His sacrifice on the cross and His resurrection. He has taken our human nature to heaven with Him, where it has not been allowed. “Stay in Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high,” (Luke 24: 49) Jesus told the apostles, right before He ascended from them. The Lord is going to draw all men to himself and to heaven by sending God the Holy Spirit. The apostles and the Mother of God use the nine days at the Upper Room in prayer, reflection on what Jesus has done as contained in the gospel and the Tradition and prepare themselves to be open to receive the Holy Spirit. During the nine days of preparation, we imitate them: we withdraw a little from the world and spend time in our room, reading the gospels, praying to be open to the Holy Spirit’s gifts, and pray for the Church of Jesus Christ which was given life by the breath of the Holy Spirit that descended as a wind on Pentecost.

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

Condolences, We offer our condolences to Mary Ann Anthon upon the death of her husband, +John Anthon, who passed away Friday, May 8th. The funeral will be from Epiphany of our Lord this Wednesday, May 20, 2026. Visitation at Epiphany Narthex 10:00-11:00 AM. Funeral Divine Liturgy at 11:00 AM. Burial is from Fairfax Memorial Park. May God grant His departed servant, +John, peaceful repose. Vičnaja jemu pamjat’.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Office Schedule

<i>Mon. 05/18</i>	<i>Tues. 05/19</i>	<i>Wed. 05/20</i>	<i>Thurs 05/21</i>	<i>Fri. 05/22</i>
Lucie	Lucie	Jamie	Jamie & Lucie	Jamie & Lucie

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 shed, 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 Awards Club. Thank you to everyone who supported the Epiphany Men's Club Spring Awards Club Raffle. One winner was drawn each week. The first nine winners received \$50. The tenth winner received \$1000. The \$50 winning ticket holders are: 1. Mary Sikora, #186; 2. Dn. El Pekarik, #083; 3. Donna Reid, #063; 4. Robert Riley, #085; 5. Judith Hancher, #296; 6. Terry Abell, #276; 7. Michael Kernich, #153; 8. Tony Fazio, #195; 9. Armie Reodica, #158; and 10th winner, Dorcos Mella, #164 winner of the \$1000!

Epiphany Ladies Guild Spring Dance. ELG will host their annual Spring dance June 6 at Epiphany of our Lord in the Parish Social Hall located at 3408 Woodburn Road, Annandale VA 22003. The event begins at 7:30 PM and ends at 10:30 PM. Join us for dancing, and fun! There will be door prizes. Heavy appetizers, dessert bar, coffee, tea, sodas, beer and wine will be served. Tickets available at the door or reserve tables by calling 703 255 2221 or DTParrell@gmail.com

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 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. **“When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” (Matthew 9:36)** How to deal with this situation? God has an answer: **“And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.” (Jeremiah 3:17).** If you are a man with a compassionate heart and the High Priest Jesus is calling you, don’t keep Him on hold. 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, 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.

Oriente Lumen XXX Conference Announced. The 30th Oriente Lumen Conference, founded and chaired by Lector Jack Figel, will take place on July 13-15 at the St. John Paul II Shrine and Retreat House in Washington, DC. The theme will be “Ecumenical Crossroad: Consensus Achieved – What’s Next?” Speakers will include Cardinal Sean O’Malley, Archbishop Flavio Pace from the Vatican, Bishop John Michael Botean (Romanian Greek Catholic), Bishop Anthony Vrame (Greek Orthodox), and Lector Jack. Video lectures will also be made by Archbishop Borys Gudziak (Ukrainian Greek Catholic) and

Metropolitan Job of Pisidia (Ecumenical Patriarchate). Register for this in-person event and get to mingle with high Church officials here: <https://olfoundation.net/upcoming-events/orientale-lumen-xxx/>

Uzhhorod380. The Eparchy of Passaic has posted six 15-20 minute educational videos on the eparchial YouTube channel about the Union of Uzhhorod, originally produced by Channel 21 Uzhhorod. Professor Volodymyr Fenych delivered the lectures and there is an English translation.

MISSION

Mission Liturgy Schedule.

Day	Date	Time	Celebrant
Sun.	5/17	10:00 AM	Father Daniel Grigassy, O.F.M.
Sun.	5/24	10:00 AM	Father Daniel Grigassy, O.F.M.
Sun.	5/31	10:00 AM	Father Daniel Grigassy, O.F.M.

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, May 17th. Come join us for Christian fellowship after the Divine Liturgy.

Mission Meeting. This Sunday after the Divine Liturgy.

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: April \$2,425 Tithley \$175 Transfer from savings \$3000 Expenses April (\$5336.28) Balance \$263.72.

Sunday, May 3 - \$335

Sunday, May 10 - \$1,020

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(2Samuel 24-24)

PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy for

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

RED p. 196 Sunday of the Fathers of the First Council

YELLOW p. 191 Ascension

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: D

EXCEPT:

Holy God and Our Father

1. Hymn during incensation Be exalted above the heavens and The Lord now ascends.
2. First and Second Antiphons of Ascension p. 196 RED
3. Third Antiphon p. 197 RED
4. At the Troparia
 - Troparion of the Resurrection Tone 6 pp. 197-198 GREEN
 - Troparion of Ascension Tone 4 p. 198 YELLOW
 - Troparion of the Council Fathers Tone 8 p. 198 RED
 - Kontakion of the Council Fathers Tone 8 pp. 198 RED
 - Kontakion of the Ascension Tone 6 p. 199 YELLOW
5. Scripture Reading
 - Prokeimenon of the Fathers Tone 8 p. RED
 - Epistle: Acts 20:16 & 28-36
 - Alleluia Tone 1 p. 200 RED
 - Gospel: John 17:1-13
6. Instead of “*It is truly proper...*” The Exaltation and Irmos of Ascension p. 200 RED
7. Instead of “*We have seen the true light...,*” and “*May our mouths be filled...*” Be Exalted above the heavens, O God...” This is sung until the Otdaniye of Ascension. 8 p. 202 RED

●**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 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
May 17	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy Fr. Dan	Social