

Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

SUNDAY OF THE MAN BORN BLIND—MEMORIAL DAY (civic holiday)

Saturday May 25 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*

5:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intention

Sunday May 26 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*

10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish

Epistle: Acts 16:16-34; John 9:1-38

11:15AM Panachida for the repose of our deceased veterans

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD (Holyday of Obligation)

Wednesday May 29 7:30PM Great Vespers

Thursday May 30 6:30PM Mystery of Repentance*

7:30PM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (Obligation)

Friday May 31 THE APOSTLE HERMAS AND THE MARTYR HERMEAS (simple abstinence from meat)

SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance* Saturday June 1

5:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intention

Mystery of Repentance* Sunday June 2 9-9:30AM

10:00AM

Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-38; John 17:1-13

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

During the month of May, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle for +Julia Leggin by Michael Leggin

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Those who are ill or convalescing: Fr. Conan Timoney, James Murray, Patricia Rabayda, Catherine Garcia, and Helena Bates. 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.

FATHER LEWIS AWAY: Father Lewis will away from 5/23—5/28. Father Jerome Wolbert OFM will be celebrating the weekend liturgies and will also be available in case of sacramental emergencies. If there is an emergency, please contact the parish office, or either Deacon

New Print Directory Available: Please pick up

our 2019 print parish directory in the narthex.

Michael or Deacon James.

Stewardship 5/05/2019 Stewardship 5/19/2019 Offertory \$2,602.00 \$3,180.00 Offertory **Stewardship 5/12/2019 Total May:** \$9,458.00 Offertory \$3,676.00 May Operating Budget \$19,564

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION: The feast of the Ascension of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ is a Holyday of Obligation. Every Catholic in good standing should make every effort to attend the divine services, especially the Divine Liturgy for Sundays and major feasts. One can attend any Divine Liturgy or Mass in any Catholic Church of any Rite to fulfill one's obligation, regardless of whether or not the particular Rite is celebrating the feastday. To miss an obligation is a sin against the 3rd Commandment of keeping the Sabbath Holy, and would need to be confessed. These holydays are joyful celebrations of the commemoration of certain events in the life of Christ, and in our salvation history. Christ's Ascension into Heaven is fulfillment of His earthly ministry and Pentecost will be the beginning of our earthly ministry.

THANK YOU FOR ROSARY DONATIONS! Eleven churches and groups from the Byzantine and Latin rites participated in the Lenten rosary collection for the Missionaries of Mother Immaculate (MMI). These missionaries minister to people in challenging places where persecution of Christians is common. Five hundred rosaries were requested. In total, 2667 rosaries were collected, of which, our parish donated a generous 113. Fr. Albert Chinnappan, Superior General of MMI, was overwhelmed by the support, and offered his sincere gratitude. He and his missionaries are praying for all who helped. Thank you for your generosity and continued prayers for our missionaries!

Upcoming Parish & Eparchial Events

May 30 Ascension of Our Lord (Holyday of Obligation) Prosphora Baking Class 9:30AM Narthex June 1 July 21-24 Altar Server Congress, Canadensis, PA July 28-31 Eparchial Teen Rally, Canadensis, PA Young Adult Convocation in New York City

Aug. 20-Sept. 2 Annual Pilgrimage in Honor of Our

Lady of Perpetual Help, Mount Macrina, Uniontown, PA

HOPE CENTER BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG: We have not received an official amount, but we have been told that our parish generously donated approximately \$850 for the Atlanta Hope Center! Thank you so much for your generosity for helping those considering an abortion hope for life.

PROSPHORA BAKING CLASS: Subdeacon John Reed will be holding a class on how to make the prosphora, or communion bread that is used each Divine Liturgy on Saturday, June 1 at 9:30AM in the church narthex.

ALTAR SERVER CONGRESS: Each summer our Eparchy holds several summer camps. The Altar Server Congress is for altar servers from age 8-17 and will be held July 21-24 at the Carpathian Village in Canadensis, PA. This camp is free of charge and is always a good time for everyone.

EPARCHIAL TEEN RALLY: Each summer our Eparchy holds several summer camps. The Teen Rally will be led by Fr. Stephen Galuschik—Fr. Lewis will be attending as well—on July 28-31 at the Carpathian Village in

Evagrios the Solitary (345-399AD): On PRAYER

excerpts from the Philokalia, Vol. 1

55. He who loves God is always communing with Him as his Father, repulsing every impassioned

thought.

56. One how has attained dispassion has not yet necessarily achieved pure prayer. For he may still be occupied with thoughts which, though dispassionate, distract him and keep him far from God.

Canadensis, PA. If interested, please let Fr. Lewis know. Also, registration forms are available on the Eparchy's website: https://www.eparchyofpassaic.com

Young Adult Convocation: Called. Transfigured. Sent: is the theme of a Convocation of Young Adults hosted by the Eparchy of Passaic on August 1-4 in Manhattan, NY. This event will coincide with the feast of the Transfiguration, and will challenge participants to recognize their own call to discipleship. Featured keynote speakers include Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB; Mother Gabriella Houck of the Sisters of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery; and Katie Prejean McGrady. For more information please visit theosisinaction.org.

UNIONTOWN PILGRIMAGE 2019: We are considering hiring transportation to go to the Uniontown Pilgrimage this year. This is an event that is in it's 85th year where Byzantine Catholics come from all over the country to pray and socialize with other Byzantine

Catholics. There are several Divine Liturgies, Matins, Akathists, Parastas, children and teen events, and food. There are also dorm style accommodations and camping available on-site for minimal fees. Hotels are also available. If anyone is interested, please see Fr. Lewis or Dcn. Michael for details. If we go, we will go from August 30 to September 2.





