



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

35TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—OUR VENERABLE AND GOD-BEARING FATHER EUTHYMIUS THE GREAT (Tone 2)

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 & Hebrews 13:17-21; Matthew 15:21-28 & Luke 6:17-23
11:30AM ECF for children and Adult Education Class on the Prophets

Friday Jan. 25 BISHOP GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN (simple abstinence from meat)

36TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TRANSLATION OF THE RELICS OF OUR HOLY FATHER JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (Tone 3)

Saturday Jan. 26 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intention
Sunday Jan. 27 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the Faithful of Epiphany Parish
Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15-17 & Hebrews 7:26-8:2; Luke 18:35-43 & John 10:9-16
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: We can use the Christmas greeting until the Feast of the Encounter on February 2.

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: Thank you so much to all of those who helped to take down the Christmas decorations! Thank you for all of your service to the parish!

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS: The class will be about the prophets and will take place after the Divine Liturgy on Sundays. Come hear what the prophets have to say, especially Isaiah. The class will be led by Fr. Dcn James.

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

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Stewardship 1/6/2019 Total Jan: \$5,533.00
Offertory \$3,544.00
Stewardship 1/13/2019
Offertory \$1,989.00

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.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GROUPS: The groups went very well and everyone who participated learned a lot and felt part of a

EVAGRIOS THE SOLITARY (345-399AD): ON PRAYER excerpts from the Philokalia, Vol. 1

4. When Moses tried to draw near the burning bush he was forbidden to approach until he had loosed his sandals from his feet (cf. Exod. 3:5). If, then, you wish to behold and commune with Him who is beyond sense-perception and beyond concept, you must free yourself from every impassioned thought.

5. First pray for the gift of tears, so that through sorrowing you may tame what is savage in your soul. And having confessed your transgressions to the Lord, you will obtain forgiveness from Him.

PASSION: *Pathos*, in Greek, the word signifies literally that which happens to a person or thing, an experience undergone passively; hence an appetite or impulse such as anger, desire or jealousy, that violently dominates the soul. Many Greek Fathers regard the passions as something intrinsically evil, a 'disease' of the soul: thus St. John Klimakos affirms that God is not the creator of the passions and that they are 'unnatural', alien to man's true self (*The Ladder of Divine Ascent*, Step 26). Other Greek Fathers, however, look on the passions as impulses originally placed in man by God, and so fundamentally good, although at present distorted by sin (cf. St. Isaiah the Solitary). On this second view, then, the passions are to be educated, not eradicated; to be transfigured, not suppressed; to be used positively, not negatively (*see* Dispassion).

UPCOMING PARISH & EPARCHIAL EVENTS

Jan. 20 Adult Ed. Class on the Prophets, first session
Feb. 2 Encounter of Our Lord Solemn Holy Day
Feb. 3 Foster Parent Discussion
Feb. 10 Annual Parish Meeting
Feb. 23 1st All Souls Saturday

supportive faith community. Please consider attending next month's meetings—come and see what they are about.

FR LEWIS AWAY: Fr. Lewis will be away to see his mother for her birthday and to assist with some care decisions this week. He will be back for the Saturday liturgy. If there are any pastoral emergencies, please call Fr. Lewis on his cell phone, and/or your local Roman Catholic priest. Thank you and have a good week.

FOSTER PARENT'S NEEDED: On Sunday February 3rd Michael McMahon—a Catholic of <http://www.advocacyfor-fosterchildren.org/>—will give a presentation in the Chapel for those who are curious or interested in the Foster Care program. Michael has been a Foster Parent for many years and is an advocate for encouraging couples to become foster parents. He speaks of the great need for foster homes and the tragedies that some of these children have gone through and the great love they need to grow and heal. Please consider attending this discussion.