



## **EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**

**BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**3410 Woodburn Road**

**Annandale, VA 22003**

**Very Reverend John G. Basarab**

**Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Slava Isusu Christu!**

**September 6, 2026**

**Glory forever!  
Slava na v'iki!**

### ***VIGIL OF THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

Sat. Sept. 05 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

### ***FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

Sun. Sept. 06 9:00 AM +Mary and +Peter Gaydos  
by Nephews & Families

### ***Sixteenth Week after Pentecost***

Mon. Sept. 07 10:00 AM Requiem Divine Liturgy for +Mary Rock Grama

### ***BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS - SOLEMN***

Tues. Sept. 08 10:00 AM +Mary Ellen and John "Jack" Kepick  
by Marlene McCracken

### ***VIGIL OF THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS***

Sat. Sept 12 5:00 PM +Peter and +Helen Feskanich  
by Dolores & Michael Opachko

### ***SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS***

Sun. Sept. 13 9:00 AM Intention of Parishioners

### **ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE**

Sat. Sept. 12 5:00 PM R. Maurice

Sun. Sept. 13 9:00 AM R. Riley (L), J. Hughes, M. Hughes, C. Noffsinger

### **USHERS SCHEDULE**

Sat. Sept. 12 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Sept. 13 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](mailto: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.

#### **Parish Office Staff**

Jamie Bacigalupi, Administrative Assistant  
Lucie Cantsilieris, Financial Assistant

**Parish Office Hours:** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Monday – Friday

## **15th Sunday after Pentecost**

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## **September 6, 2026**

### **TITHING & GIVING**

Sunday, August 30, 2026

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| Adults        | \$1420.00 |
| Building Fund | \$1502.00 |
| Holy Days     | \$20.00   |
| Candles       | \$134.10  |
| BCY           | \$5.00    |
| SOR           | \$5.00    |
| Seminary      | \$10.00   |
| St. Nicholas  | \$1.00    |
|               | <hr/>     |
|               | 3117.00\$ |

Tithely July2026 Total by Category

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Offertory         | \$3021.00 |
| Bldg. Fund.       | \$323.54  |
| Less Bank Charges | \$102.39  |
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|                   | \$3242.35 |

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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? The Bingo profit for August 18 was \$2435. Visit [www.emcbingo.com](http://www.emcbingo.com) Next Session is Tuesday, September 1.

## LITURGY AND LIFE

**Please remember in prayer:** Msgr. George Dobes, Deacon Peter Turko, Caroline Zurun, John Vernoski, Marge Rusnak, Steve Seman, Damon Seman, Jessica Polink, Kimberly Snow, Michael Maskarinec, Alfred Minichiello, Betty Mattingly, Tony Fazio, Marilou MacDonnell, and Caroline “Tiger” Davidowich. 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, Laurie Anderson, Louisa Donaldson, Steve Anderson, Bobbi Stak, .Mary Kisha, sister of Emil Koval, and Patrolman Maria Kisha, niece of Emil Koval.

**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: Nia Zekan, Mary Zuran, Joseph and Karen Adelman, David Alexander, Megan Anderson, Robert Anderson, Ryan Anderson, and from the Mission, Sheri and Edward Fogle & Family.

**Nativity of the Mother of God.** The first feast of the Liturgical Year is the Nativity of the Mother of God, one of the Twelve Great Feasts. The details of the conception and birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God are contained in the Protoevangelion of James, a second century work that appeared about the year 150. While it is not a canonical book included in the Bible, and the details contained do not have to be believed, her birthday is observed to make it clear that the Blessed Virgin was truly a human being born on earth, and that through her God the Word became man and was present on earth. Just as we honor those we love by attending their birthday party, the Divine Liturgy for the Mother of God and our Mother is a way to honor her. Wearing blue and having birthday cake or cupcakes for her birthday are good home observances.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Epiphany Mens Club (EMC) Meeting - Today Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup>** The EMC September meeting is today, Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will begin in the back of the Hall immediately following the 9:00 Divine Liturgy. Food and Beverage will be provided.

**Epiphany Ladies Guild (ELG) Meeting - Important: Note the Date: Sunday, September 13, 2026.** Please mark your calendars for our next ELG meeting, which will be held on Sunday, September 13, 2026, immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Lunch will be served. Please note the date, as it is **not** our usual first Sunday. We have several updates and activities to discuss. We hope to see you at the meeting!

### Weekly Office Schedule

| <i>Mon. 9/07</i> | <i>Tues. 9/08</i> | <i>Wed. 9/09</i> | <i>Thurs 9/10</i> | <i>Fri. 9/11</i> |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Office closed    | Lucie             | Jamie            | Jamie & Lucie     | Lucie/Jamie      |

**Labor Day.** The office will be closed tomorrow for the observance of Labor Day.

**Mezzanine Icons Available.** Christine Uveges Loya, the Iconographer, has sent us the icon plan for the mezzanine (choir loft). The icons are four hymnographers: King David the Psalmist, St. Cassia the Poetess (famous for stichera on Christmas Eve and Great Wednesday), St. Romanus the Melodist (known for the Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God and for many kontakia), and St. John of Damascus (Author of the Octoechos-the Book of Eight Tones and the funeral service). There is one icon remaining available for donation: Saint John of Damascus. The cost of each icon is \$6,200. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in donating one of these Icons in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving or honor of a living family member.

## EPARCHIAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Pilgrimage.** The Pilgrimage at Mt. St. Macrina, Uniontown, PA is this weekend. The center of the pilgrimage is the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help that Pope Pius XI gave to Mother Macrina with the charge to foster devotion to the Mother of God under that title. Since 1934 the Sisters of St. Basil have hosted this pilgrimage. Our processional cross is on the Mount and will be carried along with the crosses of the other parishes of the Metropolitan

Church of Pittsburgh. Please pray for the sisters, for the pilgrims, and for our parishioners who are participating in the Pilgrimage.

**Mid-Atlantic States Syncellate Wedding Anniversary Celebration (Jubilarian).** The wedding anniversary celebration for married couples observing their five-year anniversary, i.e. 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, will be held November 14, 2026, at Epiphany of our Lord Church. If you are celebrating one of these five-year anniversaries, you will be receiving an invitation within the week. Please return the response card whether you plan to attend or not. This helps us in planning for the event.

**Bishop's Appeal 2025.** The Bishop's Appeal 2025 began in October 2025 and has concluded June 30, 2026. Our goal for this year was \$19,800. Epiphany parishioners have pledged \$23,600 and have exceeded our goal. Epiphany has received our rebate check of 40%. Thank you again for your generous support!

**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.

**New Home on the Internet of Eparchy of Passaic.** The Eparchy of Passaic has a new look for its web site thanks to Jerry Wutkowski, online communications director.

## MISSION

### Mission Liturgy Schedule.

| Day    | Date | Time | Celebrant |
|--------|------|------|-----------|
| Sunday | TBA  |      |           |

**Prayer Intentions:** Louis Shanks, Marie Shanks, and Alfred Minichiello.

**Social Hour.** There is a social hour on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month following Liturgy. Come join us for Christian fellowship after the Divine Liturgy.

**Bishop's Appeal 2025.** The Bishop's Appeal 2025 began in October 2025 and concluded June 30, 2026. Our goal for this year was \$6000. Epiphany Mission parishioners have pledged \$4,790. May God bless you for your generosity.

### **Financials:** Collections:

Sunday, Sunday July 12 - \$725; Received Friday, July 31 - \$400

July Tithely - \$225

May Totals and Expenses and balance

Bank Deposits \$2925.00

Tithely \$228.97

Expenses \$(2743.39)

Remaining \$410.58

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# PARISH USTAV

## The Order for the Divine Liturgy for *FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*

BLUE            p. 11            Mark Divine Liturgy

GREEN           p. 152           Resurrection Tone 6

### **ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: B**

#### **EXCEPT:**

Our Father Tone 6 p. 71

1. Sunday Antiphons
2. At the Troparia
  - Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 6 p. 152 GREEN
  - Kontakion of the Resurrection Tone 6 pp. 152 GREEN
3. Scripture Readings
  - Prokeimenon of the Resurrection Tone 6 p. 153 GREEN
  - Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15
  - Alleluia of the Resurrection Tone 6 p. 153 GREEN
  - Gospel: Matthew 22:35-48
4. Communion Hymn of Sunday