



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

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| 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 |
| MONDAY APR. 22 | BRIGHT MONDAY (SOLEMN HOLY DAY) 10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the repose of +Edward Yurchik by Bette Yurchik with Paschal Procession and the reading of four Gospels |
| TUESDAY APR. 23 | BRIGHT TUESDAY (SIMPLE HOLY DAY) 9:00AM Divine Liturgy for a special intention |
| THOMAS SUNDAY | |
| Saturday Apr. 27 | 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance* 5:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intention |
| Sunday Apr. 28 | 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance* 9:40AM Beginning of Baptismal Rite 10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish with the Office of Christian Initiation of Josephine Cordelia McNabb Epistle: Acts 5:12-20 & Romans 6:3-11; John 20:19-31 & Matthew 28:16-20 11:45AM Adult Education classes continue |

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

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| Stewardship 4/07/2019 | Total April: | \$8,466.00 |
| Offertory \$4,027.00 | April Operating Budget | |
| Stewardship 4/14/2019 | \$15,896 | |
| Offertory \$4,439.00 | | |

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 OLIVIA! This Paschal Vigil Liturgy we welcome into the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church Olivia Whitlock! Olivia has been discerning becoming Catholic for some time because she saw that the Catholic Church is the true Church instituted by Jesus Christ. May God grant to His newly enlightened servant Oliva many happy and blessed years!

GROUNDS CLEANUP: Thank you to all those who have helped us with our grounds cleanup project! As we can all see, there is a whole lot more to do, but we have accomplished a great deal for now to make our driveway look a whole lot cleaner.

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.

UPCOMING PARISH & EPARCHIAL EVENTS

Apr. 22 Baby Bottle Boomerang Due for collection

Apr. 28 Baptism of Josephine Cordelia McNabb

LENTEN DONATIONS: We are participating in the **Baby Bottle Boomerang** as an option for alms-giving outside of the parish during this Great Fast. 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://supporttheopecenter.com>. **Due date for baby bottles is Bright Monday, April 22nd.**

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

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

excerpts from the Philokalia, Vol. 1

45. When you pray, keep close watch on your memory, so that it does not distract you with recollections of your past. But make yourself aware that you are

standing before God. For by nature the intellect is apt to be carried away by memories during prayer.

46. While you are praying, the memory brings before you fantasies either of past things, or of recent concerns, or of the face of someone who has irritated you.

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

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

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.

PASCHAL HOMILY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

If any man be devout and love God, let him enjoy this fair and radiant triumphal feast. If any man be a wise servant, let him rejoicing enter into the joy of his Lord. If any have labored long in fasting, let him now receive his recompense. If any have wrought from the first hour, let him today receive his just reward. If any have come at the third hour, let him with thankfulness keep the feast. If any have arrived at the sixth hour, let him have no misgivings; because he shall in nowise be deprived thereof. If any have delayed until the ninth hour, let him draw near, fearing nothing. If any have tarried even until the eleventh hour, let him, also, be not alarmed at his tardiness; for the Lord, who is jealous of his honor, will accept the last even as the first; he gives rest unto him who comes at the eleventh hour, even as unto him who has wrought from the first hour.

And he shows mercy upon the last, and cares for the first; and to the one he gives, and upon the other he bestows gifts. And he both accepts the deeds, and welcomes the intention, and honors the acts and praises the offering. Wherefore, enter you all into the joy of your Lord; and receive your reward, both the first, and likewise the second. You rich and poor together, hold high festival. You sober and you heedless, honor the day. Rejoice today, both you who have fasted and you who have disregarded the fast. The table is full-laden; feast ye all sumptuously. The calf is fatted; let no one go hungry away.

Enjoy ye all the feast of faith: Receive ye all the riches of loving-kindness. Let no one bewail his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one weep for his iniquities, for pardon has shown forth from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free. He that was held prisoner of it has annihilated it. By descending into Hell, He made Hell captive. He embittered it when it tasted of His flesh. And Isaiah, foretelling this, did cry: Hell, said he, was embittered, when it encountered Thee in the lower regions. It was embittered, for it was abolished. It was embittered, for it was mocked. It was embittered, for it was slain. It was embittered, for it was overthrown. It was embittered, for it was fettered in chains. It took a body, and met God face to face. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took that which was seen, and fell upon the unseen.

O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown. Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life reigns. Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages. Amen.