



# Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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## —Schedule of Divine Services—

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST—MEMORY OF OUR HOLY FATHER JOHN CLIMACUS (Tone 4)

- Saturday Mar. 30** 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance\*  
 5:30PM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for the repose of +Mykola Scheremeta by Michael & Irene Laschuk  
 6:30PM Panachida for the repose of +Mykola Scheremeta by Michael & Irene Laschuk
- Sunday Mar. 31** 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance\*  
 9:30AM Third Hour  
 10:00AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for the faithful of Epiphany Parish  
 Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 & Ephesians 5:9-19; Mark 9:17-31 & Matthew 4:25-5:12  
 11:45AM Adult Education classes continue

### Wednesday Apr. 3 THE GREAT CANON OF OUR HOLY FATHER ANDREW OF CRETE (ANTICIPATED)

- (simple abstinence from meat)  
 7:30PM Scripture Study on the Epistle to the Hebrews  
 8:00PM Matins with the Great Canon of Andrew of Crete (and many prostrations)

### Friday Apr. 5 THE HOLY MARTYRS THEODULUS AND AGATHOPODES AND THEIR COMPANIONS

- (simple abstinence from meat)  
 7:30PM Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts  
 8:30PM Pot-luck dinner in the narthex

### Saturday Apr. 6 AKATHISTOS SATURDAY

- 10:00AM Akathist to the Holy Theotokos

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST—MEMORY OF OUR VENERABLE MOTHER MARY OF EGYPT (Tone 5)

- Saturday Apr. 6** 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance\*  
 5:30PM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for a special intention
- Sunday Apr. 7** 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance\*  
 9:30AM Third Hour  
 10:00AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for the faithful of Epiphany Parish  
 Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 & Galatians 3:23-29; Mark 10:32-45 & Luke 7:36-50  
 11:45AM Adult Education classes continue

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

During the month of April, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle for Daniel Cunningham by Epiphany Parishioners

Stewardship 3/03/2019	Stewardship 3/24/2019
Offertory \$3,384.00	Offertory \$1,979.00
<b>Stewardship 3/10/2019</b>	<b>Total March: \$13,363.00</b>
Offertory \$3,847.00	March Operating Budget
<b>Stewardship 3/17/2019</b>	\$13,255
Offertory \$4,153.00	

**LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Those who are ill or convalescing: Fr. Conan Timoney, James Murray, Deborah Deduck, 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.

**DONATE ROSARIES:** The Missionaries of Mary Immaculate (MMI) is a group of missionary priests who serve people in the most challenging areas on Earth. To facilitate evangelization, and to provide hope for those they serve, the missionaries are requesting 500 rosaries. These will be distributed to individuals in their Central African Republic and Papua New Guinea missions. There will be a box to accept Rosary donations in the church narthex during Lent. New or used Rosaries are accepted. Thank you for your contribution to this collection. For more information, please email parishioner David Malakauskas. David.Malakauskas@outlook.com

**HEBREW BIBLE STUDY:** This week we will read chapters 10-11 and begin to talk about Christ's One Sacrifice that fulfilled the law. This will be a shorter session to make more time for Matins with the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete.

### UPCOMING PARISH & EPARCHIAL EVENTS

- Mar. 31 Courage & EnCourage Conference with Fr. Philip Bochanski in the nave 4:30PM
- Apr. 3 Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
- Apr. 6 Akathistos Saturday
- Apr. 6 RoseAlpha Faith on Tap 7:30PM Abbots Bar & Grill, John's Creek

**COURAGE AND ENCOURAGE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT EPIPHANY:** We are very happy to join the Legionaires of Christ by sponsoring a “**Conference on a pastoral approach to those suffering from same-sex attraction in the light Christ's merciful love**” at 4:30PM on Sunday, March 31. The speaker of the conference will be Fr. Philip Bochanski, the executive director of Courage and EnCourage. These organizations are fully supported by the Catholic Church and embrace Catholic teaching in the areas of same sex attraction and for the family and loved one of those who experience same-sex attraction. If you are interested in learning about this important issue, please plan on attending.

**LENTEN DONATIONS:** We will participate in the **Baby Bottle Boomerang** as an option for almsgiving outside of the parish during this Great Fast. There is often a complaint about Christians that in being Pro-Life they fight to defend the unborn child, but then seldom offer ways and means to take care of these previously unwanted children when the mothers do decide to bring

### EVAGRIOS THE SOLITARY (345-399AD): ON PRAYER

excerpts from the Philokalia, Vol. 1

36. Prayer is the ascent of the intellect to God.

37. If you long for prayer, renounce all to gain all.

38. Pray first for the purification of the passions; secondly, for deliverance from ignorance and forgetfulness; and thirdly, for deliverance from all temptation, trial, and dereliction.

them to term and allow them life. This is definitely one way in which we can all contribute to Life by offering the financial support that mothers in need require to choose life instead of death. I pray that we will be generous in our giving, so that in providing life, we too will experience an abundance of life. <https://support-heopecenter.com>. **Due date for baby bottles is Bright Monday, April 22nd.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHURCH GROUNDS MAINTENANCE:** This past summer we began to do our own lawn and grounds care which has saved us a huge amount of money. **We are looking for 2 additional volunteers to help with lawn maintenance this year.** We found last year that it takes two people per week to cut the grass which only takes a few hours. If we could get two additional people, the schedule would be for that person to dedicate a few hours once a month. If interested in donating your time for the beautification

of our parish grounds, please contact Ed Klotz at Ed@trinitasgroup.net, or 404-901-0155.

**FASTING REGULATIONS:** Every person who receives Holy Communion and is a subject of the Eparchy of Passaic is obligated to participate in the prescribed Fast. This is: no meat or dairy on Monday, Mar. 4, & Friday, April 19. No meat on all Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast. Of course, Bishop Kurt Burnette and Father Lewis Rabayda encourage everyone to go further in their fasting regimen so that the celebration of Pascha is truly a joy and celebration of not only Jesus' Resurrection, but also our own resurrection with Him! **Fr. Lewis also recommends taking off work on Good and Holy Friday, April 19 to fully enter into a day of prayer.**

**READER INSTALLATION ON PALM SUNDAY:** Those who have been training to be new Readers will have more practices on the coming Sunday afternoons with Subdeacon John Reed, please see him for the schedule. However, we will be blessing our newly trained Readers on Palm Sunday, April 14 after the Ambon Prayer. They will then be equipped to participate in the many readings of the services of Great and Holy Week.

**DAYS OF ALLELUIA & PROSTRATIONS:** The weekdays during the Great Fast are called Days of Alleluia. One aspect of this is that the Divine Liturgy is specifically not to be celebrated. This is why we have the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts, because the Sacrifice of the Liturgy of the Eucharist is a joyous celebration, it cannot be done during a period of fasting and repentance. Also, during the weekday services we will have the opportunity to prostrate. These can be difficult with pews, but please do not feel unwelcome to enter into the aisles in order to make a full prostration. A full prostration is to make the sign of the cross, bend on both knees, place one's hands on the floor and touch one's forehead to the floor solemnly. If one is unable to make a full prostration, then one can make a profound bow, this is when we make the sign of the cross, and bow to touch the floor with our right hand. Fr. Lewis will be leading these for anyone who may not be familiar.

**FRIDAY PRESANCTIFIED DIVINE LITURGY AND POTLUCK:** We will be celebrating the Presanctified Divine Liturgy on Friday's of the Great Fast. This is a beautiful Lenten service where we sing about the austerity of the Fast and enter into its life-giving spirituality. We will also be holding a small pot-luck meal afterwards. In order to be prepared for it, we ask that those who wish to bring something sign up on the sheet in the narthex. See you there!

**NEW ECF TEACHERS NEEDED:** For the next academic year we will be in need of some new teachers for our Eastern Catholic Formation program for children. If

interested, please see Karen Madrigal, or Father Lewis.

**TRANSFIGURATION COUNSELING:** Parishioner Gerry Crete, PhD is embarking on a new endeavor to offer professional counseling services with an Eastern Catholic influence. Dr. Crete recently worked with Holy Family Counseling, a Catholic Counseling practice in North Georgia. He will be renting space at Epiphany of Our Lord as well as Cumming, GA beginning on April 2nd. This is an exciting endeavor for us to partner with Dr. Crete. If anyone is interested in counseling services, they may contact him via his website: [www.gerrycrete.com](http://www.gerrycrete.com)

**WORKING COPY OF PARISH DIRECTORY IN NARTHEX:** Please look over your details and make sure they are current and correct. We will then reproduce the directory and distribute it.

**APOSTICA OF THE FIFTH MONDAY:**

“O Lord, I am like the traveler who fell under the blows of robbers, for I have fallen into sins and am cruelly wounded by them. Do not abandon me without a cure, for You come not from Samaria, but from the Virgin Mary. O Jesus, O Savior, have mercy on me”

**FIRST BEATITUDE OF THE CANON OF ST. ANDREW OF CRETE:**

“The Good Thief who cried to You on the Cross: Remember me, O Lord, was made a citizen of Paradise; grant also to me, your unworthy servant, the ability to imitate his repentance.”