



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST, GREGORY PALAMAS; TONE 5; THE VENERABLE MARTYR EUDOXIA; OUR HOLY FATHER DAVID, ENLIGHTENER OF WALES

Saturday Feb 28 10AM-4PM Pysanky Workshop
4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance (Confession)
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil for +Daniel Cunningham by Jane Cunningham

Sunday March 1 9-9:30AM Mystery of Repentance (Confession)
10:00AM Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)
Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3; Gospel: Mark 2:1-12
11:45AM Adult Education on the Divine Liturgy with Fr. Lewis Rabayda

Wednesday March 4 **OUR VENERABLE FATHER GERASIMUS OF THE JORDAN**
(SIMPLE ABSTINENCE REQUIRED, NO MEAT)
7:00PM Great Compline

Friday March 6 **THE HOLY FORTY-TWO MARTYRS OF AMMORIUM**
(SIMPLE ABSTINENCE REQUIRED, NO MEAT)
7:00PM Presanctified Divine Liturgy for +Abbot Nicholas Zachariadis by the Bragg Family
8:00PM Panachida for Third All Souls Saturday

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST, THE VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS; TONE 6; OUR VENERABLE FATHER AND CONFESSOR THEOPHYLACT

Saturday March 7 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance (Confession)
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil for Jeremy Rentsch by David & Sarah Malakauskas

Sunday March 8 9-9:30AM Mystery of Repentance (Confession)
10:00AM Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)
Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6; Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1
11:45AM Adult Education on the Divine Liturgy with Fr. Lewis Rabayda

*Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment

During the month of March, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle for the repose of

+Mykola and +Paraskevia Scheremeta
by Michael & Irene Laschuk

CLASS ON THE DIVINE LITURGY: Fr. Lewis will teach a class on the Divine Liturgy after each Sunday of the Great Fast. The Liturgy is very rich in symbolism and meaning, and we will try to uncover many of its mysteries. As we have in the recent past, the classes will be streamed on our YouTube channel for those who are not able to be here in person.

Stewardship 02/22/2026 Feb. Off. Total: \$13,367.43
Offertory \$3107.00 Cap. Imp. Total: \$13,250.00
Capital Imp. \$325.00 Feb. Total \$26,617.43
Online Giving \$263.54 Feb. Op. Budget \$11,977.24

FATHER LEWIS AWAY: After Sunday's Liturgy and Class, Father Lewis will be on a Silent Lenten Retreat and unavailable until Wednesday. For any sacramental emergencies, please contact your local Catholic Church.

EPIPHANY NOTE CARDS NOW AVAILABLE: In cooperation with the GCU, we are offering a limited run of one-of-a-kind note cards with our church beautifully printed on the cover. They come in packs of 10 with envelopes for \$20. We will also be selling prints of our church for \$10, both available in the gift shop!

THE GREAT FAST IS THE TIME FOR REPENTANCE:

All who receive Communion in the Eparchy of Passaic are required to abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast—there is no alternative penance. Prayer, fasting, & alms-giving are the main activities of our Lenten journey. However, part of our prayer is to acknowledge the sins we have committed and engage in active repentance. Active repentance is many things: feeling remorse for our sins; offering sacrifices and extra prayer to God as expiation; and actually utilizing the Mystery (Sacrament) of Repentance, asking God for forgiveness of the sins we have committed. **In order to remain a Catholic in Good Standing, it is our obligation—and should be our desire—to go to the Mystery of Repentance at least once each year.**

2025 ANNUAL BISHOPS APPEAL: Our goal is the same as the last few years, \$10,800. If we reach our goal by June 1 2026, we will receive a 40% rebate. We have met this goal 5 years running, so giving to the Bishop's Appeal is giving to our parish! Please let us know if you need an envelope, we have them in the office. **So far 18 families have donated a total of \$6,775!**

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Those who are ill or convalescing: Sally Baer, Jane Berke Cathy Bowen, Anna & Catherine Cospelich, Paulo DosReis, Angela Free, Ernie & Patricia Holewinski, Katherine Lydon, Mario Marione, Fr. Maximos, Patricia Moyle, Patricia Rabayda, Andrew Reidy, Anthony Regan, Marisol Reyes, Mary Rinik, Allyson Scalzi, Fr. Robert Stash, Will Saint-Fleur, and Tim Watson. *May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years.*

Our deployed military members: Pvt. Bryan Buck, and Cmdr. 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.*

ROSWELL PREGNANCY AID CLINIC DONATIONS:

The Roswell Pregnancy Aid Clinic, an organization dedicated to helping mothers and families choose and protect life, is accepting donations this Lenten season (and at all other times, too). We will have a spot in the narthex for donations to be collected. They **DO** accept: new and gently used baby clothing (up to size 2T), new and gently used maternity clothing, new and gently used equipment (strollers, pack n' plays, bouncy seats, etc), diapers, wipes, baby shampoo, lotion, new and gently used toys and books, new stuffed animals, new bottles, pacifiers, breast pumps, new highchairs and car seats. They **DO NOT** accept: used cribs, used highchairs, used car seats, baby bedding (bumper pads and quilts), any inclined sleeper products, stuffed animals, used bottles, pacifiers or breast pumps, baby formula and baby food, or mattresses. They say their **biggest needs are: size 5 and 6 diapers, baby toiletries, baby boy clothes, gently used non-fabric toys, any gently used baby clothes (up to 2T), and most especially committed prayers for mothers, babies, and families to choose life.** Please consider donating to them during this alms-giving season.



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.



<https://becomingbyzantine.updates.church>

Upcoming Social Events

Feb 28	Pysanky Class
Apr 12	Thomas Sunday Picnic

Changeable Parts in the Teal Pew Book (Feb 28/March 1) Second Sunday of the Great Fast

Vigil Liturgy begins on p. 104;
Tone 5 on p. 143

(Sun) 1st & 2nd Typical Psalms: p. 16
(Sun) Hymn of the Incarnation: A p. 18
(Sun) Beatitudes: p. 23
(Sun) Entrance Hymn: A p. 25
(Sun) Troparion & Kontakion: See Handout
"We Bow to Your Cross": p. 32
Prokeimenon & Alleluia: See Handout
Cherubikon: B p. 43
Creed: B p. 53
Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great: p. 96
Magnification & Irmos: p. 98
Preparation for Communion: p. 62
Our Father: Tone 5 p. 70
Communion Hymn: See Handout
"We have seen...": A p. 82
"May Our Mouths be filled": A p. 84
"Blessed be the Name of the Lord": A p. 88
Thanksgiving Prayers: p. 95-96
Beneath Your Compassion: p. 454

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK AFTER THE SUNDAY OF GREGORY PALAMAS

—consider adding these to your daily prayers—

This week we focus on the Great Flood and the salvation of Noah in the ark. This is a foreshadowing of our baptism, by which we are saved from sin by the mystery of water, a sign of death to sin and life in God.

THE USUAL BEGINNING PRAYERS

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy *on us*.
Amen.

Glory to you, our God,
glory *to you*.

Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth,
everywhere present and filling all things,
Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life,
come and dwell within us,
cleanse us of all stain,
and save our souls, O *gracious* One.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal,
have mercy *on us*. (3 times with a bow)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and forever. Amen.

Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us;
Lord, cleanse us of our sins;
Master, forgive our transgressions;
Holy One, come to us and heal our infirmities for
your name's sake.

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and forever. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us *from* evil.

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have *mercy*.

Come, let us worship our King and God,
Come, let us worship Christ, our King and God,
Come, let us worship and bow down before Jesus
Christ, the *King* and our God.

PSALM 50

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my *offense*.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from *my* sin.

My offenses truly I know them;
my sin is always *before* me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I *have* done.

That you may be justified when you give sentence
and be without reproach when *you* judge,
O see, in guilt I was born,
a sinner was I *conceived*.

Indeed you love truth in the heart;
then in the secret of my heart teach *me* wisdom.
O sprinkle me with hyssop, then I shall be clean;
O wash me, I shall be whiter *than* snow.

Make me hear rejoicing and gladness,
that the bones you have crushed *may* thrill.

From my sins turn away your face
and blot out all *my* guilt.

A pure heart create for me, O God;
put a steadfast spirit *within* me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your *holy* spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervor *sustain* me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return *to* you.
O rescue me, God, my helper,
and my tongue shall ring out *your* goodness.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare *your* praise.

For in sacrifice you take no delight,
burnt offering from me you would *refuse*,
my sacrifice, a contrite spirit,
a humbled, contrite heart you will *not* spurn.

In your goodness, show favor to Zion:
rebuild the walls of *Jerusalem*.
Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice,
burnt offerings wholly consumed,
then you will be offered young bulls on *your* altar.

APOSTICA OF VESPERS

T8 Glory: Your voice, which is always ready to teach, resounds in the ears of our hearts; it awakens even the most slothful souls. And by your inspired words, you show us the steps of the ladder which leads us from earth to God. O holy Gregory, wonder of Thessalonica, intercede with Christ, that with his divine brightness, He may enlighten those who honor your memory.

Now and ever: O Virgin, You have never known wedlock, yet you conceived God in the flesh in a manner which words can never describe. You thus became the Mother of God on high. O Immaculate Lady, receive the supplication of your servants and grant us the cleaning of our sins. Accept now our prayers and beseech God to save all of us.

KONTAKION

We praise you, O holy bishop Gregory, as a divine instrument of wisdom and as the brilliant trumpet of the knowledge of God. We submit our minds to the intelligence of the Creator; lead our hearts to Him that we may sing: Rejoice, O preacher of grace.

IKOS OF MATINS

You appeared as a heavenly angel on earth, proclaiming the divine mysteries to mortals; joining your spirit to the incorporeal choirs, you inspire our hearts to sing: Rejoice, through you night has disappeared, Rejoice, through you daylight has appeared, Rejoice, messenger of the uncreated God who is good, Rejoice, chastiser of the created falsehood.

Rejoice, height that reveals the nature of God,
Rejoice, depth that probes the energy of God.
Rejoice, sublime proclaimer of the glory of God,
Rejoice, wise denouncer of those who err against God.

Rejoice, reflection of the Sun that never dies,
Rejoice, bowl of divine nectar that always satisfies.
Rejoice, through you truth shines out,
Rejoice, through you falsehood is wiped out.

Rejoice, preacher of grace.

AT THE PRAISES

Tone 1: Blessed is the life you led in this world; and which you now enjoy in the assembly of the blessed; with the meek, you have inherited the earth; you are rich in the sight of God, O bishop Gregory; and you pour out your treasure of grace; upon those who venerate your name.

The mouth of the just utters wisdom, and their lips speak what is right.

You have made the doctrines of the true faith grow; by cutting off the thorns of those who teach error; you have multiplied the seed of faith in good soil; watering it with the rain of your teaching; and, as a good steward,

you offered the hundredfold to God.

Your priests shall be clothed with holiness; your faithful shall ring out their joy.

The loftiness of your sinless life; amazed both angels and people; for you showed yourself to be an ascetic and a fighter; a sincere friend and a bishop; and a worthy minister of the divine mysteries.

Tone 6 Glory: In this season of abstinence; you have risen as light, O Christ; upon those who walk in the darkness of sin; let us see the glorious day of your Passion; so that we may sing to You; Arise O God, and have mercy on us.

Now and ever: You are truly most blessed, O virgin Mother of God; Through the One who was incarnate of you; Hades was chained, Adam revived, the curse wiped out; Eve set free, Death put to death; and we ourselves were brought back to life; That is why we cry out in praise; Blessed are You, O Christ our God; who finds in this your good pleasure. Glory to You!

Lord have mercy. *(40 times)*

PRAYER OF THE HOURS

O good God, in all times and places you are worshiped and glorified both in heaven and on earth. You are long-suffering and generous in your mercy and compassion. You love the just and show mercy to the sinner, calling all to repentance through the promise of blessings to come. Deem, O Lord, at this very hour, to receive our supplications and to direct our lives in the path of your commandments. Sanctify our souls; purify our bodies; set aright our minds; cleanse our thoughts; deliver us from all affliction, trouble, and distress; surround us with your holy angels so that, guided and guarded in their camp, we may attain oneness of faith and the knowledge of your unspeakable glory. For you are blessed forever and ever. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF ST. EPHREM (ALL DAYS OF THE FAST EXCEPT ON SUNDAYS)

Lord and Master of my life, spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair, lust for power, and idle chatter. *(Prostration)*

Instead, bestow on me, your servant, the spirit of integrity, humility, patience, and love. *(Prostration)*

Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins and not judge my brothers and sisters; for you are blessed forever and ever. Amen. *(Prostration)*

Then, with a simple bow, the following is repeated 4 times
+O God, be merciful to me a sinner
+O God, cleanse me of my sins and have mercy on me.
+O Lord, forgive me, for I have sinned without number.

Lord and Master of my life, spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair, lust for power, and idle chatter.

Instead, bestow on me, your servant, the spirit of integrity, humility, patience, and love.

Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins and not judge my brothers and sisters; for you are blessed forever and ever. Amen. *(Prostration)*

THE DISMISSAL

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

More honorable than the Cherubim,
and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim,
who, a virgin, gave birth to God, the Word;
you, truly the Theotokos, we magnify.

Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy *on us*.

Amen.