



# Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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## —Schedule of Divine Services—

### SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS, AND THE HOLY PROPHET HAGGAI (Tone 5)

- Saturday Dec. 15** 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance\*  
5:30PM Divine Liturgy for +Maria Laschuk by Irene & Michael Laschuk
- Sunday Dec. 16** 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance\*  
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the Faithful of Epiphany Parish  
Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11; Luke 14:16-24

**Monday Dec. 17** **THE GREAT PROPHET DANIEL**  
9:00AM Divine Liturgy for the repose of +Thomas Spontak by Kate Spontak

**Tuesday Dec. 18** **THE MARTYRS SEBASTIAN AND OTHERS**  
7:30PM Emmanuel Moleben for the Nativity Fast  
(final service solemnly celebrated in Church Nave with candle light)

**Thursday Dec. 20** **THE MARTYR IGNATIUS THE GOD-BEARER, BISHOP OF ANTIOCH**  
9:00AM Divine Liturgy for health and wellness of John Lisella by Fr. Lewis

**Friday Dec. 21** **THE MARTYR JULIANA** (simple abstinence from meat)

### SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS OF 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
- Sunday Dec. 23** 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance\*  
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the Faithful of Epiphany Parish  
Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40; Matthew 1:1-25

## —FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST—

**Monday Dec. 24** **THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY (DAY OF STRICT FAST—NO MEAT OR DAIRY)**  
9:00AM The Royal Hours for the Feast of the Nativity  
7:30PM Great Compline for the Nativity and Vigil Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great

**Tuesday Dec. 25** **THE FEAT OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**  
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany of Our Lord Parish

\*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 **Total Dec: \$6,015.00**  
Offertory \$1,925.00 December budget: \$9,389

Stewardship 12/09/2018  
Offertory \$4,090.00

**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.

**SAINT NICHOLAS CELEBRATION:** Thank so you much to all who have labored to make this year's Saint Nicholas celebration such a great success! May God bless you for your efforts!

**NATIVITY ICON GREETING CARDS FOR SALE:** We are now offering Nativity Icon Greetings cards in packs of 15 for \$15. They are very beautiful and will brighten up anyone's celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord. We also have Icon calendars for 2019 for \$15.

**THE PHILLIPS FAST: It is never too late to begin fasting!** If you have found it difficult or maybe have forgotten to take on a fasting regimen, then consider fasting from meat the week before Christmas and offer a few more prayers, and a few more alms.

**MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE AND THE FAST:** Catholics are required to confess grave or mortal sins at least once a year, and should also not approach the Eucharist in the state of mortal sin. However, monthly confession is suggested even for those who only have venial sins. The Church suggests that fasting periods are an appropriate time to repent and ask for

### UPCOMING PARISH & EPARCHIAL EVENTS

- Dec. 18 Final Emmanuel Moleben  
to be celebrated solemnly in the main church
- 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
- Jan. 6 Parish Feastday: Theophany of Our Lord  
Great Blessing of Water and Patronal Procession

forgiveness so that the anticipated Feast can be solemnly celebrated and that all may receive the Eucharist. Booklets are available for free so that all can make a proper examination of conscience to discern whether or not serious sins have been committed.

Saint Paul tell us in his first letter to the Corinthians, "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For any one who eats and drinks **without discerning the body** eats and drinks judgment upon himself." (1Cor. 11:27-29)

**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.

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**FINAL EMMANUEL MOLEBEN:** We will celebrate the final Emmanuel Moleben with great solemnity and lit taper candles. This service is very beautiful and helps us to liturgically prepare for our Savior's Birth. Come experience the preparation of the Light of Christ.

**HOLIDAY  
SALE! SALE! SALE!**



**Pieroghi \$5/doz**

**Nut & Poppseed Rolls  
\$10/roll**

