



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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—Schedule of Divine Services—

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—THE HOLY SEVEN CHILDREN OF EPHESUS

Saturday Aug. 3 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intention
Sunday Aug. 4 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish
Epistle: 1Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 14:14-22

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST (Solemn Holyday)

Monday Aug. 5 7:10PM The Lesser Blessing of Water & Great Vespers with Litija
Tuesday Aug. 6 7:30PM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish with the blessing of fruit
Wednesday Aug. 7 Postfestive Day of Transfiguration, The Holy Venerable Martyr Dometius
6:30PM Confession: two priests available
7:30PM Akathist to Saint Panteleimon
7:50PM Office of Holy Oil for anointing the sick

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—POSTFESTIVE DAY OF TRANSFIGURATION; THE HOLY MARTYR EUPLUS

Saturday Aug. 10 4:30–5PM Mystery of Repentance*
5:30PM Divine Liturgy for a special intention with the blessing of fruit
Sunday Aug. 11 9–9:30AM Mystery of Repentance*
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish with the blessing of fruit
Epistle: 1Corinthians 3:9-17; Matthew 14:22-34

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

During the month of August, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle for +Jacob and Irene Sadler (Parents), by William Sadler

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.

THE BLESSING OF FRUIT: The Feast of the Transfiguration is glorious feast where we read in Matthew that Christ was Transfigured before the eyes of three Apostles and where God's voice was heard saying yet again that

Stewardship 7/07/2019	Stewardship 7/28/2019
Offertory \$3,747.00	Offertory \$3,447.00
Stewardship 7/14/2019	Total July: \$13,374.00
Offertory \$2,651.00	July Operating Budget \$16,404
Stewardship 7/21/2019	(to include phase 1 driveway)
Offertory \$3,529.00	Aug. Operating Budget \$9,553

Jesus is His Beloved Son (the first time being at Jesus' Baptism). We bless the first fruits of the harvest on this feast, but especially grapes. Grapes can be made into wine and therefore become transfigured into the Blood of Christ in the Eucharist. Please bring fruit to be blessed on Tuesday for the Divine Liturgy, and if you cannot make the feastday itself, then we will also bless the fruit next Saturday and Sunday after the Ambon Prayer.

CONFESSION AND OFFICE OF HOLY OIL: Last year we celebrated Saint Panteleimon's feast day (an unmercenary healer) with confession, the Akathist to Saint Panteleimon, and the Office of Holy Oil (Anointing of the Sick) on his actual feastday. However, because Fr. Lewis has been honored with the invitation to be the guest homilist at our Byzantine parish in Seattle, WA for their Saint Panteleimon healing retreat, we have rescheduled these liturgical events for August 7. As St. James writes in his epistle, "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven" (James 5:14-15). We will have a guest confessor so that two priests will be hearing confessions from 6:30PM-7:30PM. We will then sing a shortened Akathist to Saint Panteleimon, and then the Office of Holy Oil. Forgiveness and healing is within our reach, if we willingly repent and avail ourselves of these Mysteries (Sacraments).

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

UPCOMING PARISH & EPARCHIAL EVENTS

Aug. 6 Transfiguration of Our Lord—Solemn Holyday
Aug. 7 Office of Holy Oil—Confession with guest confessor and Anointing of the Sick
Aug. 14-15 Dormition of the Theotokos (Holyday of Obligation) Burial Service of Praise with All Night Vigil ending with the Divine Liturgy
Aug. 30-Sept. 2 Annual Pilgrimage in Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Mount Macrina, Uniontown, PA
Sept. 8 Catechetical Sunday: Beginning of ECF Year Adult Education begins as well
Sept. 29 Parish Founder's Day Picnic!

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.

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.

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

excerpts from the Philokalia, Vol. 1
82. Pray gently and calmly, sing with understanding and rhythm; then you will soar like a young eagle high in the heavens.

DORMITION FAST: There are 4 fasting periods in the Byzantine Liturgical cycle, the last of which is the fast leading up to the Feast of the Dormition. This fast begins on August 1 and will end on August 15. This fast is completely voluntary, but Bishop Kurt has encouraged his faithful to once again take on these traditions. One may add as much abstinence as they like mimicking the prescriptions of the Great Fast. See handout.

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

7:30PM The Festal Divine Liturgy

Sign up for the vigil hours on our website!