

## Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

SUNDAY BEFORE C	CHRISTMAS OI	F THE ANCESTORS, AND THE HOLY PROPHET HAGGAI (Tone 6)
Saturday Dec. 22	4:30-5PM	Mystery of Repentance*
	5:30PM	Divine Liturgy for +Bernabé Garcia by Antonia Reidy
	6:30PM	Panachida for +Berbabé Garcia
Sunday Dec. 23	9-9:30AM	Mystery of Repentance*
	10:00AM	
		Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40; Matthew 1:1-25
	-Feast o	of the Nativity of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ—
Monday Dec. 24		THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY
,	9:00AM	
	7:30PM	
Tuesday Dec. 25		The Feat of the Nativity of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ
Tuesday Dec. 25	10:00AM	
	10:00/41/1	Divine Excurgy for the faithful of Epiphany of Our Lord Parish
Wednesday Dec. 2	26	Synaxis of the Theotokos
·	9:00AM	Divine Liturgy for a special intension
Thursday Dec. 27		The Holy Apostle, First Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen
	7:30PM	Divine Liturgy for +Steve & Mary Elkovich by Steven Elkovich
Friday Dec. 28		20,000 MARTYRS OF NICOMEDIA (Fast free day, NO FASTING!)
		the Holy and Just Joseph Husband of Mary, David the Prophet and King, , Brother of the Lord (Tone $7)$
	-	Mystery of Repentance*
2		Divine Liturgy for +Jacqueline Vitarde by Dcn. James Smith
		Panachida for +Jacqueline Vitarde
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9-9:30AM Mystery of Repentance\* Sunday Dec. 30 10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the Faithful of Epiphany Parish Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19; Matthew 2:13-23

\*Mystery of Repentance also available by appointment or before and after weekday services

During the month of December, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle In memory of + Harry, Fred, and Helen Rapach by Randy and Karen Rapach



Stewardship 12/2/2018 Stewardship 12/16/2018 \$2,966.00 Offertory \$1,925.00 Offertory Stewardship 12/09/2018 Total Dec: \$8,981.00 \$4,090.00 December budget: \$9,389 Offertory

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Those who are ill or convalescing: Shirley Spontak, Dan Cunningham, and Patricia Rabayda. May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years.—Please let Fr. Lewis know if anyone should be added or taken away from this prayer list.

2018 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL: Pledges can be made in the new year, but all checks must be received by the Eparchy's Chancery Office before Dec. 31 to be counted for 2018's taxes.

MONDAY, DEC. 24TH TRADITIONALLY DAY OF STRICT

FAST: Fr. Lewis was not correct in saying that the Vigil of Christmas is a mandatory day of strict fast for the Metropolia of Pittsburgh. It is however the tradition to keep a strict fast on this day; a fast from meat and dairy products. However, it is not binding on the faithful, but they are encouraged to keep the fast.

PARISH GIVING ENVELOPES: This year every household will be issued a specific box of envelopes for their parish contributions. However, the envelopes will arrive late. Until they arrive, please use a check, or you can place cash in an envelope with your name on it (will be provided in the narthex), so that we can properly record your contribution for your year-end giving statement.



- Dec. 24 9AM—Royal Hours of the Nativity 7:30PM—Great Compline for the Nativity and Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
- Dec. 25 10AM—Nativity Divine Liturgy
- Circumcision of Our Lord & St. Basil Jan. 1 (Solemn Feast Day) Divine Liturgy at 7:30PM
- Jan. 6 Parish Feastday: Theophany of Our Lord, Great Blessing of Water, Patronal Procession, and Parish provided Luncheon
- Jan. 20 Adult Ed. Class on the Prophets, first session

PARISH FEASTDAY JAN. 6 THEOPHANY: We will be celebrating our Parish Feast Day on January 6. To more fully celebrate this feast, we will celebrate Great Vespers on Saturday evening, and only for years which the feast falls on a Sunday, will we cancel the evening Divine Liturgy so that we can pray the full Great Vespers—the usual Saturday evening liturgy will be canceled, but everyone is highly encouraged to attend the Great Vespers.

We will then have the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great on Sunday morning, followed by the Great Blessing of Water-the Jordan Water, Patronal Procession where we will process around the church and read the four Gospels at the four corners of the church to reach the four corners of the world, we will then enjoy a catered luncheon provided by the parish. Please RSVP to the clergy or parish office with your numbers of attendance so that we can properly prepare for the luncheon. It will be a glorious day!





ADULT EDUCATION CLASS: The next class will begin on January 20, 2019 after the Divine Liturgy starting about 11:45am. The class will be about the prophets. Come hear what the prophets have to say, especially Isaiah. The class will be led by Fr. Dcn James. There will be readings prior to class to prepare for a good discussion. To get ready for the first class here are the readings: Deuteronomy 12:5, 13:1-3, 14:22-23, 16:2-3, 17:14-20, 18:9-22. Of course additional reading is always encouraged. If you have any questions before the class begins please call or text Fr. Dcn James at 404-227-5401.

**GET WELL CARDS:** Some parishioners have asked if they could send my mother get well cards. I am humbled at their generosity and affection and have supplied her current address. Mrs. Patricia Rabayda 4532 Breaburn Dr. Fairfax, VA 22032 **2019 MARCH FOR LIFE:** Some parishioners have expressed interest in gathering a group to attend the March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, Janurary 18. The proposal is to leave Roswell on Thursday, Jan. 17 in a rented van. We would return home either the evening of the 18th (through the night), or leave on the morning of the 19th. Please see Fr. Lewis for details. This is a very exciting event with over a few hundred thousand participants, most of which are Catholic youth.