



# Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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## —Schedule of Divine Services—

### 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

**Tuesday July 16** **THE HOLY MARTYRS ATHENOGENES, BISHOP OF SEBASTE AND HIS COMPANIONS**  
9:00AM Divine Liturgy for a special intention

**Wednesday July 17** **THE HOLY GREAT MARTYR MARINA; THE BLESSED MARTYR PAUL GOJDICH, BISHOP OF PREŠOV**  
7:30PM Divine Liturgy for the repose of +Kevin Holewinski by Gina Bridges and Ken Holewinski

**Thursday July 18** **THE HOLY MARTYR HYACINTH OF AMASTRIS**  
7:30PM Men's Group Meeting in the narthex

**Saturday July 20** **THE HOLY PROPHET ELIJAH (SIMPLE HOLYDAY)**  
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for a special intention

### 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—OUR VENERABLE FATHER SIMEON FOOL FOR CHRIST AND HIS FELLOW ASCETIC JOHN, AND THE HOLY PROPHET EZEKIEL

**Saturday July 20** 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance\*  
5:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intention

**Sunday July 21** 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance\*  
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish  
Epistle: Romans 12:6-14; Matthew 9:1-8

\*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, Betty Korkowsai, and Brenda

Bryant. 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

Stewardship 7/07/2019	July Operating Budget \$16,404
Offertory \$3,747.00	(to include phase 1 driveway)
<b>Total July:</b>	<b>\$3,747.00</b>

this prayer list. Also, please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Michael Hull, pastor of St Ignatios Melkite Greek Catholic Church in Augusta, GA.

**BLESSING OF VEHICLES:** Wheeled vehicles (cars, trucks, bicycles, etc.) will be blessed next Saturday and Sunday, July 20-21, following Divine Liturgies in commemoration of the Feast of St. Elias. Elias was a prophet of the Old Testament who lived in the ninth century before the Coming of Jesus Christ. The Troparion of his feast calls him “a pillar of prophets, and the “second Forerunner of the coming of Christ.” Because, as Scripture tells us, he was taken to heaven in a fiery chariot, the Jewish people felt that he did not die as mortals do and that some day he would return to earth to “restore the tribes of Israel” (Ecclus. 48:10). Icons depicting Elias usually show him in a chariot drawn by fiery horses heading heavenward and his cloak or mantle falling earthward into the outstretched arms of Elisha his companion and disciple, signifying the transfer of his power and authority of a prophet. To learn about Elias and the miraculous events that surrounded him, read Kings I and Kings II.

**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 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.

**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 disor-

ders—and Matt Riegel, EdS, LAPC (candidate), who specializes in anxiety and depression, as well as family counseling issues. To learn more about this program, contact Gerry Crete at (678) 612-6984  
gerrycrete@gmail.com

**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.

**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.

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

excerpts from the Philokalia, Vol. 1

73. When the intellect attains prayer that is pure and free from passion, the demons attack no longer with sinister thoughts but with thoughts of what is good. For they suggest to it an illusion of God's glory in a form pleasing to the senses, so as to make it think that it has realized the final aim of prayer. A man who possesses spiritual knowledge has said that this illusion results from the passion of self-esteem and from the demon's touch on a certain area of the brain.

74. I think that the demon, by touching this area, changes the light surrounding the intellect as he likes. In this way he uses the passion of self-esteem to stir up in the intellect a thought which fatuously attributes form and location to divine and principal knowledge. Not being disturbed by impure and carnal passions, but supposing itself to be in a state of purity, the intellect imagines that there is no longer any adverse energy within it. It then mistakes for a divine manifestation the appearance produced in it by the demon, who cunningly manipulates the brain and converts the light surrounding the intellect into a form, as we have described.

**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 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.

**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.

**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, celebrate the Akathist to the Dormition of the Theotokos in the morning, and then celebrate the Divine Liturgy in the morning at 9AM. We will also have another liturgy on the evening of the

**UPCOMING PARISH & EPARCHIAL EVENTS**

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| July 20         | Holy Prophet Elijah—Simple Holyday                                                                                              |
| July 20-21      | Blessing of Cars after each Divine Liturgy<br>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!                                                                                                    |

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!

Wednesday—

7:30PM Burial Service (Vespers & Matins with procession around the church)

10PM Service of Lamentations, then silent prayer

11PM Chanting of the Psalter through the night

Thursday—

8AM Akathist in Honor of the Dormition of the Theotokos

9AM The Festal Divine Liturgy

7:30PM The Festal Divine Liturgy