



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—OUR VENERABLE FATHERS THOMAS OF MALEUM AND ACACIUS

Saturday July 6 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intention
Sunday July 7 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish
Epistle: Romans 6:18-23; Matthew 8:5-13

Tuesday July 9 **BISHOP-MARTYR PANCRATIUS**
9:00AM Divine Liturgy for the repose of +William & Regina Lemak by Gina Bridges and Ken Holewinski

Wednesday July 10 **THE VENERABLE ANTHONY OF THE CAVES**
7:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intention

5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

Saturday July 13 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intention
Sunday July 14 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish
Epistle: Romans 10:1-10 & Heb. 13:7-16; Matthew 8:28-9:1 & Jn 17:1-13

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

During the month of July, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle for +Michael Tisma Jr., by Dcn. Michael Tisma

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

BRAVEHEARTED: We are a men’s therapy group, providing education and support for men to work through a range of concerns. Co-led by a therapy team: Dr. Gerry Crete, PhD, LPC, LMFT, a certified clinical sexual addiction specialist and certified EMDR therapist who specializes in the treatment of trauma and anxiety disorders – and Matt Riegel, EdS, LAPC (candidate), who specializes in anxiety and depression, as well as family counseling issues. To learn more about this program,

Stewardship 6/02/2019	Stewardship 6/30/2019
Offertory \$3,437.00	Offertory \$3,607
Stewardship 6/09/2019	Total June: \$15,337.35
Offertory \$3,497.35	June Operating Budget \$15,105
Stewardship 6/16/2019	June Actual Expenses \$11,140
Offertory \$2,490	June Surplus \$4,197
Stewardship 6/23/2019	July Operating Budget \$16,404
Offertory \$2,306	(to include phase 1 driveway)

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2ND QUARTER PARISH FINANCE MEETING: We will have a mid-year finance meeting for all who are interested on Sunday, July 21 after the Divine Liturgy. We will see what was projected for the year and what the actual numbers are. We are happily surprised and Thank God for the blessings He has given us this past year. Below are some very basic numbers to show how we have been doing:

Year to Date Collection Income: \$81,700
Year to Date Budgeted Income: \$66,047
Year to Date Surplus Income: \$15,653
Year to Date Actual Expenses: \$84,373
Year to Date Budgeted Expenses: \$73,065
Year to Date Expenses over Budget: \$11,308
Year to Date Shortfall: (\$2,673)

We have accomplished many planned and some unplanned projects without dipping into our reserve account. Please attend to the meeting to learn more.

MEN’S AND WOMEN’S GROUPS TO RESTART IN JULY: Yes, the men’s and women’s groups began during the Great Fast and have not resumed since then. It has been Father Lewis’ intension to resume these groups and

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

excerpts from the Philokalia, Vol. 1

71. You cannot attain pure prayer while entangled in material things and agitated by constant cares. For prayer means the shedding of thoughts.

we will resume them in July. The firm dates will come next week, but most likely they will be: Men’s July 18, Women’s July 25.

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE: We have worked out a more predictable weekday liturgical schedule that may aid weekday attendance. We will offer the Divine Liturgy on Tuesday mornings at 9AM, and Wednesday evenings at 7:30PM. If, however, there are Simple, Solemn, or Days of Precept (Obligation), then those will take precedence, but the “usual” schedule will be adhered too as much as possible.

Bishop Kurt has encouraged the priests of the Eparchy to offer the Divine Office in our parishes daily. This would prove difficult at this point, but we have been offering more services, especially Great Vespers for Solemn and Precept (Obligation) Holydays. The faithful are highly encouraged to avail themselves of these opportunities for prayer and immersion into our Byzantine Tradition.

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

72. A man who is tied up cannot run. Nor can the intellect that is a slave to passion perceive the realm of spiritual prayer. For it is dragged about by impassioned thoughts and cannot stay still.

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.

NEW ECF YEAR APPROACHING & ADULT EDUCATION: We will soon be taking registration of children for the 2019/2020 ECF year. All parish children are highly encouraged to attend these classes. The more children we have who regularly attend, the more rich the program will be and the more each child will learn as they can share with each-other and encourage one-another in their Byzantine faith. Also, we will be offering Adult Education classes the same time as the ECF classes, so that parents can learn while their children are learning, and we can all be enriched together.

FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS: We will be gloriously celebrating this very important feast of Precept (Obligation). We will have the Burial Service consisting of Vespers with Matins and the procession with the shroud of Mary. We will then pray the Lamentations and chant the Psalter (the book of Psalms) through the night and then celebrate the Divine Liturgy in the morning at 9AM. We will also have another liturgy on the evening of the 15th at 7:30PM for those who are not able to attend the morning liturgy. We will have the opportunity for people to sign up for the different hours through the night to keep watch (vigil), and to pray the Psalter. This will be an excellent opportunity to detach from the world and truly enter into deep personal prayer. More information to come!

FORMAL TITLES: As we welcome home Deacon Candidate Alex Adekambi from his first summer of Deacon School, it is fitting to now welcome him with a formal title, Deacon Candidate. Deacon Candidate Alex is not ordained to any orders yet, but he has now entered into formal study of theology, and is now under the direction of a Spiritual Director, a Deacon Mentor, and is now obligated to a more rigorous prayer-life. Deacon formation is similar to Seminary Formation except that the everyday challenges and learning are experienced within the context of the parish instead of a closed seminary environment. This is a time of discernment for Deacon Candidate Alex as he prays and asks God to lead him and to teach him. He needs our prayers, and also our respect that is afforded clerics.

Likewise, it is more fitting that we properly address those who have been ordained to Minor and Major Orders as well. As of now, we have Subdeacon John, Father Deacon James, Father Deacon Michael, and Father Lewis. Not only does it offer the proper respect for those who have been found worthy of ordination to the clerical state, but it acknowledges the hard work, countless prayers, and self-sacrifice that these men have offered in order to follow the Will of God for their lives. But more-so, the Office itself, is what is respected. The priest shares in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ, the Deacons serve the Bishop-the Successors of the Apostles, and the Subdeacons likewise serve at the Divine Services. Jesus Christ willed that men be His direct successors and to be His witnesses to minister to His flock. It is a great duty, a great sacrifice, and a great obligation to faithfully follow Jesus Christ. When we address these men with their proper formal title, it reminds them of who they are, the ministry to which they have been called, and encourages them to live lives worthy of that call.

The Code of Canons for the Eastern Churches states: **“Can. 323 §1** Clerics, who are also called sacred ministers, are Christian faithful who, chosen by the competent ecclesiastical authority, by means of a gift of the

UPCOMING PARISH & EPARCHIAL EVENTS	
July 12	RoseAlpha Faith on Tap 7PM Palapas Bar & Grill, Cumming, GA
July 20	Holy Prophet Elijah—Simple Holyday
July 20-21	Blessing of Cars after each Divine Liturgy On the occasion of the Feast of Prophet Elijah
July 21-24	Altar Server Congress, Canadensis, PA
July 28-31	Eparchial Teen Rally, Canadensis, PA
Aug 1-4	Young Adult Convocation in New York City
Aug. 6	Transfiguration of Our Lord—Solemn Holyday
Aug. 14-15	Dormition of the Theotokos (Holyday of Obligation) Burial Service of Praise with All Night Vigil ending with the Divine Liturgy
Aug. 20-Sept. 2	Annual Pilgrimage in Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Mount Macrina, Uniontown, PA
Sept. 8	Catechetical Sunday: Beginning of ECF Year
Sept. 29	Parish Founder’s Day Picnic!

Holy Spirit received in sacred ordination, are deputed to be ministers of the Church, participating in the mission and power of Christ the Pastor.

§2. By reason of sacred ordination, by divine institution clerics are distinguished from the other Christian faithful.

Can. 327 If besides bishops, presbyters or deacons, other ministers also, constituted in minor orders and generally called minor clerics, are admitted or instituted for the service of the people of God or to exercise functions of the sacred liturgy, they are governed only by the particular law of the proper Church sui iuris.”

List of Holy Orders—	
Minor Orders:	Major Orders:
Candlebearer	Deacon
Reader	Priest
Subdeacon	Bishop