



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

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

Wednesday Apr. 10 THE HOLY MARTYRS TERRENCE, POMPEY, AND THEIR COMPANIONS

- (simple abstinence from meat)
7:30PM Scripture Study on the Epistle to the Hebrews
8:30PM Great Compline

Friday Apr. 12 OUR VENERABLE FATHER AND CONFESSOR BASIL, BISHOP OF CAESAREA

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

Saturday Apr. 13 LAZARUS SATURDAY (Holy Week Fast Begins, but mitigation of wine and oil today for those following the strict fast)

PALM AND FLOWERY SUNDAY—(today is **not** a day of fast)

- Saturday Apr. 13** 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for a special intention
- Sunday Apr. 14** 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
9:30AM Third Hour
10:00AM Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for the faithful of Epiphany Parish
Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9; John 12:1-18

*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 3/31/2019
Offertory \$3,384.00	Offertory \$2,663.00
Stewardship 3/10/2019	Total March: \$16,026.00
Offertory \$3,847.00	April Operating Budget
Stewardship 3/17/2019	\$15,896
Offertory \$4,153.00	
Stewardship 3/24/2019	
Offertory \$1,979.00	

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE McNABB FAMILY!
Congratulations to Clark and Elizabeth McNabb on the birth of their third child Josephine Cordelia McNabb! We look forward to her Baptism into the Life of Christ.

GROUNDS CLEANUP: Many men have been helping us with an extra grounds cleanup project we would like to complete before Holy Week. **We will be meeting this Monday, Friday, and Saturday to complete the work—weather permitting.** We are clearing vines, brush, and logs from the entrance and perimeter of the driveway to create a cleaner appearance. If you are able to help in any way, please consider joining us!

READER INSTALLATION ON PALM SUNDAY: Those who have been training to be new Readers please

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

excerpts from the Philokalia, Vol. 1

39. In your prayer seek only righteousness and the kingdom of God, that is, virtue and spiritual knowledge; and everything else 'will be given you' (Matt. 6:33)

UPCOMING PARISH & EPARCHIAL EVENTS

- Apr. 6 RoseAlpha Faith on Tap 7:30PM
Abbots Bar & Grill, John's Creek
- Apr. 12 Final Presanctified Divine Liturgy
- Apr. 9,12, 13 Weather Permitting:
Grounds maintenance

see Subdeacon John Reed after liturgy today. 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.

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.

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

40. It is right to pray not only for your own purification, but also for that of all your fellow men, and so to imitate the angels.

DAYS OF ALLELUIA & PROSTRATIONS: During the weekday services of the Great Fast we 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. If one is unable to make a full prostration, then one can make a profound bow. Fr. Lewis will be leading these for anyone who may not be familiar.

HEBREW BIBLE STUDY: The final session will cover chapters 11-13.

LITURGICAL NOTES

A **bow** is an inclination of the head at the shoulders while making the sign of the cross.

“**To make a great bow or prostration**” means to make the sign of the cross, kneel, and then touch the forehead to the floor. Those who cannot make a full prostration may make a **profound bow**, touching the floor with the fingers and making a sign of the cross on themselves.



From left to right: a bow, a profound bow, and a prostration

—Schedule of Divine Services for Great and Holy Week—

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Saturday Apr. 13	4:30–5PM	Mystery of Repentance*
	5:30PM	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for a special intention
Sunday Apr. 14	9–9:30AM	Mystery of Repentance*
	9:30AM	Third Hour
	10:00AM	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for the faithful of Epiphany Parish Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9; John 12:1-18
Monday Apr. 15		HOLY MONDAY
	10:00AM	Bridegroom Matins
Wednesday Apr. 17		HOLY WEDNESDAY (simple abstinence from meat)
	6:30PM	Mystery of Repentance (two priests available for confession)
	7:30PM	Service of Anointing of the Sick (for those who have recently gone to confession)
Thursday Apr. 18		HOLY THURSDAY (mitigation of wine and oil today for those following the strict fast)
	6:30PM	Mystery of Repentance
	7:30PM	Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great for the faithful of Epiphany Parish
Friday Apr. 19		GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY (strict fast; no dairy or meat)
	10:00AM	Matins: The Office of the Holy and Redeeming Sufferings of Our Lord Jesus Christ
	7:30PM	Vespers: The Office of Burial of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ (with candlelight procession)
	9PM–Midnight	Vigil at the Tomb
	11:30PM	Lamentations
Saturday Apr. 20		HOLY SATURDAY (simple abstinence from meat; mitigation of wine)
		PASCHA: THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST (anticipated)
	9PM–Midnight	Midnight Office of Pascha Resurrection Matins (with candlelight procession) Divine Liturgy of Pascha for the faithful of Epiphany of Our Lord Basket blessing of Paschal Foods
		PASCHA: THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST —(there is no fasting all of Bright Week)
Sunday Apr. 21	10:00AM	Divine Liturgy for a special intention Basket Blessing of Paschal Foods

TIME OF REPENTANCE: The Great Fast is our time for repentance. We are required to confess once a year, and Holy Week is the most appropriate time to do so. This way, we will be fully prepared to experience the joy of the Resurrection. For those anticipating the reception of Holy Anointing on Holy Wednesday, it is important

to be free from mortal sin and to have recently confessed. We will have two priests hearing confessions so that all can be healed.

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 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.**

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.**

FRIDAY PRESANCTIFIED DIVINE LITURGY AND POTLUCK: We will celebrate our Final Presanctified Divine Liturgy this Friday followed by a pot-luck dinner.

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

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

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.

APOSTICA OF THE SIXTH MONDAY:

“Do not condemn me, O Christ,, to the fires of Hades with the rich man who had no mercy for Lazarus; but, here the prayer I offer You with tears; in your love, grant me a drop of water, O God of tenderness and Lord of compassion.”

FROM THE TYPICON:

During the sixth week of the Great Fast, we go from the Canon of Lazarus, the poor man abused by the rich, and follow Christ on His way to Bethany to give life to Lazarus, His friend, the promise of resurrection to all. On Friday we conclude the Fast of the Forty Days and begin the Fast of Holy Week. At Vespers, we read the story of Joseph and his brothers. Joseph is a type of Jesus the Messiah, who died and is risen.