



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

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
11:45AM Mid-Year Parish Finance Meeting

Tuesday July 23 **THE HOLY MARTYRS TROPHIMUS AND THEOPHILUS AND THEIR COMPANIONS**
9:00AM Divine Liturgy for a special intention

Wednesday July 24 **THE HOLY GREAT MARTYR CHRISTINE; THE HOLY MARTYRS BORIS AND GLEB**
7:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intention

Thursday July 25 **THE DORMITION OF SAINT ANNA, MOTHER OF THE THEOTOKOS**
7:30PM Women's Group Meeting in the narthex

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—THE HOLY APOSTLES AND DEACONS PROCHORUS, NICANOR, TIMON, AND PARMENAS

Saturday July 27 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intention
Sunday July 28 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish
Epistle: Romans 15:1-7; Matthew 9:27-35

*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 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.

Stewardship 7/07/2019 **Total July: \$6,398.00**
Offertory \$3,747.00 July Operating Budget \$16,404
Stewardship 7/14/2019 (to include phase 1 driveway)
Offertory \$2,651.00

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.**

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

UPCOMING PARISH & EPARCHIAL EVENTS

July 20-21 Blessing of Cars after each Divine Liturgy
On the occasion of the Feast of Prophet Elijah
July 25 Women’s Group in the narthex: 7:30PM
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

ECF classes, so that parents can learn while their children are learning, and we can all be enriched together.

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.

2ND QUARTER PARISH FINANCE MEETING: The meeting will be in the narthex after the Sunday Divine Liturgy on July 21.

FATHER LEWIS AWAY: Father Lewis will be the guest homilist for a pilgrimage of healing on the feast of Saint Panteleimon at our Byzantine parish in Seattle, WA. He will leave on Thursday, July 25, and return on Wednesday, July 31. From Seattle, Father Lewis will travel to the Carpathian Village in North-East Pennsylvania to

assist at the Eparchial Teen Rally with Father Stephen Galuschik. Please call one of the deacons if there is a sacramental emergency.

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 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

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

excerpts from the Philokalia, Vol. 1

78. When you think that you do not need tears for your sins during prayer, reflect on this: you should always be in God, and yet you are still far from Him. Then you will weep with greater feeling.