



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 13, 2026

Glory forever!
Slava na v'iki!

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

Seventeenth Week after Pentecost

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS- SOLEMN

Mon. Sept. 14 10:00 AM +John Soyka by Children and Grandchildren

Fri. Sept. 18 10:00 AM +Pat Cuccia by Michael and Emily Strickland

VIGIL OF THE SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Sat. Sept. 19 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Sun. Sept. 20 9:00 AM +Edward J. Hospodar by Edward Hospodar Family

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Sept. 19 5:00 PM R. Maurice

Sun. Sept. 20 9:00 AM C. Noffsinger (L), M. Hughes, J. Ricca, R. Riley

USHERS SCHEDULE

Sat. Sept. 19 5:00 PM Volunteers

Sun. Sept. 20 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 office.

Parish Office Staff

Jamie Bacigalupi, Administrative Assistant
Lucie Cantsilieris, Financial Assistant

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

Sunday before the Exaltation

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September 13, 2026

TITHING & GIVING

Sunday, Sept. 6, 2026

Adults	\$1855.00
Building Fund	\$430.00
Holy Days	\$235.00
Candles	\$80.40
BCY	\$5.00
SOR	\$305.00
Seminary	\$130.00
St. Nicholas	\$50.00
Holy Water Bottles	\$60.00
<u>Bldg. Fund Letter</u>	<u>\$1800.00</u>
	\$4950.00

Tithely, August 2026 Total by Category

Offertory	\$3021.20
Bldg. Fund	\$323.54
<u>Less Bank Charges</u>	<u>\$102.39</u>
	\$3242.35

"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? The Bingo profit for August 18 was \$2435. Visit www.emcbingo.com Next Session is Tuesday, September 15.

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: David and Stephanie Andrejcak, Matthew Behnke, Peter Behnke, Kevin and Theresa Matlaga-Bell, Kevin Bell, Jr., Matthew and Rose Bell & Family, Stephen Bell, and from the Mission, James Fong.

Exaltation and Disciple Evaluation. The feast of the Exaltation of the Cross gives each one of us, every disciple of Jesus Christ, an opportunity to evaluate his/her discipleship and to reaffirm the pledge made at baptism: “I believe in Him as King and God.” **The feast is the result of historical events: the discovery of the True Cross and Pilate’s Title declaring Jesus as King by St. Helen and the veneration by the workers by the workers building the basilica rotunda, the elevation of the True Cross by Marcarius, Archbishop of Jerusalem at the Dedication of the Basilica of the Martyrion and the veneration by the pilgrims assembled for the Dedication, and the recovery of the True Cross from the Persians by Emperor Heraclius II and its terms return to Jerusalem. Reacting to the gospel account of the terrible act of deicide in the trial, torture and crucifixion, the feast day hymns of the hymnographers Cyprian, Anantolios, John the Monk, and Emperor Leo convey a feeling of great joy at a King Who does not take from His subjects but gives salvation and life. The question is asked: To whom do you bow, flesh and blood or the awesome God?**

Commemoration of the 9/11 Attacks. Beginning Friday, September 11th, this weekend our nation remembers the 25th anniversary of the attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center, and the crash in Shanksville, PA. Some of our parishioners worked in the Pentagon while others heard the low-flying jet on its approach through Northern Virginia, but the Lord spared Epiphany church and Epiphany mission parishioners. In the following days, instead of panic and alarm, there was an outpouring of patriotic fervor, a rare unity of citizens: across party, race, economic and educational backgrounds, as people followed the example of civic and military leaders who gathered at the National Cathedral in Washington on the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, September 14, 2001 to pray for divine protection and guidance before taking action. In the following days and months, churches and houses of worship were regularly filled as people recognized their need for and dependance on God. Psalm 20 directed the nation's thoughts: "May the Lord answer you in the time of distress. May the name of the God of Jacob defend you...He will answer him from the holy heavens with a strong arm that brings victory. Some rely on [war] chariots, others on [cavalry] horses, but we rely on the name of the LORD our God. They collapse and fall, but we stand strong and firm."

Sacrament of Initiation. We welcome into the Mystical Body of Christ, Phoebe Anne Ballard, daughter of Shelby and Bryce Ballard, baptized, christmated and received First Holy Communion, last Sunday, September 6th. May God grant Phoebe Anne a pure Profession of the Faith all the days of her life. Mnohaja l'ita!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Epiphany Ladies Guild (ELG) Meeting - TODAY, September 13, 2026. Today is the next ELG meeting, which will be held immediately following the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Lunch will be served.

Weekly Office Schedule

<i>Mon. 9/14</i>	<i>Tues. 9/15</i>	<i>Wed. 9/16</i>	<i>Thurs 9/17</i>	<i>Fri. 9/18</i>
Jamie	Lucie	Jamie	Jamie & Lucie	Lucie/Jamie

Mezzanine Icons Available. Christine Uveges Loya, the Iconographer, has sent us the icon plan for the mezzanine (choir loft). Of the four hymnographers to be painted, 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 \$6,100. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in donating the remaining icon in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving or honor of a living family member.

Cornice Icons. Christine Uveges Loya plans to install two icons which have been donated on the cornice in October. Another icon has recently been donated. There are now only four cornice icons remaining to be commissioned and offered.

EPARCHIAL AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mid-Atlantic States Syncellate Wedding Anniversary Celebration (Jubilarian). The wedding anniversary celebration for married couples observing their five-year anniversary, i.e. 5th, 10th, 15th, 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.

Walk with Mary, Queen of Peace, a retreat to honor our Blessed Mother. It's being held on **Saturday October 10th - from 8:45 - 4:00** at the **Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg, MD.** * **Msgr Charles Mangan**, once spiritual director to Carmelite Nuns and now an associate professor at Mount St. Mary's Seminary is leading this retreat. Morning and afternoon inspirational talks, Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Carmelite Rosary, and **Mass celebrated by Bishop Evelio Menjivar** of Wheeling-Charleston, WV. There is also an opportunity to enroll in the Brown Scapular Confraternity *Bring a bagged lunch, *\$20 donation at the door

MISSION

Mission Liturgy Schedule.

Day	Date	Time	Celebrant
Sunday	09/20/2026		

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

August Tithely --\$ 184.28

Tithely \$184.28

Expenses \$(4.28)

Remaining \$180.00

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PARISH USTAV

The Order for the Divine Liturgy for Sunday before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Dedication of the Church of the Resurrection

BLUE	p. 11	Mark Divine Liturgy
GREEN	p. 156	Resurrection Tone 6
RED	p. 249	Pre-festive Day of the Exaltation

ALL MELODIES FOR THIS SUNDAY ARE: C

EXCEPT:

Cherubic Hymn, We praise You A

Our Father Tone 7 p. 72

1. Sunday Antiphons
2. At the Troparia
 - Troparion of the Resurrection – Tone 7 pp. 156-157 GREEN
 - Troparion of the Dedication Tone 4 pp. 250 RED
 - Troparion of the pre-feast Tone 4 p. 250 RED
 - Kontakion of the Pre-feast Tone 8 p. 251 RED
3. Scripture Readings
 - Prokeimenon of the Pre-feast Tone 6 p. 251 RED
 - Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18
 - Alleluia of the Pre-feast Tone 1 p. 250 RED
 - Gospel: John 3:13-17
4. Communion Hymn of Sunday p. 78 and of the Dedication p. 253 RED