



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

SUNDAY AFTER THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD

Saturday Jan. 12 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*

5:30PM Divine Liturgy for as special intention

Sunday Jan. 13 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*

10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the Faithful of Epiphany Parish
Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13; Matthew 4:12-17

11:30AM ECF for children and Reader Training

Wednesday Jan. 16 THE VENERATION OF THE CHAINS OF PETER

7:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intention

Thursday Jan. 17 THE VENERABLE ANTHONY THE GREAT

9:00AM Divine Liturgy for the Seminarians and Vocations of the Eparchy of Passaic

Friday Jan. 18 ARCHBISHOPS ATHANASIUS AND CYRIL (simple abstinence from meat)

35TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—OUR VENERABLE AND GOD-BEARING FATHER EUTHYMIUS THE GREAT

Saturday Jan. 19 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*

5:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intention

Sunday Jan. 20 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*

10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the Faithful of Epiphany Parish
Epistle: Colossians 3:12-16; Matthew 15:21-28

11:30AM ECF for children and Adult Education Class on the Prophets

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

During the month of January, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle
In memory of + Louise Campbell by Sisters Peg and Ging (Barbara Bates)

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Those who are ill or convalescing: Shirley Spontak, Dan Cunningham, Patricia Rabayda, and Catherine Garcia. 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.

CHRISTMAS GREETING: There are several seasonal greetings used in the Byzantine tradition. The normal greeting is: Glory to Jesus Christ! and the response is: Glory forever! There is also the Paschal greeting: Christ is Risen! and the response is: Indeed He is risen! But for the feast of the Nativity we say: Christ is Born! and the response is: Glorify Him! Similar to Pascha, the Christmas greeting is used for 40 days after the feast until the Feast of the Encounter on February 2.

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Stewardship 1/6/2019 Total Jan: \$3,544.00
Offertory \$3,544.00

PARISH GIVING ENVELOPES: 2019 Giving Envelopes and Calendars are now available to pick up in the Chapel. If they are not picked up by the end of the month they will be mailed. Also, before the end of the month the yearly contribution reports will be mailed as well.

DECORATION TEAR-DOWN: We will be taking down our very festive Christmas decorations on Saturday, Jan. 19 from 9AM until Noon. Please join us as there is much to do.

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.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: We will be holding our Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, Feb. 10th. There have been many developments since our last meeting in the fall, and some new items to discuss with the whole congregation. If you can, please plan on attending to allow for a thorough discussion.

HOUSE BLESSINGS: It is the tradition to have one's house blessed with the Jordan Water of Theophany as soon after the feast as possible, however, because of the distances involved, we may complete the house blessings over a longer period of time. Everyone is invited to participate. You may indicate your desire for a house blessing by filling out the House Blessing Envelope and returning it in the weekly collection, or, you may call or email the parish office to schedule the time and date. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the narthex and Fr. Lewis will contact you with the best times. Please know that a stipend is not necessary, but the envelopes have been supplied for those who wish to use them.

READER TRAINING: Subdeacon John will hold the first of 2 reader-training sessions after the JANUARY 13th Sunday Liturgy. Those that are interested in becoming a part of the

UPCOMING PARISH & EPARCHIAL EVENTS

- Jan. 13 Spring Semester of ECF begins
- Jan. 15 Women's Group First Meeting 7:30PM
- Jan. 17 Men's Group First Meeting 7:30PM
- Jan. 19 Decoration Tear Down 9am-Noon
RoseAlpha Young Adult Faith on Tap 7-10PM
at Abbot's Bar & Grill, Johns Creek
- Jan. 20 Adult Ed. Class on the Prophets, first session
- Feb. 10 Annual Parish Meeting

Reader Ministry are encouraged to attend

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GROUPS: We will begin our Women's and Men's Group meetings on Jan. 15 & Jan 17 respectively. These groups will be conducted by Fr. Lewis and will consist of a spiritual talk/lesson/Scripture reading and general discussion on the spiritual challenges and successes of our lives. The purpose of these groups is to offer an intimate environment where we can enter more deeply into, and learn more about our faith and how we can apply it to our everyday lives. The meetings will not be suitable for small children, but teens are welcome to attend with their parents. For now, the meetings will take place in the narthex of the church.

ROSEALPHA FAITH ON TAP: The Roswell-Cumming-Alpharetta Young Adult Group is a group of Catholic Young Adults from these areas who come together for social and spiritual events. Subdeacon John and Fr. Lewis will be attending this event and look forward to regular attendance in the future. We invite those young adults to join us for our first encounter with the group at Abbot's Bar & Grill, Johns Creek on Saturday, Jan. 19th, from 7-10pm. Subdeacon John & Fr. Lewis will leave as soon after the evening Divine Liturgy as possible to be at the event. Young adults from 18-40 are invited. We think this organization is helpful because of how far apart our parishioners live and how few young adults we have. This is also a good opportunity to witness to the Byzantine Tradition to those who may not be aware of it.

2019 MARCH FOR LIFE: Some parishioners have expressed interest in gathering a group to attend the March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 18. However, it does not seem that it is possible this year, but maybe next year.

EVAGRIOS THE SOLITARY (345-399): ON PRAYER
excerpts from the Philokalia

2. When the soul has been purified through the keeping of all the commandments, it makes the intellect steadfast and able to receive the state needed for prayer.

3. Prayer is communion of the intellect with God. What state, then, does the intellect need so that it can reach out to its Lord without deflection and commune with Him without intermediary?

INTELLECT: The highest faculty in man, through which—provided it is purified—he knows God or the inner essences or principles (q.v.) of created things by means of direct apprehension or spiritual perception. Unlike the *dianoia* or reason (q.v.), from which it must be carefully distinguished, the intellect does not function by formulating abstract concepts and then arguing on this basis to a conclusion reached through deductive reasoning, but it understands divine truth by means of immediate experience, intuition or ‘simple cognition’ (the term used by St. Isaac the Syrian). The intellect dwells in the ‘depths of the soul’; it constitutes the innermost aspect of the heart (St. Diadochos). The intellect is the organ of contemplation (q.v.) the ‘eye of the heart’ (Makarian Homilies).

NEW DEACON CANDIDATE: Congratulations to Alex Adekambi who has been accepted by the Eparchy of Passaic for the deacon formation program! Alex has been discerning his call to the diaconate for some time now and the first step of affirmation has come from his acceptance into the program. Alex will begin classes this coming summer at SS Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA. He will continue to discern his call to serve God’s Church and we can all help him along the way.

DIVINE LITURGY AT REGINA CAELI ACADEMY: We have been asked to periodically offer the Divine Liturgy for the students of the Regina Caeli Academy. This is a wonderful opportunity to share our tradition with others. Our first liturgy will be on Monday, Jan. 14.