





# Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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Epiphany of Our Lord is a parish in the Eparchy of Passaic, NJ <https://www.eparchyofpassaic.com>

## —Schedule of Divine Services—

**PALM & FLOWER SUNDAY;** (Great Fest of Our Lord, Not a Day of Fast) **AP19**

- Saturday Mar. 23** 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance\*  
5:30PM Vigil Liturgy of St. John for the +Holy Souls in Purgatory by Marie Reidy  
with the Blessing of Palms and Pussy Willows, & Litija with the Mirovanje blessing
- Sunday Mar. 24** 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance\*  
10:00AM Palm Sunday Procession around the church with the palms and pussy willows  
10:15AM Divine Liturgy of St. John for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)  
Epistle: Phillipians 4:4-9 John 12:1-18  
11:45AM ECF for Children & Adult Education on Daniel Ch. 14-16
- Holy Mon. Mar. 25** 7PM Vigil Divine Liturgy for the Annunciation of the Theotokos for  
(Solemn Holyday—mitigation of the fast for wine and oil)  
for the deliverance of Marcelo Giancarlo Felix Camerena by The Bragg Family
- Holy Tues. Mar. 26** 10AM Bridegroom Matins
- Holy Wed. Mar. 27** 5:30PM The Mystery of Repentance until 6PM  
7PM Office of Holy Oil (Mystery of Anointing) (simple abstinence from meat)
- Holy Thurs. Mar. 28** 7PM Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil (mitigation of wine & oil)  
for the conversion of the Wilson Family by David & Sarah Malakauskas
- Good Friday Mar. 29** 10:00AM Passion Matins (day of strict fast, no meat or dairy)  
7PM Burial Vespers with Procession of the Burial Shroud  
9PM Guarding of the Tomb until 8AM Saturday
- Good Sat. Mar. 30** 8:00AM Guarding of the Tomb ends(day of fast (no meat), mitigation of wine)
- PASCHA: THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST!**
- Saturday Mar. 30** 7:30PM Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil  
for the conversion of Alyona Sekretereva by David & Sarah Malakauskas  
Romans 6:3-11 & Matthew 28:1-20  
9:45PM The Blessing of Pascha Baskets
- Sunday Mar. 31** 10:00AM Resurrection Matins with procession  
11:15AM Paschal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for the faithful of Epiphany Parish  
Epistle: Acts 1:1-8; John 1:1-17  
12:30PM The Blessing of Pascha Baskets
- Bright Mon. Apr. 1** 7PM Divine Liturgy of Bright Monday with procession and the Reading of 4 Gospels  
(Solemn Holyday) for the repose of +Bernie & +Catherine Garcia and All the Holy Souls  
by Antonia Reidy

\*Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment

During the month of March, the Altar Lamp burns  
before our Lord in the tabernacle for  
**+Mykola & +Paraskevia Scheremeta**  
by Mike & Irene Laschuk

<b>Stewardship 3/17/2024</b>	<b>Mar. Off. Total: \$11,124.95</b>
Offertory \$4,449	<b>Cap. Imp. Total: \$580</b>
Online Giving \$468.25	<b>ECL \$12</b>
Capital Improvement \$175	<b>Easter Flowers \$200</b>
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**\*PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION:** We will bless the Palms and Pussy Willows during the Saturday evening liturgy along with Litija and then have the distribution of the blessed bread and Mirovanje blessing for the Great Feast of Our Lord, The Entrance into Jerusalem.

On Sunday morning, as the faithful enter the church, they will be invited to take their palms and pussy willows with them into the pews to hold for the entirety of liturgy. Before the liturgy begins, we will process around the outside of the church (weather permitting) and sing the Palm Sunday Troparia and Kontakia. So, please come early (on-time) to participate in this joyous procession, of Praising Our Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem as King.



**\*GUARDING OF THE TOMB ON GOOD**

**FRIDAY:** We will again have the opportunity to guard the Tomb of Christ through the night of Good Friday after services, until Holy Saturday morning at 8AM.

Please use the SignUpGenious to reserve your hour. This is an excellent opportunity for private quiet prayer to contemplate the Mystery of Christ's Crucifixion and Resurrection!

**\*THOMAS SUNDAY FESTIVAL PREPARATION WORK-DAY:** Will be Saturday, April 6th, 10AAM at the church. As many hands able to come and help prepare for our Thomas Sunday Festival would be greatly appreciated. Alexandra Katakalides will be overseeing the several needs of the day. We will be setting up the front lawn with a tent, tables, chairs, a grill, yard games, and more, so come and let's have a blessed morning preparing for a great day of celebration!

**\*2024 THOMAS SUNDAY SPRING FESTIVAL:** Will be on Sunday, April 7th, after Divine Liturgy. This is sure to be an absolute blast as we celebrate the Paschal Season and the beautiful Spring weather outside. Prepare for a beautiful day of celebration, music, activities, egg hunting, egg cracking, polka dancing, tulip planting, lamb roasting and lots of delicious food and laughter! Please use the sign-up form in your emailed bulletin to let us know what dish you'll bring!



**\*ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:** Dcn. James will resume the training of Altar Servers for our liturgical services on Saturday, April 6th, after the evening liturgy. If anyone is interested, please see Fr. Lewis or Dcn. James.

**LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Those who are ill or convalescing: Cathy Bowen, John Grzincic, Andrew Reidy, Patricia Moyle, Robert Pardee, Mary Rinik, Mario Marione, Brenda Bryant, Ernie & Patricia Holewinski, John Gollner, Logan Camacho, John Rooth, Suzanne Pichnarcik, and Anna & Catherine Cospelich. *May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years.*

Also, our deployed military members: Pvt. Bryan Buck, Pvt. Michael Fuchko, Sailor David Russo, Sergeant Francis "Joseph" Fuchko, and Commander William Bridges. *May God's Divine Care and Mercy be given to them and may their Guardian Angels protect them from harm.—Please let Fr. Lewis know if anyone should be added or taken away from these lists.*

## Welcome to our parish!

We are glad that you have chosen to participate in the Divine Liturgy with us today and we pray that it has been a spiritually nourishing experience. If you would like to register as a parishioner or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

**The Mysteries** (Sacraments) of the Church are available for all Baptized Catholics in Good Standing. This means that a Catholic attends Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation, utilizes the Mystery of Repentance at least once a year, receives the Eucharist at least once a year, observes the church's penitential seasons and fasting regulations to include abstaining from meat or an equivalent penance on all Fridays except when mitigated, supports the Church in Her temporal needs through offering of time, talent, and treasure, and believes the Church's teachings on faith and morals. Those seeking Sacramental Marriage should contact the parish 1 year in advance.

### Upcoming Social Events

- Apr. 6 Altar Server Training after liturgy  
Apr. 7 Thomas Sunday Picnic & Easter Egg Hunt!  
Oct 12 Centennial Anniversary in Washington, DC

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### Changeable Parts in the Teal Pew Book Mar 3/24 Palm Sunday

Vigil Divine Liturgy: p. 104  
Proper: Lamplighting Psalm Tone 6 p. 149  
see handout

- (Sun) Antiphons of Palm Sun.: p. 235  
(Sun) Hymn of the Incarnation: A p. 236  
(Sun) Troparion Tone 1 p. 125, & p. 230: see handout  
Thrice Holy Hymn: C p. 28  
Cherubikon: E p. 46  
Creed: B p. 53  
Thrice Holy Hymn: p. A p. 56  
Our Father: Tone 4 Podoben: p. 74  
"We have seen...": B p. 83  
"May Our Mouths be filled.": B p. 85  
"Blessed be the Name of the Lord": B p. 88  
Thanksgiving Prayers: p.95-96



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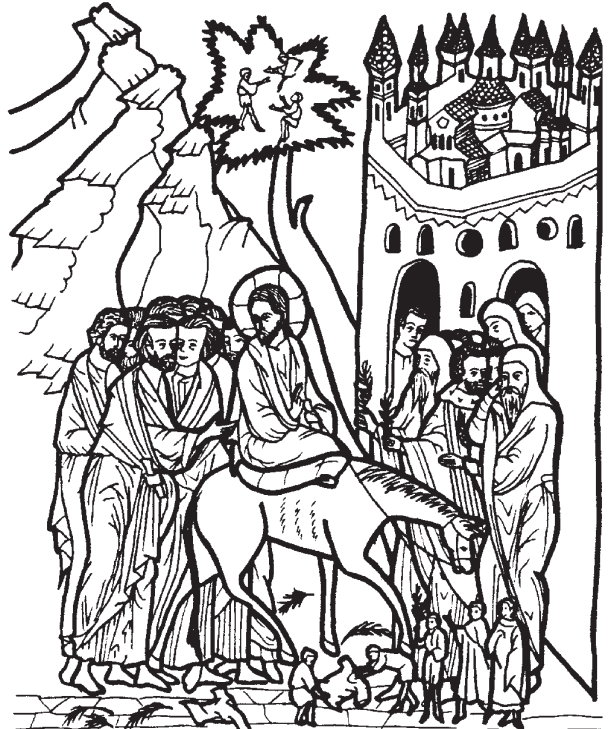
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## KONTAKION

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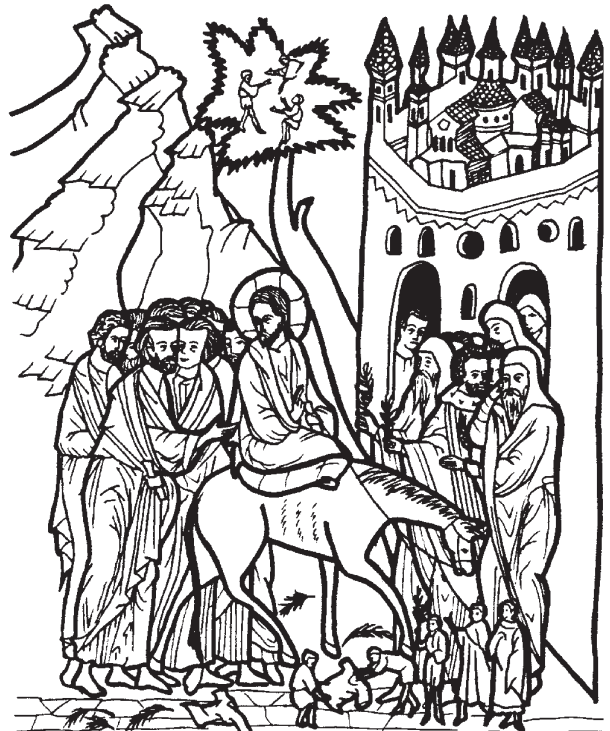
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